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Tin Box Found in High School Cornerstone



One of the first items I shared with new superintendent, Dr. Amberger, via email (August 9, 2023), was a story in the paper from July 30, 2020. It was an article from the Cunningham Clipper, dated September 27, 1918. It mentioned a tin box placed in the cornerstone of the new high school. I received this message in return: "We need to find that tin box!"

Last Thursday, December 21, I received this email from Dr. Amberger, "We found it! It is intact! ... Can

you reshare the article you found from when they built the building and talked about the capsule? ...but it is incredibly exciting!"

I am resharing that article, along with several others. I took a trip through the papers from 1916, 1917, and 1918. I've included them in this story. I am so glad we had newspapers. So many events have been preserved in them. I do wish photography had been more common back in that time era.

Some of the bits in the papers were

just one line, randomly placed on the front page. Interesting subliminal 'advertising.' There were several editors of the paper during this time: J Milton Banie, E.E. Ward, H. O. Woodruff and finally in July of 1917, William Bradley. All the editors were supporters of the new school.

The story began in the Clipper February 4, 1916

More Room to Hold Rating:

con't on page 8

MERRY AND BRIGHT



410 North Lincoln, the home of Jennifer and James Sterba is the first place winner in this year's Christmas lighting contest.



The home of Marla and Mike McGovney was the second place winner in the lighting contest. This photo can't show the lights flashing to the beat of the music playing on a loud speaker at 218 East 4th Street.



Avery and Jamie Hitts live at 234 North Henderson Street and were the 3rd place winners in the lighting contest.

The Most Common New Year's Resolution is "Better Health"

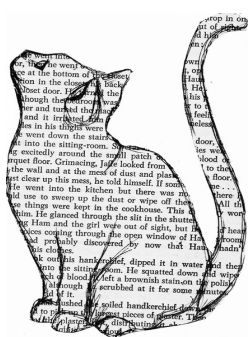
Are you looking to prioritize your health in the upcoming year? Don't go at it alone. Having your medical provider as part of your support system can make all the difference in achieving your goals. With their help, you can monitor your progress and strive towards success.



KHC Family Clinic: 620-532-0295



Cunningham Clinic: 620-298-2397



Meanderings

I wasn't really going to share this fiasco because I thought it would be resolved fairly quickly. But it hasn't and I'm not sure when it will be.

Do you remember I was told my Social Security deposit would come the second Wednesday in October, but I received it on the first Wednesday? Well, things got a bit more

messed up. November came around and I get a deposit the first Friday. AND... it was \$495 short. Well, I can't have that! I called the office and explained my confusion.

I asked about the funds shortage. He didn't know, but he would look at my account. He comes back on the line and tells me that Kathy would have to help me because she filled out the form for me and it looks like she marked that I was getting Medicare.

I was quite taken aback with that one. I am not sure how he found that out. Rumors can even start in government offices, apparently.

I told the guy that I most certainly was NOT getting dialysis. I was in very good health. He told me again that I would have to talk to Kathy.

I am HEALTHY! Then he told me I marked it wrong or I gave the wrong the answer to the person filling out the form.

Kathy wasn't in her office, so I called back on Monday, November 6th. Kathy was as confused as I was. She said the form wasn't marked for Medicare, but she would start the paperwork to

get me un-enrolled and get my missing money. BUT I would have to sign an affidavit stating (get this) that I was not 65 years old and I was not on dialysis!

Okay. Whatever. I got the affidavit in the mail a couple of days later, signed and returned it.

December 1st, deposit day. (the 3rd was on a Sunday) My deposit was in the bank and it was \$165 short.

So I called back and got that same guy. I don't like dealing with him. Every time I would try and ask a question, he'd interrupt and say "Wait until I'm finished!"

Basically, he tells me that Medicare was withheld from my check again. I asked why it was only \$165 when last month it was \$495. He said it was because they 'withheld two months of

Medicare'. I knew not to ask questions like, "how much is \$165 x 2" ... because I didn't want him to interrupt ME and tell me to 'wait until he's finished.'

And then, he told me he was 'looking at my account' and it showed that my paperwork is still being processed. "I can see it here; it is almost done. Any day now, you will check your account and it will be in there."

I finally just hung up, because again, I was told 'to let him finish' when I started to ask another question.

I put pen to paper and figured out that the \$495 is THREE months of Medicare. So I've paid for four months of this insurance without using it.

Next week will bring us January 3rd. We get

our Social Security raises next month ... will Medicare go up as well? I'm waiting to see what happens.

You all know, of course, that in 2 1/2 years, when I actually can apply for Medicare, there will be issues, and I won't be able to get it, as they'll have marked me dead because I didn't get the dialysis.... I can hardly wait.

Always reading, and currently reading, (and laughing out loud), "Friends to Keep in Art and Life"

by Nicole Tersigni, Roberta

"You look exhausted. I'm going to draw you a bath with some of my best essential oils. This one is called Essence of Dolly Parton. It's lavender, chamomile and stardust."

