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Will Wegerer is Pole Vault Champion



Will Wegerer, CHS Junior, is the 1A State Champion pole vaulter with a vault of 15 feet. -photo submitted by Eric Kerschen. More photos on page 7

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 20, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Grace Schneider, Extension Agent.
 Online Visitors: Caller01; Tammy
 Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an Atty-client privilege with LaDawn Stegman and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any public comments. Larry Landwehr thinks that the Commission needs to double down on the ambulance service.

Commissioners discussed they are learning how the ambulance service is run. The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 13th, 2024, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the May 13th, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:57 a.m. to discuss the County's position in pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:20 a.m. with no decision made. Ms. Stegman was in with an estimate of valuation increase impact on Mill levy for the Commissioners review.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in for the opening of bids received for concrete work at the Expo Center.

The following bids were received:

	South ropers building	8' X 500'
Putnam Construction	\$13,224.00	\$38,791.60
Boroughs Construction	\$11,500.00	\$31,658.00
Harbert Construction	\$11,535.00	\$30,000.00
R Thimesch Construction	\$11,535.00	\$30,000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the bid from Boroughs Construction for the South Ropers building. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners moved to table the bids for the 8' X 500' until the City has time to look at the bids at their City Meeting this week.

Commissioners signed one abatement:

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to update the Commissioners on roads.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Grace Schneider, Extension Agent and Extension Board Members were in to submit the 2025 Extension Council Budget to the Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch went over the budget request of \$146,110.00 for 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

School Board Will Meet Monday Night

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
 Monday, June 3, 2024
 7:00 P.M.

104 W 4th St.,
 Cunningham, Kansas

Call to Order
 Approval of Agenda (AI)
 Guest Recognition
 Approval of the minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular meeting. (AI)
 Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
 Old Business
 Construction- Elementary Roof pre-

sentation, Coryell
 Reports
 Superintendent Report - Kelly Arnberger
 Principal Report-Cody Dunlap
 Special Education Report - Bjorn Halderson
 New Business
 Executive session for personnel.
 Approve positions (AI)
 Executive session for negotiations
 Approve Negotiated agreement (AI)
 Approve School Fees 24-25 (AI)
 Approve USD 332 Procurement plan and unpaid meal policy 24-25
 Set July board-meeting date. (AI)
 Adjournment



Pride's Yard of the Week is Back!



The first Yard of the Week for the summer of 2024 belongs to Annette Befort at 408 West Third Street.



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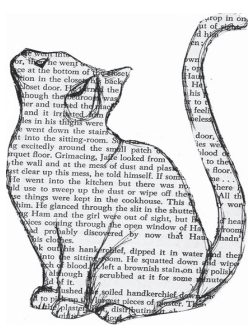


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Meanderings

Whew! Made it! 313 down and only 104 more to go.

This is my 313th edition of the paper. Three. Hundred. Thirteen. Editions. Six years.

Many lessons learned. Many mistakes made. I am so glad I decided to take over this little newspaper. It's been a good fit for me.

Here is my 'paper-versary' column from May 31, 2018. My first official edition as owner, publisher, and editor:

In case you haven't heard, I have purchased the Cunningham Courier from Jeff Dafforn:

Do you remember my first meanderings column of almost a year ago (2017):

Roberta Kobbe, welcome to the newspaper world! Or should I say welcome BACK to the newspaper world. As some folks may recall, a much younger version of myself delivered the Pratt Tribune (on the north side of the highway) from the 1971 to 1975. I would never have thought I'd be in the newspaper business again; but here I am, 46 years later, working for the Cunningham Courier.

I can't even remember giving a news-gathering career serious thought when I was growing up. I remember reading a biography about Nellie Bly and being impressed with her daring and courage. However, facing possible jail time and traveling the world alone seemed rather daunting to me.

Brenda Starr seemed rather glamorous and exotic, but I'm too Midwest for that silliness. Now Lois Lane had a job that was a bit more realistic, except I was pretty sure there really wasn't a Clark Kent turn Superman waiting to dive into a phone booth to

save my sorry hide should the evil fake news rear its ugly head.

I suppose that delivering the tome of the paper during the Miss Kansas Week in the heat of July days was as tropically exotic as I was able to handle. The frigid cold of the Kansas winters, 24 inches of snow on the ground, and paper route going uphill both ways, wasn't tropical or exotic, but it was a bit adventurous.

But here I am, hired to help with the local paper. If you have news to report, feel free to contact me as well as any of the other staff. If it entails a possible jail time or traveling outside Kingman County, you might want to rely on yourself for that reporting. I want safe reporting. Superman hung up his cape when cell-phones made an appearance and phone booths disappeared.

Well, readers, I have really put myself into a situation. I have immersed myself so far into the newspaper world, I can't even get out now.

I have only an inkling of what is in store for me or what I am doing with this newspaper. The most intimidating aspect right now is fifty-two deadlines a year. Geesh. Fifty-two is almost as old as I am. It is like writing fifty-two research papers to be done every Wednesday evening. Is it too late to get out of this?

I am already having restless sleep and odd dreams. I am having worries and frets. But I am also smiling because the idea of being my own boss is a very good idea in my mind. I don't have to keep track of hours, I can come and go as I wish (sometimes). I put things in the paper I deem relevant. I can put cute things in the paper. I can make changes and rewire and remodel it as I want.

I will be making some changes. I want the paper to be mine as I see our community and my readers, but I will also follow the most excellent advice from the pros – Dave, Kerri, and Jeff. They are the mavens who have taught me all I know. I hope to learn more.

Maybe on my own, maybe through them, maybe through some other aspect of newspapering.

I will make mistakes, and although most folks will be kind and tactful, I know I will have to deal with some who are less so. If you find an error and it's worth mentioning, let me know; if you find an error and it's not going to change the world, don't hassle me about it, I'll already be fretting about the mistakes I found and worrying about next week's paper.

So now there is one employee....me. Our friend, Molly Morgan, is going to help me with some photography, but I am the sole payroll of the Cunningham Courier. Molly is a great friend to be willing to help me out, but she and I can't do it all, so once again, I am asking for your help in apprising me of news stories...old and new... that are happening in our community or your family or somewhere else that ties into our little town.