"Friends to Keep in Art and Life by Nicole Tersigni

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Christmas memories flush our cheeks, warm our hearts and sometimes bring tears to our eyes and lend a luster to our celebrations now. Generally

my remembrances are sparked by something I see, and I don't think I'm alone in this. Take Christmas trees, for example, which are nearly everywhere you look, inside and outside our houses, in stores and on streets.

that we'd grow nonchalant about their presence. Magically, wondrously we don't. Instead, child-like giddiness grabs us as this sight conjures up memories of other trees and Christmases.

rational explanation or reason whatsoever, a very particular holiday sound rings in my ears.

Each Christmas Eve, our family attended services at the Healy United Methodist Church, and there is a particular "crack" that sanctuary makes when a full congregation rises from the pews to sing "Silent

Night" by candle light.

The groan of polished wooden pews relieved of their crowded burden was always followed by a hush while flames were passed row to row. When faces and stained-glass windows glowed, the organ would begin and voices would lift on key, off key, in harmony.

That crack I hear. That

crack reminds me that Christmas is nearly here. And a hush falls upon my heart as I remember all the love and laughter, the joy that makes Christmas dear.

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



Preparing for Meeting Season

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

The meeting season of Kansas Farm Bureau is about to kick into high gear in 2024. The key to KFB's success is our grassroots engagement, which depends on members being active and involved.

The first chance is the County Presidents Conference Jan. 16 in Topeka. It will be a chance to learn and swap ideas with fellow county leaders. This conference will give county presidents the boost to go back and lead. Also in Topeka is Day at the Statehouse on Jan. 16-17. This is a chance for all members to learn about issues important to them and then take action by visiting with their state legislators.

For the under 35

crowd the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers Leaders Conference will be Feb. 2-4 at the Manhattan Conference Center. This is a weekend of learning, networking and fun. As a YF&R alumnus, I can attest to the importance of going to this conference.

Finally, we get to the pinnacle event of the meeting season and that is KFB's semi-annual LEAD (Leaders Engaged

and Acting in D.C.) trip to Washington D.C. Each county can send one leader on this trip. If you have never traveled to our nation's capital this is the best opportunity you will ever have.

The trip is Feb. 26-29. You will attend briefings on national issues from KFB and AFBF staff. We will make a trip to the Hill, and you will get to meet with each member of our congressional delegation. This is a great opportunity to see our government in action and to lobby for issues important to you.

new farm bill debate going on while we are there.

There will also be other tours and stops to see the sights in D.C. Those who are on the trip will also have a chance to go on a night tour of the monuments and take in an NHL game. You will also have a chance to go early or stay another day or two to explore on your own.

There are many other opportunities to become engaged, but January and February certainly offer the most chances. These events are great educational opportunities for our members but also important to show our

legislators how engaged our members are.

I hope you will take time to attend one or even all these great events. Kansas Farm Bureau is great because of its active and engaged members.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau



The SOUL of an ONION

"In the onion is strength; and a garden without it lacks flavor. The onion, in its satin wrappings, is among the most beautiful of vegetables; and it is the only

one that represents the essence of things. It can almost be said to have a soul."

Charles Dudley Warner (American writer and friend of Mark Twain)

I like onions. I grew up eating them, primarily as a result of having an onion-eating mother. My Mom would eat raw onions with everything. She would slice them like an apple, and eat them with every meal. I often did, and still do, the same thing.

The older I get, the

more I find myself adding onions to much of what I eat. Homemade vegetable soup is better with one or two onions added to the pot. Salads seem to come alive with plenty of red onion slices. Even the lowly hotdog, staple food in backyards and ballparks across the country, becomes a taste sensation when topped with plenty of chopped onions.

While eating onions on a regular basis can, in some cases, impede your social agenda, I have recently learned that they are an amazing superfood. It is a good idea to eat onions every day.

Onions offer tremendous health benefits, containing chromium, biotin, folate, calcium, iron, dietary fiber, vitamin B, vitamin C, vitamin K, magnesium, manganese, and potassium. They are low in calories, have no fat or cholesterol, and have been shown to lower blood sugar and foster weight loss. Onions have been linked to the prevention of cancer and

dementia. Known to fight disease, onions contain beneficial natural compounds, including organosulfur and flavonoids like quercetin.

Onions are said to contribute to weight loss and have been found to have an anti-obesity effect, helping to reduce body fat, especially abdominal visceral fat.

Onions can help improve cardiovascular health by suppressing inflammation, regulating cholesterol, and potentially lowering blood pressure. Research shows that onions have better cardio-protective effects than red wine.

Onions have been linked to a reduced risk of Alzheimer's disease. The quercetin in onion combats oxidative stress associated with neurodegenerative disorders like Parkinson's disease. Onions also are believed to reduce depression and enhance memory.

Researchers in Japan have linked a natural compound in onions called Onion A (ONA)

with anti-cancer effects. ONA can inhibit the progression of ovarian cancer. ONA is also said to impair tumor development and metastasization. Daily consumption of onions helps prevent osteoporosis by contributing to higher bone density.

Onions have been linked to improved eye health, increased hair growth, and improved sleep quality. Onions can boost your immune system and help protect your liver. Eating onions daily can lower blood sugar and promote a healthy respiratory system. Onions protect your reproductive system, improve skin health, and raw onions especially have been shown to reduce inflammation in all parts of your body.

When using onions, try to use as much of the outer layer as possible. Analysis has shown that the outermost layers contain a higher concentration of antioxidant compounds than the middle and inner layers.

All types of onions

are good for you, red, yellow, and white, so eat whatever you prefer. Red onions do have a higher antioxidant content, so are considered the healthiest option. Red onions also add color to foods, so are often the choice for use in salads.

Standard yellow onions are more pungent. These are especially good for cooking. In most grocery stores and produce departments you will also find "sweet" yellow onions. These are good for sandwiches, and eating raw. White onions are the most pungent, and are the best choice when making homemade salsa. When using onions in cooking, lower heat is best. The health benefits are best preserved when onions are not overcooked.

When you are healthy and when you are sick, onions should be your go to food! Let's eat more onions...

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Community Bulletin Board

Monday, January 1 Happy New Year!	Monday, January 8 HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME
Tuesday, January 2 NO School - Teacher In-service Day ** Lions Club	Thursday, January 11 JH BB vs. Argonia at HOME
Thursday, January 4 JH BB at South Barber	Friday, January 12 HS BB vs South Barber at HOME
Friday, January 5 HS BB at Kinsley	Saturday, January 13 HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME
Saturday, January 6 HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME	Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ** No School for Teacher inservice *** USD 332 BOE Meeting



The Community Calendar is sponsored by




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Cunningham, KS
620-298-2511


In observance of the New Year, Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, January 1st

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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



Kingman Carnegie Library

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
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Minutes from the November City Council Meeting

November 27, 2022
The Cunningham City Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 27, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

Present were Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests present: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; and CHS Seniors, Alex Jordan, Taylor Schultz, Brianna Dittmer, Dakota Mertens, and Joanna Hansen.

Council President, Jason Ruckle, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ricke, second by Newell, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments and Communications – Clerk reported that the Museum volunteers would like to close the sidewalk on the south side First Street near Elliott Street to set up a concession area on Santa Claus Day (December 9th.)

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark presented the Annual Runs and Meetings Report

(attached to minutes.) There were several calls including: hay bales, grass fires, a traffic accident, and a pick-up fire caused by hay igniting. Chief Stark toured the new high school building with the State Fire Marshall, learned about the alarm system, and observed the hydrotect for the sprinkler system. In the near future, the Fire Department will collaborate with Northern Natural Gas to prepare for a natural gas emergency. In December there is a HazMat class in Kingman.

Review of Ordinance No 662 – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve Ordinance 683, an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 662 concerning the parking of camping trailers and recreational vehicles in the city. Motion carried, 5/0.

Loyd Group Engagement Letter – Motion by Schultz, second by Newell, to approve the audit agreement with Loyd Group for the audit year 2023. Motion carried, 5/0.

Agency Fund Agreement with SCCF – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the Agency Fund Agreement with South Central Community Foundation on behalf of Cunningham Recreation for the purpose of saving funds to build a wellness center. Motion carried, 5/0.

FSA Ballot – Motion by Schultz, second by Woodard, to table the FSA Ballot. Motion carried, 5/0.

2024 Council Meeting Dates – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to move December’s regular Council meeting to Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. due to the Christmas holiday on the regular meeting day. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to move the April 29, 2024 meeting to 5:00 p.m. due to a 7:00 p.m. scheduled school activity (Spring Concert.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Community Center Custodian – Council President reported that the custodian had resigned. Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to hire Lauren Beat as Community Center custodian with the wage to be \$100/month and \$15/hour for time worked in excess of normal wages. Motion carried, 5/0.

Leak Forgiveness Discussion – Clerk reported the leak had been fixed immediately after it was discovered. Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to approve a credit of \$27.50 (10,000 gallons) for 301 W First Street. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer – A few properties have been served. Clean ups are in progress.

Planning & Zoning Report – The Planning & Zoning Board have not recently met. Chairman Rogers and Zoning Administrator, Molly Morgan, reviewed the permit application and placement of the flags for a chain link fence at 310 S Elliott. There were no

concerns with the permit application.

Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve permit 2023-17 for a chain link fence at 310 S Elliott St. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance Report – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz to sell the Hygrade pull behind grader for \$15,000. Motion carried, 5/0.


Mesa gave the maintenance report. *Tree limb pick up day for residents went well. *There are pine trees in the park that have died and will need removed. *Well No. 2 concrete floor was poured as well as street repair at Ohio Street and Florence Avenue. *Joe Tucker Painting & Sandblasting as begun work on the pool.

Employee Holiday Bonuses – Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve \$100 bonus for employees, Mesa Sallee, Molly Morgan, Jackie Ruckle, Sam Theis, and Hunter Sterba. Motion carried, 5/0.