Send photos and stories. Write something

about your family or an adventure. And, yes, everyone can write. Every writer has their own personal voice. You may not believe you can write, but you can. I have read a few best sellers that make me cringe for the writing style, but what do I know, these were best sellers, and what I have I sold? Just goes to show one reader's cringing is another reader's inspiration.

Thank you all for supporting the paper. Keep up your subscriptions, put in some ads, tell 80 or 90 of your closest and dearest friends to buy a subscription and advertise. I don't think they will regret it.

Always reading
But currently reading, "Deceptive" by Emily Loyd-Jones
Roberta

"With all the polls and opinions posts, with newspapers more opinion than news so that we no longer know one from the other..."

— John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

It can be such a lovely time of year from mid-May through early June when we have (as we've had this year) a momentary pause at Spring's apex before we tip (or Mother Nature shoves us) into Summer. Early on the morning of Saturday, May 18th, I had a spectacular 45 minute drive north out of Emporia on

K-99 through Wabaunsee County. If you're not familiar with the route, it carves through a portion of the Flint Hills like a black silk ribbon. I slid along, cresting and winding through fluorescent green. It felt like the wind-waved blade tips urged me on as grasses on both sides, newly risen from ash as it has every year for centuries, parted like the Red Sea. I thought, "Nothing else today will top THIS." But I knew I was wrong the second I got out of my car to stroll through the Eskridge Farmer's Market.

Farmer's Markets are always a way to experience the best of what our state has to offer. And this time of year as they get underway, there's a brightness that has nothing to do with the sun. With beaming eyes and broad (sometimes shy) smiles, the passion of vendors radiates an infectious enthusiasm whether their wares are baked goods, fresh eggs and meats, plants, books, hand-carved utensils and more. You never know what surprises you'll find at a Farmer's Market and that adds to the fun of it all!

I enjoyed visiting every booth at the Eskridge Farmer's Market and meeting each vendor. And by the time I finished going up and down the stretch, my car was packed with their wares, including a copy of K-State Research and Extension's 2024 Chemical Weed Control guide courtesy of the Wabaunsee County Extension Agent!

However, what bested my drive was my time with Megan, Lacey and Matt Taylor of Lucky Duck Acres. Hugs from beloved family beat, hands down, even the

best of Mother Nature's offerings. But it was more than just being with my niece (and her kids) that burst my heart wide-open. I am so impressed by their work and devotion to rural living. My brother Ken and his wife Roberta passed this way of life legacy to Megan and her siblings, including the Farmer's Market tradition, though each generation finds new ways to honor a connection to both land and community. And that too, is a centuries-old magic. The wheel of life may not spin every year or seasonally, but it turns ever

towards renewal.

I'm going to stroll through every Farmer's Market I can, all Spring and Summer long. And I hope you do the same. Traditions can change and keep going. So let's all support what we value. It takes more than magic to keep a way of life from vanishing into thin air.

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: When grandparents' toil tells our own tale
By Nancy Bo Flood

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Nancy Bo Flood, who lives in the Navajo Nation in Colorado. A writer for 25 years, her favorite subjects include folktales, history, and the Navajo region. She says, "I believe that stories help heal our hearts and give us new eyes to see others and ourselves. I write to celebrate the courage of

children as they cope with challenges — the first day of school, the loss of a parent, or perhaps displacement because of war; discrimination, or having different abilities. A well-told story can crack open our hearts and see beyond our own judgments or stereotypes. But best of all is having a child shyly say, 'I am in this book.'" ~ David L. Harrison

Coal Dust, Peppers, and Tomatoes, an Immigrant's Dream

I come from coal dust
And hopes taken down, deep
Into the mine-shafts, far underground.
Dig hard, spend lean,
Save.
Leave,
Before the shaft fills and dreams drown.
Homestead rich black fields.
Truck-farm tall golden corn, fat plump tomatoes,
Finest sweet peppers, red, yellow, green.
Sell a bushel, save,
Save again.
Fingers hold earth.
Souls hold dreams.
Buy all the acres you plow.
Wed. Birth. Bury.
Plant again.
Corn grows from one yellow seed
Into an immigrant's dream.
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My Czech grandfather lived in a small town near Prague. His mother died during childbirth. His father died only 12 years later. As a young orphan and all alone, my grandfather hitchhiked to a German port and bought passage on a ship sailing to New York City, Ellis Island. Somehow he made his way to Iowa where he worked on a relative's farm, saving, until he could buy land of his own.

My Italian grandfather emigrated from northern Italy to Illinois. There he labored in the coal mines and as a hired farm hand until he too saved enough to purchase land suitable for growing sweet Italian peppers and tomatoes.

Black dust from his years of coal mining eventually killed my grandfather. Hard, relentless work of dairy farming sapped the strength of my Czech grandparents. As a kid I loved running wild and free on their farms with my cousins or tagging along with grandparents as their work of clearing rocks from corn fields or calling in the cows never ended. I wish I could ask, was it worth it — all their toil and hardships and yes, discrimination too, to fulfill their young dreams ... for us?

Books for young readers by Nancy Bo Flood have received numerous awards including the White Raven International Award for stories that encourage compassion and offer cultural understanding. Learn more about Nancy and her work at nancyboflood.com/about/.

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Community Bulletin Board

Monday, June 3
7:00 p.m.
BOE Meeting

Wednesday, June 19
Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 14
Flag Day

Wednesday, June 26
Book Club



Thursday, July 4
Independence Day

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day

Wednesday, August 7
School Enrollment

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda

Public Library

Monday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791



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Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library

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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
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West Kingman County Education Foundation Awarded \$25,600.00 in Scholarships

The Cunningham High School Graduation was held on Friday evening, May 10, 2024 at the Cunningham High School Gymnasium. The West Kingman County Education Foundation presented scholarships to graduating seniors and alumni.

The West Kingman County Education Foundation was established in 2000 to provide scholarships and other educational benefits for the students and alumni of Cunningham Schools. The foundation has given over \$286,000.00 in scholarships to students and alumni of Cunningham High School.

The Valedictorian scholarship was given by the Ninescah Valley Bank and was awarded to Taylor Schultz. The Salutatorian scholarship was given by the foundation and went to Luke McGuire. The senior foundation scholarships went to Brianna Dittmer, Joanna Hansen, Rick King, Maranda Lohrke, and Jack Ruckle.