Financial Report – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the Fire Department Runs and Meetings Report and pay firefighters. Motion carried, 5/0. Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz, to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Council President Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

THE KINGMAN HISTORIC THEATRE PRESENTS



DECEMBER 31, 2023 7:00PM
237 NORTH MAIN STREET
KINGMAN, KANSAS 67068

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“When you do something noble and beautiful and nobody noticed, do not be sad. For the sun every morning is a beautiful spectacle and yet most of the audience still sleeps.”
— John Lennon



“But the Beatles turned out to be one of the things you couldn’t avoid, like alcohol, or death.”
— Elif Batuman, The Idiot



Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats are \$3.00
(cash or local check only)

Showtimes:
Doors open at 6:45
Movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

December 29th - 30th
Migration
Rated: PG

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

Birthdays Remembered

By Shari Armstrong
Growing up, birthdays were always fun for my sister and me. Three things were certain: Mom would make our favorite meal and cake, we'd get a couple gifts from Mom and Dad and we'd get our birthday card from Grandma and Grandpa with two dollars in it. No more, no less, no matter how old we were. The only exception to this was after I graduated high school. My freshman year in college I got something better, a box of Grandma's homemade apple bars. I was really popular in the cafeteria

that day. Grandma and Grandpa usually tried to come see us on our birthdays, until the hour and a half drive got to be too much for them, especially with my birthday being in January. The weather sometimes didn't cooperate. But I didn't mind having my birthday in January, because Grandpa's birthday was two days after mine. As a child, I always thought that was great. The most memorable birthday visit was when my sister turned five and getting ready to start kindergarten. Grandpa gave her a box of sandwich bags. I'll never forget the sight of my sister pulling

out bag after bag, trying to see what Grandma and Grandpa got her that she thought was hidden in the bottom of the box. Grandpa just sat there grinning.

Grandma never forgot anyone's birthday. Not only did she remember the six grandchildren, but all their nieces and nephews. Not an easy task since she had seven siblings. Grandpa only had one brother, so his side was a bit easier. Then of course, the grandkids started getting married to add the great-grandchildren and she remembered theirs, too. While I was pregnant with our daughter, Grandpa started to have health problems

and the family had to make the decision to put him in a nursing home and Grandma in assisted living. Even through all the health problems she never forgot a birthday.

After Eileen was born in 2001, we took her to see them as often as possible. The first time, Grandpa just slid his arm over, and grinned, waiting for us to put her beside him on the bed. Time went on and he got weaker, his mind starting to wander. This was really hard to see, since until about five years earlier, he was still riding his bike around town. About a year later, we got the call on my husband's birthday, just days after

their 66th anniversary, that Grandpa had gone to heaven that morning. I cried as he held me and said that just this year we could celebrate his birthday next week. At the funeral, Grandma sat with a quiet smile on her face. As people gave their condolences, she would just say, "Thank you. I know I'll see him again soon."

Then came my birthday about six months later, and my card came. Not to my address but to Mom and Dad's and no name on the envelope. She was starting to forget things, she knew it was someone's birthday, but couldn't remember who's for sure.

She'd also signed it from Grandma and Grandpa. I cried again. That was the last birthday card I got from them.

Right now it feels like history is repeating itself, because during my pregnancy with our son, Grandma had to be moved to a nursing home. We weren't even sure she's stay with us to meet Joshua, but she got to meet him couple months ago. Today three things are certain: Grandpa had his birthday in heaven, Grandma will be joining him for her birthday there soon, and God is providing the gift of eternal life and banquet in heaven for his family.



A Column by Mike Johnson

Mickey Mantle Moments

Three score and ten years ago, thousands of American boys ran their grubby fingers through the dust of destiny.

For a fleeting instant, they held a 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball

card. That Topps card, in Mantle's rookie year, in pristine condition, is now worth north of \$10 million.

Many of these boys also owned a 1952 Schwinn Black Phantom & stole a clothespin from their moms.

They unknowingly faced a momentous moment of decision.

Save the card for future enjoyment?

Or sacrifice it for the soothing ruffle of card-

board flapping against rear bicycle spokes?

Most chose the spokes.

Only three pristine, 1952 Mantle cards still exist.

The 1952 bicycles are more common. They're valued at \$695.

Rarity creates value. The rarity of things. The rarity of decisions. The rarity of perspective.

The "dust of destiny" lies dormant in each instant. The same hands that put \$10M cards in

spokes could perform brain surgery.

Our decisions germinate those instants & determine what grows. We can't see the future. But with perspective, we can eyeball its trajectory.

Each instant sows a new crop of circumstances.

What if every instant is as momentous as holding a Mantle card and a clothespin?



"God knows far more about living a life of joy and blessings than we do."
— Randy Loubier, *Slow Brewing Tea*

One Small Stone

By Amy Michelle Wiley

I am lost, hidden among a million others like myself, drowning in the water that covers us. Only a few years ago I was part of something great. I had not thought of myself as, well, as myself. We had been the Baultam Cliff. Armies had fought on our sides, victors had climbed to our peak, kings had been birthed at our feet.

Now I am alone. I have been torn away. My sides are jagged and raw. I am bereft of my kin.

Water tumbles over me. I am caught by the current, scraped against others like me. Scars are gouged deep into my surface.

Is this what I have been created for? I hardly think so. My destiny has been ruined. I call out to my Creator, but only the roar of the falls answers.

Time passes. Perhaps years. Perhaps millennia. My sides are smooth. I am doomed to waste slowly away, becoming nothing more than silt that lines the river.

Things are changing around me. At times red drifts through the current. Creation groans.

A hand breaks the surface of the water. It brushes against me. It hesitates. Then fingers wrap around me, lifting me, holding me. Water falls from me and air touches me. I feel odd.

I am dropped into a cloth bag and clank against others of my kind. We are jolted.

A voice rings out, near and strong. "I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel! This day will I smite you. All shall know that the battle is the LORD's."

My being leaps. I know this name, this Creator of mine.

The hand finds me once again, and I am wrapped in leather. Wind rushes by me and gravity fights me.

Now I soar high above the earth. An enemy rises in the distance, coming ever nearer. I am aware of one thing.

I was created for this moment. This is my purpose.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 5:30 p.m..

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

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St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

Lutheran Churches

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

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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.

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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

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: **First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1929

January 4 – Dr. and Mrs. Burnett can thank their lucky stars that they were at home about eight o'clock New Year's morning when their house caught fire. The fire was discovered by Dr. Burnett who went through the dining room to answer the telephone. He immediately called Mrs. Burnett and she called the fire department while Mr. Burnett made a rush to the basement to turn on the water, which had been turned off and drained to keep the pipes from freezing.

By the time the water started to run in the pipes Mrs. Burnett had seized a glass of water and quenched the fire. The fire was caused by the flue burning out and burning through to another flue entrance in the same chimney which had been papered over.

Not a great deal of damage was done. The smoke and soot being the worst. Mrs. Burnett thinks that repapering the room and cleaning the rug will cover the damage.

The Cairo community held a big rabbit hunt New Year's day and nearly a thousand rabbits were slaughtered. The rabbits were sold and the proceeds will be used for an oyster supper to be given this evening (Friday) at the M. E. church basement in Cairo.

1934

January 5 – Announcing the opening of the Brunswick Smoker and Billiard Hall in the Ratcliff Hotel Bldg. – adv.

A report from agent Huffman of the Santa Fe railway is that the Skelly Oil company shipped out 812 carloads of oil from the yards here last year. 180 of those went out during the month of December.

E. C. Dafforn was in last week and ordered The Clipper sent to his father, Chas. Dafforn, who lives at Hutchinson, Kansas. He says that his father wants to read the best newspaper in Kingman county and he is sending The Clipper. Thanks.

- Sugar, 10 pounds, 45c (to anybody, anytime)
- Coffee, 3 pounds, 55c
- Raisins, 2 pounds, 19c
- Palmolive Soap, 5c
- Men's Wool Pants, pair, \$1.98
- Wool and Cotton Sweaters, \$1.35
- New Wash Prints, per yard, 15c and 25c
- Wetherall Bros.

1939

January 6 – H. H. Howell, a resident of Kingman County since 1884, and a citizen of Cunningham for over forty-one years, passed away at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita shortly after noon last Sunday.

After a brief illness with Pneumonia, John Hayes, 65, a resident of Cunningham for many years, passed quietly away at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, last Thursday evening.

High School Notes – Chester Spade is our new student. He enrolled as a freshman and comes to us from Hughes High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Spade is now running the general store at St. Leo.

Grade School Notes – Leona and Bernice Markhart enrolled Monday in the third and seventh grades respectively. Our enrollment is now 100.

1944

1944 – The publication of the Clipper suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

January 7 – Mrs. Louis Hellar, a resident of this community for forty-eight years, passed away Thursday morning at her home southeast of town, following an illness extending over a period of several years.

Patrons of School District No. 30 will cast their votes in the grade school building Saturday, January 8th, approving or disapproving an additional \$25,000 bond issue for erecting and equipping a new grade

school building. A \$125,000 bond issue for this purpose was approved by a vote of 200-84 June 1, 1948.

1954

January 1 – Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Petz and children had a family reunion Sunday, at their home near St. Leo. It was the first time in several years that the eight Petz children had been together at home. Those present were Sister Theresa Margaret of Fort Scott, Lawrence "Bud" Petz Jr. of Adak, Alaska, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mertes and Larry of Andale, Joseph Petz of Shawnee, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck and family, and Mary Lou and Leo Petz.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Everett Hauser home were Ted, Norman, and George Hart, all of Wichita.

Philip Shoap, 84, of Pratt, a pioneer farmer of the Cunningham and Isabel communities, died Christmas Day at his home in Pratt.

1959

January 1 – The Post Office Department notified William E. and Arlene T. Bradley last Wednesday that they were the low and successful bidders on the new Cunningham Post Office Building.