There were two new scholarships this year.

The John Alley Scholarships were given by his family in his memory. John Alley grew up on a farm in rural Cunningham and graduated from CHS in 1958. He attended PCC before going to the Army. After his military service he worked at the Atomic Energy Commission in Texas for 10 years. When returning to Kansas he started working at the Cattlemen's Feed Lot in Turon. Later he became manager and worked there for approximately 30 years. These scholarships were presented to Joanna Hansen and Rick King.

The Class of 1994 Scholarship was formed to commemorate their 30th Anniversary of graduating from Cunningham High School and to help future graduating classes further their education and achieve their goals. They presented two scholarships this year. They went to Luke McGuire and Jack Ruckle.

The foundation alumni scholarships

went to Trey DeWeese, Lane Halderson, Alice Huelskamp, Morgan Meyers, Keiden Mills, Kelden Mills, and Shanelle Romine.

The first scholarships awarded were the Cunningham High School Alumni Scholarships. They went to one senior, Taylor Schultz and one alumni, Trey DeWeese.

The next scholarship is an anonymous scholarship which was awarded to Maranda Lohrke.

The Class of 1955 Scholarship was established by the class when they celebrated their 50th class reunion. The class hopes that recipients will be aided in a quest for knowledge and training that will give them a more productive and fulfilling life. This scholarship was awarded to Jack Ruckle.

The Bradley Scholarship is given to honor the memory of William A. Bradley and his son, William E. Bradley, editors and publishers of the now historic newspaper The *Cunningham Clipper*, Laverna Nossaman Bradley, who proofread every word, and Arlene Bradley, teacher and musician. The Bradley Scholarship was given to Jack Ruckle.

The Jack and Eilene Crick Family Scholarship was established by the Crick Family. Jack served in the Navy from 1952 to 1956 and in the reserves until 1978. Jack was a local mail carrier and served on the school board for 23 years. Eilene is a registered nurse. They are proud supporters of the community and school. This year their scholarships were awarded to Lane Halderson and Maranda Lohrke.

The Dale DeWeese Family Scholarship was established in his memory by his family.

He was a farmer, stockman, and community and school supporter. This scholarship was awarded to Luke McGuire.

The Kenny and Marilyn Glenn Family Scholarship was given to honor the Elmer and Elva Glenn family. Elmer attended Cunningham High School and served on a rural school board. Elva was a cook at the school for seventeen years. The scholarship this year goes to Jack Ruckle.

The Kevin Huffman Scholarship is given

by his children Kim Ghumm, Erin Strohl, Chris Huffman and Chad Huffman in his honor. Kevin was a lifelong resident of Cunningham, graduating in 1979. He loved this community. The Kevin Huffman Scholarship was awarded to Alice Huelskamp.

The Bob and Jeanette Kerschen Scholarship was established as a way to help graduating students and alumni further their education. Bob and Jeanette Kerschen had five children who graduated from Cunningham High School. The Kerschen scholarship were to Jack Ruckle.

The Warren Meireis Family Scholarship was established by his family in his memory.

Warren Meireis grew up on a farm in Preston, KS and graduated from Preston High School in 1957. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield with a degree in Education. He came to CHS in 1977 where he was the business teacher, coach (all sports), athletic director and referee. The Meireis Scholarship went to Jack Ruckle.

The Meyers family has established this scholarship for students who achieve well academically and show a spirit of volunteerism. The Jack and Jane Meyers Scholarship was presented to Morgan Meyers and Maranda Lohrke.

The Dee Mills Memorial Scholarship was established in her memory. She was City Clerk for the City of Cunningham, secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, and Clerk of the Board of Education for many years. The Dee Mills Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Maranda Lohrke and Jack Ruckle.

The Dennis Raney Scholarship was given by his family in his memory.

Dennis was a graduate of CHS and a lifetime resident of Cunningham. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Dennis was active in the American Legion and participated in parades and Memorial Day services. He was a sales representative for Southwest Truck in Pratt for 30 years. The Dennis Raney Scholarship went to Jack Ruckle.

The Alvin J. Rohr Scholarship was established by Mr. Rohr and his family. Mr. Rohr was a Math and Science teach-

er in the Cunningham Schools for many years. The Rohr Scholarships were presented to Cory Morgan and Jack Ruckle.

The Helen and Shorty Rose Scholarship was created by their family in their memory. Shorty was a mechanic and Helen was the school secretary. Their scholarships were given to Brianna Dittmer and Luke McGuire.

The Bob and Mary Stackhouse Scholarship has been established to help students graduating from Cunningham High School. They awarded their scholarships this year to Morgan Meyers, Alice Huelskamp, Luke McGuire and Brianna Dittmer.

The Swander Scholarship was created in memory of Everett and Lola Swander. Everett was a farmer and oil producer and Lola was a cook at the school. They were lifetime members of this community and supported all school activities. The Swander Scholarship went to Jack Ruckle.

The Bugs Guys of Kansas Scholarship was established by men who were graduates of CHS and would like to give back to the students of the school. The purpose of this scholarship is to extend financial support with preference to a worthy student that has a desire to pursue a technical career. This scholarship went to Joanna Hansen.

The United Methodist Church Scholarship is given by the members of the United Methodist Church to help further the education of a student in Cunningham High School.

This scholarship was awarded to Brianna Dittmer.

All scholarships given through the West Kingman County Education Foundation totaled \$25,600.00

The foundation has also invested in the school through sponsoring field trips for Grades 3-8, mental health speaker for the Jr. High and High School, art project for the high school and donated \$1,500 for the new State Championship Sign.

The West Kingman County Education Board of Directors would like to thank all the families and individuals who have sponsored these scholarships and all those who have supported the foundation throughout the years.

Kingman Historic Theatre

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Sunday at 5:30pm

May 31 - June 2

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Community-Wide Vacation Bible School



June 3 - 7th
8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cunningham Christian Church

Pre-K* thru 8th Grade
 (grade for next school year)

*Pre-K kids must have already had 1 yr of preschool

Questions: Judy DeWeese 620-491-0997; Lisa Raney 620-388-1190; Brittany Esposito 620-532-9385

Registration from 8:30 to 8:45 on June 3

I Didn't Know

By Laurie Glass

I didn't know you were going to leave. One day okay, by the next you'd gone, and I'm left to grieve.