The new building will be constructed by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and leased to the Post Office Department for a term of not less than 10 years under the department's Commercial Lease Post Office Facility Program.

The new Post Office will be erected on the lot directly south of the office of the Cunningham Clipper.

Delmer Huffman will build the building for Mr. and Mrs. Bradley. Construction is expected to start soon.

1964

January 2 – Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ebenkamp and family of Pampa, Tex., left Friday for their home after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Anna Ebenkamp, and other relatives. Other Christmas Day company of Mrs. Ebenkamp included Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rohling and family of Kingman, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rohling and family of Dodge City, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Urban and family of Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rohling and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albers and family.

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- IGA Golden Cream Style or Whole Kernel Corn, 6 #303 cans, \$1
- IGA Small June Peas, 5 #303 cans, \$1
- Campbell's Soup, choice of 5 varieties, 6 10 1/2 oz. cans, \$1
- Musselman's Apple Sauce, 6 #303 cans, \$1
- Rainbow RSP Red Pitted Cherries, 4 #303 cans, \$1
- Sunkist Navel Oranges, 20 for \$1
- Hershey's Chocolate Syrup, 5 16 oz. cans, \$1
- Sylvania Inside Frost Light Bulbs, 6 for \$1
- Cunningham IGA

1969

January 2 – Trustees of the proposed Kingman Community Hospital in Kingman are expected to review final plans for the hospital later this week and tentatively plan to open construction bids January 29.

The hospital will replace the Kingman Memorial Hospital and the Donley Osteopathic Hospital, both of which no longer meet standards. The joint staffs of the two hospitals will operate the new hospital.

Golden Plains League Basketball Standings

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Cunningham 2	2	
Nashville-Zenda	2	3
Sylvia	2	3
Partridge	1	4
Alden	0	4
Norwich	0	5
Hardtner	0	5

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The Cunningham Clipper
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1979

January 4- Editor, Cunningham Clipper
Cunningham, Ks. 67035
Dear Sir, on the night of January 1, at 11:30 P.M.

Museum Hours
contact
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Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

my wife woke me up to tell that our lights were out. I think you know what his means when you have a forced air furnace, refrigerator, etc.

I called the light company at Cunningham to report this. I do not know where Larry Lubbers had to go to find the trouble, but I do know that I woke him up. The temperature was 8 degrees below zero and we were on the tail end of a pretty good blizzard.

The lights were only out about two hours. I do not know how many times Larry has to do this in a year's time, but I think a lot of us owe him a big thank you for the prompt service that he gives. Sincerely Yours, Byron Walker.

The Cunningham Wildcats escaped with a 66-50 victory over a fired-up- Sharon Cardinal team Tuesday night. The game was much closer than the score indicates, as we trailed by as much as six points in the final quarter.

We did have 16 steals, led by Wade Ruckle with 5 and Joe Strohl with 4. Wade Ruckle had three assists; Tom Crawford led rebounders with 9; and Joe Strohl and Berry Bortz got 7. Scott Huhman came off the bench and hit 7 of 11 shots and 16 points. Joe Strohl led scorers with 20 points by hitting 8 of 10 free throws. We then showed fine balance as Terry Elliot, starting his first varsity contest, hit 9 as did Tom Crawford. Wade Ruckle had 8 points; Berry Bortz, 3; and Randy Hageman also starting his first game with 1. Bill Osner, Brian DeWeese, and Mike Beat also played well in relief. -Coach Dale Magnett

Sharon High School brought their tall group of girls into the Cunningham gym on the snow-packed Tuesday night for the first contest after Christmas break. Although the roster does not agree with many who observed these girls, I would say that Sharon's front line was 6'0", 5'11", and 5'10". Against that type of height, we placed a 5'10", 5'7", and 5'7".

As for scoring, it was balanced with Rhonda Ruckle scoring 13; donna Beat 9; Brenda Vierthaler 8; Nancy Kerschen 7; and Gayla Golden 6. Donna Beat led the rebounding with 10.

1984

January 5--The Kingman County Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received the donation documents from the Santa Fe Railway Company, giving possession of the Depot at Cunningham to the historical society.

Plans are being made to move the building to a permanent location off the Santa right-of-way in Cunningham. As soon as enough information has been assembled, we will hold a public meeting at Cunningham, and we hope all interested persons will attend.

David Amick, Cunningham resident and a trustee of the Kingman County Historical Society has been appointed director of the procurement and moving project and will notify the public when the meeting will be.

The Kansas Beef Expo Board met in Wichita recently to discuss plans for the upcoming event. The 6th annual Kansas Beef Expo is scheduled for March 6, 7, & 8, 1984, at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita. The Board is comprised of two individuals representing each of the eleven purebred breed associations. Board include Alan Albers, Cunningham.

The person who ordered the books at the Library need to pick them up. They arrived before Christmas. Books are on Mind Dynamics and no record is available as to who ordered them. It not claimed soon, they will be returned.

The Pratt Community College Admissions office has announced the student honor rolls for the 1983 fall term. The 15 students named to the president's honor roll earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average while being enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours during the falls semester.

The students named to the dean's honor roll also completed a minimum of 12 hours during the fall term, and received a 3.2 Grade Point Average or higher.

Students on the Dean's Honor roll include from Cunningham, Virginia Beat, General, Steve Mertens, Building Trades, Brad Roeder, Building Trades, Alan Theis, Mathematics, Raymond Thimesch, Building Trades, David Thornhill, Business Administration.

Tuesday Lunch menu: Hamburger gravy, M. potatoes, peas, hot rolls and butter, pudding, milk.

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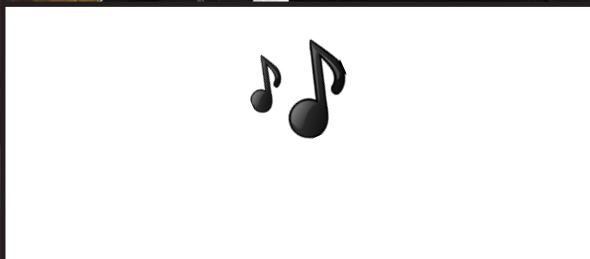
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Cunningham High School Must Have New Building Says State High School Inspector to Keep from Being Dropped.

C. C. Brown of Topeka and state high school inspector of Kansas checked up our High School Monday. He says that twenty new high school building are in process of construction over the state at present. The cost of these range from \$12,000 to \$100,000 each.

He made it plain to the school board that it would be absolutely necessary to rehouse the high school before the next term or lose our accrediting which means a financial loss of \$2500 per year to our school. So it is up to us all to begin to boost and boost in earnest for a new high school building. The 7th and 8th grades and high school must be placed in a new building and thus making room for the rapid growth of the school.

Prof. Steele says there

will be 100 students for the new building as soon as it is done and the room they now have will be filled up in a very short time by grades one to six.

Mr. Brown shoed that there is a deep and lasting school spirit fastening itself among us as a state. We have now in Kansas 630 high schools with an attendance of 37,000 students. Ten years ago there were less than 225 high schools and an attendance of a little over 15,000 students. We must boost for our school or slip back a cog. We all want the best there is for our boys and girls, knowing that the school is the very best investment we can make. And it is a big boost to our little city.

While we are upholding our school in this capacity, there is one other thing that we are going to speak about, as it is a big drawback to the school and brings a hardship upon the teachers. And that is the indifference of some of the young men, the high school boys, show towards attending school regular. They loaf around town and pretend they are in school to their folks – we suppose – and get by with it.

Complaints are coming in regarding this kind of work, and sooner or later these boys will have to answer for this. This is not right, it is not justice to themselves, to their folks, to the school or to anyone else.

February 18: What about the new high school building, are you boosting?

March 3: New high school.

March 11: Keep boosting, it's coming – new high school.

March 17: Two Big Questions Are we going to have a new school building? If so, why not start to do something by calling a meeting and get the spirit of do-it-now going. This school building question is on the tongue of nearly everybody and they would welcome a move in this direction.

What will we do with New Mexico, shall we lick her? It's about time to start something from the way those illiterate cusses are doing.

March 24: Mass Meeting of Citizens to Talk Over New High School Building On Monday Night, March 27, 1916 at the Movie Hall.

Every body come and lend your help in making this meeting is a rousing success in favor of a new high school. It means much to Cunningham and the surrounding country. Men who know the great importance of such a building to a community and the cost of building and how to raise the money will be there—Come, learn these things and boost.

April 7: Keep boosting – new high school.

April 28: Next Tuesday, May 2nd, is the day and date to vote for a new rural high school for Cunningham and vicinity. What are you going to do, vote it down or not? Think it over seriously good voter before you step to the polls and cast your vote.

May 5: The Rural High School Proposition was defeated Tuesday by a Majority of 62.

Although Tuesday was a bad day – rain and mud – for the Rural High School Election but it did not interfere with the voters. They came out and lots of them. The proposition was voted down by the outlying territory by 62 majority. The City of Cunningham

came through fine with 151 votes to the good. There were 179 votes polled in the city, 165 for and 14 against, and outside the city 310 polled, 186 against and 124 for, making 489 votes in all polled.

As the proposition had to carry both inside the limits of Cunningham and outside of such limits you will see that the high school was voted down and the biggest project and boom for this community that has ever been voted on was turned down.

The defeat of this high school proposition, in our estimation, is a direct blow to the children of this community from an educational standpoint. Men, even though if their children have passed the age of school years, or have graduated in the home town school or any other phrase of a school career, should be big enough and interested enough in their grandchildren and their neighbors' children to stand a small taxation levied upon their holdings to maintain a high school of honor and credit to the community in which they live. Besides it enhances

the valuation of property. No one can surely deny that education is not one of the broadest and biggest steps toward paving the way to a better and higher plane of civilization. (*It wasn't until I read "MEN," that it occurred to me that this was a time before women got the right to vote.*)

What is a few dollars to the man in comparison with education of the children of a surrounding community.