When I heard the words you had passed away, I was stunned, and I remain shocked to this day.

I still feel the jolt of the way that you left. No warning at all. I'm utterly, deeply bereft.

There's no such thing to really prepare for someone to pass, and yet it helps to be warned, aware.

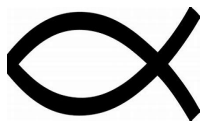
You didn't suffer.

It's such a relief. Still, it's so hard, solely from a point of grief.

It matters not how hard I try. I can't accept I didn't get to say goodbye.

The day will come when I'll see you again. Still, there's nothing. My world's empty from now 'til then.

I didn't know you were going to leave. But leave you did, it was your time, and I'm left to grieve.



Is It an Alternative

By Caleb Cheong

Lord, You say in the commandments You shall have no other gods.

You shall not make idols.

You shall not misuse the Lord's name

You also say Remember the Sabbath, keep it holy.

Honour your father and mother.

You shall not murder.

You go on to say You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not lie.

You shall not covet

To my amazement The Lord Jesus declares Blessed are the poor in spirit

Blessed are those who mourn

Blessed are the meek,

He also says Blessed are those who hunger

and thirst for righteousness

Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy

He goes on to say Blessed are the pure in heart

for they will see God

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God

Lord is there an amend or an alternative to Your commands

or Your words Did you say something positive in a negative way

We know You are more eager to bless us

more abundantly than we can imagine surely You mean what You say

Otherwise You won't say "Heaven and earth will pass away,

but my words will never pass away."

I have often ponder over these thoughts Help me to be the new wine

as I learn to thrive in the new wineskins



Independence Shattered

By Pamela Kliever

Tamara and Jill sat in the warm sun porch, a round tea table between them. Half empty mugs of coffee, along with a plate of untouched tea cakes, sat on the table. They'd become so engrossed in their conversation, they forgot about the dainty treats. They each had a Bible opened in front of them as they talked.

"I'm really interested in what you've been saying about leaving independence, but I'm still not quite sure I understand." Tamara looked intently at Jill with a quizzical expression on her sun kissed face.

"Let me ask you a question, do you think Jesus was independent?"

Tamara's eyes widened, and then lit up with understanding. "No, no, I don't think He was."

"Right, because He was completely dependent on God, His Father. He says in the book of John that He didn't speak on His own authority, and that the Father who sent Him commanded Him what to say and how to say it. He also said that He knows God's commands lead to eternal life, so He said whatever the Father told Him to say. So, because Jesus was dependent on God, He was not independent. Look at 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 with me."

Pages rustled as they each turned to the passage in their Bibles. Sunlight danced on the walls giving the room a warm glow.

"Would you mind reading it?" Jill asked.

Tamara read in a clear, strong voice, "We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us." When she finished reading she looked at Jill with a look of understanding dawning in her eyes.

"You're getting it aren't you?" Jill's look

of compassion warmed Tamara's heart. She was grateful for this friend God so graciously brought into her life.

"Yes, I believe I am. God wants us to rely on Him, rather than depending on ourselves, which is independent living. I just thought of a verse! The one about God's grace being enough."

"Yes! Where God tells Paul that His grace is all he needs and that His power works best in weakness." Jill replied.

"You're not saying though, that people shouldn't live on their own are you?"

"Oh, no, not at all, but I think our society has put too much stock on independence, and so we have, even as Christians, and I'm not saying all Christians, grown to be too dependent on ourselves and not dependent on God. I think too, that sometimes we are too independent of others, which leads to isolation, which isn't good. So, as I've been thinking of this, I have sensed the Lord speaking very clearly to me, to leave independence, and to grow more and more dependent on Him, listening for His voice in prayer and seeking Him out in the pages of His Word. Everything we need for life and godliness is there, as it says in Peter's second epistle." Jill's voice was filled with deep passion as she spoke.

"Thank you, Jill, so much, for having me over today and sharing this with me. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate it, and appreciate you."

"Thank you for coming over and having this time with me. I cherish you and our friendship. Tamara, I'm so glad God brought you into my life. He used you to shatter my independence and free me from the isolation I had been living in. He is using you in ways you don't even know, to help me leave independence. I feel I am living again like I haven't in a long time." Tears trickled down her cheeks as she finished.

Tamara had tears in her eyes too. She said, "We need a hug." They stood and enveloped each other warmly, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the room as they both said, "Thank you Jesus for this friendship." They parted, laughing, gratefulness shining on each of their faces for what God had done.



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Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbré
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St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620-886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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YEARS AGO IN
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1934

May 25 – The members of Sacred Heart Parish of this city and community will dedicate their new church building at special services on Memorial Day. Bishop August Schwertner of the Wichita Diocese, Father John Butler of Ford, and Father Leo Debes of LaCrosse, former pastor of this parish, will be present and take part in the dedication ceremony.

Cairo news: Harry Smith had seven hundred tomato plants killed by Paris Green spray. Mr. Smith wanted to kill the potato bugs, but the spray was liberal and killed both.

1939

May 26 – The entire town and community was shocked and grieved by the death of Charley Franks, 65, who died suddenly early Sunday morning at his home here. He had been a resident of Kingman County for 53 years.

Thirteen members of the Senior Class, accompanied by Principal and Mrs. Thomas Pearson, Miss Bernice Wyszynbach, Mr. Bruce McCosh, and Mrs. Charles Fee, are on a week's trip to Colorado.

Honor students at Cunningham Grade School this year were Marta Creamer, Chester Fee, Betty Manahan, Audrey Nossaman, Dorothy McGeorge, Grimes Pearson, Russell Stanley, Helen Steffen, and Florence Stillwell.

1944

Publication suspended during World War II.

1949

May 27- Cunningham's baseball team defeated Isabel here, Sunday afternoon, by the score of 5 to 2. Don Theis and Leo Rohlman did the pitching for Cunningham, with Leo Zrubek Jr. handling the catching chores.

Bricklaying on the new grade school building commenced this week.

Elmer Spade moved into his new grocery store building at St. Leo this week.

Nineteen members of the Senior Class, accompanied by Mrs. Pauline Smith and Principal Lem Elrod, are enjoying an eight-day trip to Memphis, Tenn.

1954

May 27 – The Vacation Bible School sponsored jointly by the Methodist and Christian Churches of this city, opened Monday with an enrollment of 73 youngsters.

Rain forced the postponement of the community-wide picnic originally scheduled for Tuesday evening of this week. The event will be held next Tuesday evening at Cooley's Grove, starting at five o'clock.

This is the first issue of the Clipper printed from our new building in Cunningham. The paper is a day late but we had so much work to do during and after the moving operation that it couldn't be helped. Raney's Truck Service handled the moving of the heavy machinery in fine shape. Carl Buntmeyer got the building and equipment wired in efficient fashion, and the machinery all in place and adjusted for printing. You are cordially invited to visit us in our new home. We are very proud of the new building, built by local contractor Delmar Huffman, and we think he did an excellent job.

1959

May 28 – Jack Baber, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Baber, will become Cunningham's first Eagle Scout at a Boy Scout Court of Honor in the Lodge Hall next Monday night, June 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

In receiving Scouting's highest award, Jack has spent the past seven years, since 1952, going up through Scouting's regular advancements, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and now an Eagle Scout. He has 21 merit badges.

A safe was "cracked" in broad daylight in Cunningham, Tuesday.

Vic Rohling, new owner of the former Cannon Variety Store, had never had occasion to use the office safe at the store. The late Mr. Cannon left the safe on the last number of the original combination, opening

it with the handle and never locking the safe. Mr. Rohling inadvertently turned the combination lock the other day, locking the safe, and couldn't locate the safe combination. Professional "safe crackers" were called to the scene, drilled through the safe, and opened it. Their charge was \$60.00, and Mr. Rohling says burglars couldn't have gotten that much.

1964

May 28– The big red brick building formerly the Ratcliff Hotel and now owned by George Ellis of Wichita, failed to sell at public auction a week ago last Wednesday. Hutchinson auctioneer Charlie Davenport opened the bidding at \$20,000, but was still looking for a bidder with the price asked dropped to \$5,000.

Mary Belle Thomas, 76, a resident of Cunningham all her life, passed away last Friday evening.

Mrs. Thomas was born August 27, 1887, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Simonson. She was married to Charles Ora Franks at Cunningham, January 28, 1909.

To this union were born six daughters, two of whom preceded her in death. Mr. Franks passed away in 1939.

1969

May 29 – Volunteer help is needed at the former Hauser building being converted to a youth recreation center, according to Chairman Ivan Cain. The group works every evening except Wednesday and Sunday.

Three new councilmen were sworn in; four re-appointments made to city offices, and one new appointment made at the regular meeting of the Cunningham City Council in the City Hall, Monday evening.

The three new councilmen elected at the April 1 City Election, are Marion Lackey, Joe Rohling, and George Urban. Re-elected to his fifth two-year term as Mayor is Francis Dafforn, and re-elected councilmen are Ivan Cain and Floren (Shorty) Rose.

The City Council made four re-appointments to city offices: Jack Meyers, Clerk; Dean Mantooh, Treasurer; G. L. Hergert, Marshal; and Floren Rose, Fire Chief; and one new appointment, Mary McClellan, Police Judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thimesch announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, May 20, at the Donley Hospital in Kingman. He weighed nine pounds, 10 ounces, and has been named Mark Alan.

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1974

May 30 - Miss Stacie Tharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tharp of Pratt, had surgery at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita Saturday.

The Cunningham Grade School graduation exercises were held Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. at Cunningham High School gymnasium.

Tony Fischer gave the welcome to the fine crowd attending the ceremonies followed by the presentation of awards by Kenneth Klufa. The Lord's Prayer was given by the eighth-grade class followed by the class history by Renner, the address by Cunningham High School valedictorian, Joyce Horton.

Ken Klufa presented the eighth-grade class with Harry E. Johnston, principal of the grade school presenting the diplomas. The program was ended with "Let There Be Peace on Earth" sung by the eighth grade class.

The members of the Cunningham Eighth Grade graduating class were Mark Crick, Tony Fischer, Randy Golden, Teresa Hamby, Cheri Mantooh, Keigh Osborn, Bob Renner, Lance Sheldon, Jeff Spade, Bruce Sterneker, Joe Sterneker, Kevin Stillwell, Darla Stucky, and Yvonne Thimesch.

Last fall Mrs. Ruby Cusenbary did a lot of research and compiled many alumni classes. We will continue this series in our new paper over the summer months. What a difference a year makes in the class of '73, some have married since last fall, some changed places, so some more updating had to be done.

Those attending Pratt Junior College last year were Bill Cundiff, Gene Depenbusch, John Fischer, Janet Rohling, Suzanne Steffen, Gary Sterneker, Jim Thome, Elaine Webster, and Mark Stillwell (second semester). Mark attended WSU first semester.

Suzanne Steffen and Mark Stillwell were married May 23, 1974 and are living northeast of Cunningham.

Janet Hartley is finishing this week at Sydney's Hairdressing College in Hutch. Cathy Simon attended Hutchinson Junior College this year. John Shelman attended Vo-Tech School at Liberal last year.

Kenny Osborn went to the Kansas Technical Institute at Salina this past year and plans to return next year.

Mrs. Kim Dover (Carol Cotton) lives in Pratt. Mrs. Mike Strohl (Rita Weber) lives with her husband and son, Frank Edward, on a farm near St. Leo.

Mrs. Clarence Ricke (Geneva Mertens) lives in Cunningham where Mr. Ricke works for Kingman Manufacturing and Geneva works at Dillons in Pratt. Edna Bishop works at a Kings-X in Wichita.

Donna Schaller works at Don Dye Co. in Kingman and lives at home. Connie Webster attended Pratt Juco this last semester. Jerry Hartley and Eddie Reif are living at home at the present.

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1979

May 31 – The Courier Editor: It was pointed out to me that a bit of information from the 1979 graduating class was incorrect. I checked the paper again. I copied the information correctly: *Principal Herbert Ewing presented awards to the valedictorian, Berry Bortz and salutatorian, Karen Simon, and also the graduating class to Norman Schnittker, President of the Board of Education, who handed out diplomas.* I looked for a correction in the next paper but did not find any mention of misinformation. SO. Now, forty-five years later, I will correct that mistake. Karen Simon was the class's valedictorian, and Berry Bortz was the salutatorian.

Those having lunch together at the café Memorial Day were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hellar, Deloris Anderson, Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zrubek, Mary M. Zrubek, Denver, CO., Marie Hellar, and Leo Zrubek, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek Sr.

Mrs. Robert Heitman will present her student, Leah Eck, in a senior recital at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 3, in the St. Leo Hall.

Shery and Stacy Schnittker, students of Mrs. Charles Forsyth will assist with the program. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker.

Leah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck. She has had six years of voice instructions and one year of piano. She is a 1979 graduate of Cunningham High School.

She will attend Northwestern Oklahoma State College at Alva, Okla. In the fall where she has a received a music scholarship. The public is cordially invited to attend.

We wish to thank Rev. Spexarth, Joe Harbert, Naola Thimesch, and Mike DeWeese for helping so willingly with our Memorial Day Services. Also those who helped put up the flags and take them down. They included Jerome Schaller, Dale Webster, A. J. Jarmer, Waldo Graves, tom and bob Renner, Dick Drug, Bud and Robert Bainum, Norman Schnittker, Dale Sheldon, Herbert Park, and Everett Swander. Officers and members of the Carter Luce Post and Auxiliary.

1984

May 31 – CHS Track Meet Team had a first place inner in the State Track Meet held at Wichita on May 18 and 19. Donna Adelhardt was first in long jump with her leap of 17' 3 1/4". Doug Hageman was 3rd in javelin with a throw of 179' 4".

Two girls relay teams also placed high. The 4x200 relay was third, overall, the 4 x 100 was sixth. The 2 x 400 just missed qualifying. Relay runners were Donna Adelhardt, Jeannette Fischer, Kathy Beat, Deb Beat, Terry Alley.

The seventh and eighth grade science students of Nashville -Zenda High School during the past week built and flew hot air balloons as their last science project for the year. Each student constructed a five-to-seven-foot balloon out of tissue wrapping paper and glue. A homemade propane burner provides the hot air. Eighth grade Science student Carl Zrubek chose to label his balloon with the N-Z T-Bird mascot as a last time reminder of a closing school.

Dan Beat, Cunningham, was one of 125 graduating in commencement exercises at Kansas Technical Institute, Salina, May 19.

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Cunningham Area Cemeteries on Memorial Day



St. Leo Cemetery



Maud Cemetery

photos by Bernie Albers



Sacred Heart Cemetery



Shelman Cemetery



Knowlton Cemetery



Maud Cemetery

drone photo by Ben Henning

The End of a Great Season

What a great season! Very proud of all the high school track athletes at Cunningham! Congratulations to everyone on a great season and end of the school year.

I would like to talk a little bit about the state track meet this year. Our definite highlight for the end of the year is Will Wegerer becoming the state champion in pole vault, jumping a height of 15 feet! Will has been holding onto that first place ranking in 1A division for the entire season and to come out on top at the state meet was very exciting. For Will it was one of those lifelong goals for him! Congratulations, Will, state champion in the pole vault!

Want to also congratulate the other two athletes who made State for Cunningham, Skyler Thimesch and Kyra Morgan. Both athletes performed exceptional and finished respectively. Skyler ninth place in the pole vault with a clearance of 12 feet and Kyra ninth place in the shotput with a throw of 35 feet, 7 inches. Both athletes are sophomores and we are excited to see them compete at the state meet again for the next two years.

Coach Eric Kerschen



Skyler Thimesch



Will Wegerer



Kyra Morgan

photos submitted by Coach Kerschen

T-Ball Highlights!



photos by Maria Oak



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 19

Traffic Stop	1
Agency Assist	100 Blk N Main St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Theft	200 Blk S Main St, Spivey
Disturbance	400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Damage to Property	600 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, May 20

Traffic Stop	2
Miscellaneous	4700 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney
Abandoned Vehicle	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disturbance	400 Blk E E Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	200 W B Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	200 N Main St, Kingman
Disturbance	800 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Agency Assist	NW 140 Ave NW 60 St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	400 Blk W Smalley Ave, Spivey

Tuesday, May 21

Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Transport Prisoners	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic / Driving Complaint	SE 180 St & S Hwy 14, Harper
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
VIN Inspection	200 S Main St, Norwich
Injury Accident	NE 20 St & N Marquette St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	15000 Blk NE Lakeview Dr, Cheney
Follow Up	4000 Blk NE Sunset Ln, Cheney
Suspicious Person / Arrest	200 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Traffic / Driving Complaint	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Theft / Arrest	3000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago

Wednesday, May 22

Civil Paper Service	4
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Miscellaneous	62 SE 120 Ave, Murdock
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 150 St & S Hwy 14, Rago
Miscellaneous	700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, May 23

Traffic Stop	5
Abandoned Vehicle	NE 30 St & NE 130 Ave, Cheney
Animal Complaint	11000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	NW 50 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave, Rago
Non-Injury Accident	13000 Blk SE 40 St, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, May 24

Traffic Stop	8
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
Follow Up	13000 Blk SE Main Ave, Rago
Disabled Vehicle	3000 N Berry Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	8000 Blk SW 100 St, Nashville
Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Don Lock Sr, Kingman

Saturday, May 25

Traffic Stops	24
911 Accidental Dial	5700 Blk Cheney Lake Rd, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	200 Blk S Main St, Spivey
Disabled Vehicle	NW 20 St & NW 10 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 90 Ave, Rago
Traffic Complaint	4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	600 Blk N Main St, Spivey
Domestic	400 Blk W 1st St, Cunningham
Traffic / Arrest	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

"I swear, talking to guys is like trying to work Sudoku with a Sharpie... while blindfolded. Do you do it just to aggravate us, or is it truly a chromosomal thing?"
— S.E. Hall, Pretty Remedy



Voting for Agriculture

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Well, we are in an election year and the filing date is right around the corner. What does that mean? It means that the campaigns will get fully under way and we, the voters, have a lot of work to do. I know what you are thinking—shouldn't it be the candidates working hard?

Yes, they will have their hands full trying to convince us to vote for them. However, we will have our work cut out for us too when trying to decide for whom to vote. I hope that you will take time to get to know the candidates for all the positions up for election this year. Even those that are close to home like

county commissioners. Often, they have the biggest influence over your day-to-day lives.

Do not get me wrong, the state and federal elections are important, and I hope you will do your due diligence on those candidates as well. I cannot help but think this is one of the most important elections in our history. We need to make sure we support the candidate that represents our positions.

I also hope you will take some time and get involved in a campaign for a candidate that you believe in. We all need to take a more active role in helping to decide who will represent us at each level of government.

As Farm Bureau members you also can get involved and have a say in which candidates will earn the endorsement of Voters Organized To Elect Farm Bureau Friends. Each county should have a dedicated group to evaluate candidates based on their sup-

port for agriculture and make recommendations to the VOTE FBF board, which is comprised of independently elected representatives from each of the 10 Kansas Farm Bureau districts.

These recommendations are important as VOTE FBF considers endorsements of candidates who are pro agriculture. The VOTE FBF board takes the recommendations of the counties very seriously since you are the ones who live with the candidates and know them much better.

To take part in the county evaluation process, you must be a member of Kansas Farm Bureau and a contributor to VOTE FBF. These voluntary contributions are the only source of money used to make campaign donations to endorsed candidates. Then let your county coordinator or your county president know you are interested in being part of the process. To learn more, visit

www.kfb.org/VOTEFBF.

When trying to decide which candidate to vote for I hope you will also look at the list of candidates earning a VOTE FBF endorsement and take that into consideration also. We must find candidates who are supporters of agriculture, it is the most important economic driver in the state of Kansas.

Vote FBF only endorses at the state and federal levels, so it is up to each of you to find the local candidates who best represent your views and values. Again, I cannot emphasize the importance of being informed and active this election cycle. Who we chose to represent us has enormous implications for the future. Become informed and vote.

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ACROSS

1. Ice cream treat, pl.
6. Albanian money
9. Desertlike
13. Like Bananas Foster
14. Paleozoic ____
15. O. Henry's specialty
16. Printer brand
17. Always, to a poet
18. Extended family member
19. *"Breaking Bad" father
21. *"The Lion King" father
23. Unit of length of yarn
24. "____ Me Maybe"
25. * ____ Anderson, he knew best?
28. The Supremes, e.g.
30. Subject matter, pl.
35. Same as ayah
37. Plural of #14 Across
39. Like less processed grain
40. Kind of shark
41. U.S. Airline
43. Short for "and elsewhere"
44. Opposite of digest
46. Flabbergast
47. Like Gulf Stream
48. Most achy
50. Not much (2 words)
52. Reggae's cousin
53. Rapunzel's abundance
55. Maintenance closet staple
57. * ____ Rock of "Everybody Hates Chris"
60. *"Finding Nemo" father
63. Golfer's sun protection
64. Aloha prop
66. Only daughter of Michael

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68. Not active
 69. Emergency Medical Services
 70. In the cooler (2 words)
 71. *Opie's father
 72. Egyptian boy king, for short
 73. Button on electrical outlet
- DOWN
1. Nth degree
 2. Not many
 3. Turkish money
 4. Online troublemaker
 5. Mike Brady's children, e.g.
 6. Malicious look
 7. Before, in the olden days
 8. Culture Club 1983 hit "____ Chameleon"
 9. Solo at LaScala
 10. Fish eggs, pl.
 11. Cuzco valley empire
 12. Yellow #5, e.g.
 15. Stream of revenue
 20. Dog-____ pages
 22. Final, abbr.
 24. Medicated shampoo ingredient (2 words)
 25. * ____ Evans Sr. of "Good Times"
 26. Idealized image
 27. "Prepare to meet your ____!"
 29. Wraths
 31. Exclamation in a stinky room
 32. Smidgins
 33. *"National Lampoon" father
 34. 1965 march site
 36. Garden staple
 38. Half a ticket

42. Carl Jung's inner self

45. Casual top
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51. Lethargy
54. Speck in the ocean
56. Heathrow craft
57. Same as genie
58. Pre-owned
59. Type of parrot
60. Atomizer output
61. Van Gogh's famous flower
62. On Santa's gift list
63. Roman road
65. Down Under runner
67. Group of dishes

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Front Row: Aaron Murphy, Darren Oeding, Ryan Kerschen, Kevin Strohl
Those who did not attend, but were missed: Adam Petz, Janice (Waterhouse) Grafton, Jared Sager, Christina (Woodard) Alberto, Doug Freund, Bobbie (Packard) Hays
- photo submitted by Angie Murphy

Second Graders Visited Community Helpers

story and photos by Ingrid Ricke



Everett Ruckle is shown with his friend, Allan Schnittker



Thank you Allan Schnittker for sharing with us your love of being a pilot. We enjoyed seeing the 1963 Piper Cherokee 180 plane. It was interesting to hear your journey to becoming a pilot and that you're still flying over 60 years later. Thank you for explaining all you do before taking off and showing the different parts of the plane. We appreciate you and the time you took in teaching us. Thank you!



Sloan Thimesch has her photo taken with Kerri Steffen.



Thank you Kerri Steffen, from the Cunningham Public Library, for teaching us about your job and the many tasks you have as a librarian. We had fun visiting the library and doing the book spine poetry activity. We appreciate the time you took out of your day and look forward to coming back to the library to do many more fun activities with you!



This last week, I took the camera up to the school to get photos of the items that would be going into the NEW time capsule.

I took several, and had planned on includ-

ing them in this edition of the paper. But then other things kept coming in; like photos of the cemeteries. I included them because we no longer have the Memorial Day Services, and some of

us would like to see that our cemeteries are still maintained and looking lovely.

T-ball photos were sent in, And I HAD to include those little cuties in the paper this week.

Then there were the photos of the State Track Meet team. Those kids needed recognition ASAP.

Well, you get the picture. I did snap the above photo when I left the

school, and I had this space to fill and it all fits perfectly. It's coming along, this new building.

When the actual time capsule is placed and cemented into the new

building, I'll cover that and put the item photos with that event.

(and, yes, this new building is much closer to the street than the other one was.)

-the editor

KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

Malia

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Malia is a Chow Chow weighing about 50 pounds. She is about 5 years old and has been at the shelter since April 12, 2024.

Malia is somewhat timid, looking for the right person to help her overcome her shyness. Malia should do well in a quiet, lower activity household, with just one or two companions so she can feel like she is part of the family. Despite coming from a less than ideal home situation, Malia is still gentle and trusting. Give her some of your time and love and Malia will repay you ten times over.

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The Pratt County Commission minutes were not available this week at press time.

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Ron Henning

Ronald G. "Ron" Henning, 75, died May 21, 2024 at his home in Pretty Prairie surrounded by his family.



He was born on April 30th, 1949, in Kingman the son of Otto and Vi Kathman Henning. A longtime resident of Pretty Prairie, he was a retired Millwright, welder, semi truck owner and operator, member of the National Guard for 6 years, among many other things. The most important of these things included being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and more. Ron had hobbies included riding his Harley motorcycle, cheering on the Chiefs, hunting, and later on, woodworking. He will be deeply missed by many friends and family.

Ron attended St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

On April 19, 1969, he married Geri Goering in Kingman. Other survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Kris and Michael Krehbiel and Kellee and David Goldsmith; brothers Wayne, Don and Otto "Butch", Jr; two granddaughters and their husbands Amber and Jake Hoogerheyde and Makayla and Ian Groves. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Gary; and sister Diane Thimesch.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the St. Louis Catholic Church, Waterloo, Kansas.

Memorials may be made with Traditions Hospice in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

Gayla Golden

Gayla R. Golden, went to be with her Lord & Savior on May 24, 2024. She passed peacefully at her home in Cunningham, KS at the age of 61.

Gayla battled colon cancer for 4 1/2 years. She was born April 25, 1963 in Parsons, KS to Ned R. and Norma Jean Golden. In 1981, she graduated from Cunningham High School, then went on to get a Fashion Merchandising degree from Brown Mackie College in Salina, KS.

She moved home after College and lived on the farm, working at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham for 39 years in the laundry and dietary departments. When not working at Hilltop, she was busy working and taking care of horses and spending time with her dogs and farm animals. She was always happiest to be at the farm.

Gayla loved the Lord, her animals and her family was her pride and joy. She loved cheerleading during her school years. She was a member of Cunningham Christian Church and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Gayla will always be remembered by her positive attitude, encouragement for others and many stories that she loved to tell and how her eyes would "sparkle" when talking about her family. She had set a goal to attend both her nieces' weddings and was able to achieve that goal.

She is survived by her mother, Norma Jean; brother, Randy (Carolyn) of Pratt; nieces, Destiny (Dusty) Schartz of Hutchinson, Madison (Kasey) Gilpin of Wichita and great nephew, Hudson Leigh Schartz of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by her father, Ned R. Golden.

Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Cunningham Christian Church, with Pastor Mike McGovney officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Cunningham Christian Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Tom Endicott

William T. "Tom" Endicott, 89, died May 24, 2024 in Hutchinson.

He was born Feb. 23, 1935 the son of James and Wilma Scott Endicott. A lifetime resident of the Waterloo community, he was a retired farmer.

Tom attended the First Presbyterian Church, Kingman.

He was married to Anna Endicott and she precedes him in death. Survivors include a son Richard; daughter Charlolett Knapic; sister Kathleen Webb and her husband Buddy; 5 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by daughters Rhonda Endicott and Stephanie Endicott; and his brother Jim.

Services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until service time. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Prairie Sunset Home in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Stanley Weglarz

Stanley V. Weglarz, Jr., passed away May 9, 2024 in Maybrook, NY. He was born September 26, 1962, in Nashville, TN, the son of Stanley V. Weglarz, Sr. and Marilyn (Szymkowski) Weglarz.

Stanley graduated from Father Ryan High School and the University of Memphis. He was a long-time associate of Yellow Freight.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Surviving in addition to his wife, Nancy (Freund) Weglarz, are children, Loren King, Laslee (Brittany) King, granddaughter Norah King, Isaac King, Kristen Weglarz, Lindsey Weglarz, and Patrick Weglarz. Siblings include Harriet (Larry) Stewart, Robert (Mary Ellen) Weglarz, Walter Weglarz (Teresa Diedrick), Michael (Trish) Weglarz, Joseph Weglarz (Tom Janis), and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance was held on May 22, 2024, at Sellars Funeral Home, 2229 N Mount Juliet Rd., Mount Juliet, TN 37122.

Those who wish to remember Stanley in a special way may make gifts in his memory to CF (Cystic Fibrosis) Foundation, TN Chapter.



Doris Atchinson

Doris Ann Atchison, 82, passed away Monday, May 27, 2024 at Pratt Health and Rehab. She was born on November 2, 1941 in Kingman to Alphons Herman and Bernardine E. (Rottering)Voss.

Doris attended Amarillo College. She worked as a sales clerk and deli worker for 25 years at Toot 'N Totum in Amarillo, Texas where she was also a manager and received manager of the year. Most recently she worked at Casey General Store in Medicine Lodge. She was a member of Community Bible Fellowship. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved being sociable and was a jokester to her customers and coworkers. When she had to stop working, she missed it so much.

She is survived by her children, Chris Lapel of Amarillo, Texas, Marlene (Mike) Ruggles of Tyler, Texas, Kenny (Jodie) Striley of Amarillo, Texas and Doug Atchison, II of Medicine Lodge; siblings, Lawrence (Wanda) Voss, Harold (Norma) Voss, Joyce Korth, Ralph (Gale) Voss all of Pratt, Virginia "Jen" (Charles) Lackey of Amarillo, Texas and Marilyn (Merle) Talbott of Wichita; sister in-law, Connie Voss of Pratt; grandchildren, Steven (Janice) Johnson, Sara (Tate) Harris, John Atchison, Aaren Ruggles, Andrew (Megan) Striley, Madison Striley, James Striley, Dusty (Marissa) Atchison and Donna Atchison; great-grandchildren, Emery and Oliver Johnson, Raelynn and Krew Harris, Zander, Zailey and Zoey Striley, Emmalynn Fischer, Christa, McKaylee and Garrett Atchison and Jonathon and Jordan Ham.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Alphons Voss, Jr.; infant brother, Jimmy Voss; sisters in-law, Inez Voss and Shorty Voss; and brothers in-law, Mark Boyter and Bill Korth.

Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Dwain Richert presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

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