The very ring leaders of the opposing side of this proposition have given their children the advantage of a good education, either here or elsewhere, which is perfectly right and justice. But they seem to think it is time to stop when this is done, overlooking the fact that other children must have an education. They have a perfect right to oppose a thing but, in the name of all, do it honorably and honestly, and, if reports are true, they got beyond the honesty line this time.

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March 9

A wish made by C.H.S. on March 5.

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Minimizing the Risk of Financial Abuse for People Living with Dementia

Financial crime against older Americans is a growing problem. People living with dementia are at an especially high risk of becoming victims. That's why we're committed to combatting fraud.

As their memory and other thinking skills decline, people with dementia may struggle to make financial decisions. They

may not remember or report the abuse – or understand that someone is taking advantage of them. This abuse can occur anywhere – including at home or in care settings.

Victims of fraud who are 80 years and older lose an average of \$39,200 every year. Studies show that financial exploitation is the most common form of elder abuse. However, only a small fraction of these incidents are reported.

You can help protect others by learning to recognize common signs of financial exploitation and abuse, including:

- Unopened bills.
- Unusual or large purchases.
- Utilities being shut off due to unpaid bills.
- Money given to tele-

marketers or soliciting companies.

•Unexplained withdrawals from the person's bank account.

There are also many simple things that caregivers can do to reduce the risk of financial abuse for people with dementia and similar conditions, like Alzheimer's. Do your best to make sure they're involved in deciding which safety measures to put into place.

Some options include:

- Agreeing to spending limits on credit cards.
- Signing up for the "Do Not Call" list at DoNotCall.gov.
- Setting up auto-pay for bills instead of paying them by check.
- Signing up to receive automatic notifications for withdrawals from

bank accounts or large charges to credit cards.

•Requesting electronic bank and credit card statements and watching for unusual purchases or changes in how the person typically spends money.

•Asking credit card companies to stop sending balance transfer checks and opting out of future solicitations.

•Creating a separate account where you can keep a small, agreed-upon amount of money that the person can use for recreational activities, meals with friends, etc.

To learn more about combating elder abuse, visit our blog at <https://blog.ssa.gov/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-combating-injustice/>.

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Zodiac Signs

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17. Barn call
18. L in AWOL
19. *Zodiac sign for those born on Halloween
21. *Ford "Zodiac"
23. Cash machine, acr.
24. Island
25. Short for although
28. Cul de ____, pl.
30. Owing something (2 words)
35. Argo's propellers
37. Mature
39. Passed
40. Guilty, e.g.
41. Presidential promises, e.g.
43. Those against
44. Waker-upper
46. Skin infection
47. King of beasts
48. *1960s California serial killer
50. Address a deity
52. Short for ensign
53. Hoodwink
55. New Zealand parrot
57. *Fish sign
60. *Half man/half horse sign
64. Blood vessel
65. This is well if it ends well
67. Body trunk

68. Move like ivy
69. Grazing field
70. Plant with liquorice-flavored seeds
71. Catch one's breath
72. Trim the lawn
73. Roebuck's partner

DOWN

1. Sun kisses
2. Colossal
3. Pest command
4. *Zodiac sign or Don DeLillo's 1988 novel
5. One who is skilled at something
6. Visual presentation
7. "Four score and seven years ____"
8. Dora the Explorer's simian friend
9. Court petitioner
10. Genesis twin
11. RPMs
12. Extra charge
15. Like a native speaker
20. Insect, post-metamorphosis
22. Prince in Disney's "Aladdin" movie
24. Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
25. *Birthstone for some born under Scorpio or Sagittarius
26. Hello, alt. sp.
27. Mountain nymph
29. *Cancer crustacean
31. Lentil soup
32. Golfer Els
33. Take a chance (2 words)
34. *Gemini
36. Delhi dress

38. Sound of a fan
42. Satisfy, as in thirst
45. Eccentric one
49. Pool tool
51. Gossipy ones
54. Religious song
56. Make amends
57. Skin opening
58. Wraths
59. Proofreader's mark
60. Old-fashioned bathtub foot
61. Vocal piece for one
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Wildcats Upset by Macksville

The Cunningham Wildcats played at home for the second time this season on December 19, 2023. The home floor was not kind on this night as the Macksville Mustangs handed the Cats their second loss of the year by a score of 47-65.

Cunningham got behind in the first quarter by six points as Macksville scored 17 points to 11 for Cunningham. Will Wegerer kept us in the game with his seven points. Luke Albers and Dylan Halderson each added two points.

The Wildcats saw the lead by the Mustangs increase in the second quarter by six more points. Wegerer scored the only baskets for the Cats with five points. Albers, Halderson, and Kendall Rogers made free throws to total nine points for the Cats.

Cunningham came out in the third quarter looking more like themselves on offense scoring 16 points, but the Mustangs kept pace with 15 points. Two for eight from the free throw line kept the Cats from closing the gap with Macksville. Cunningham trailed 36 to 47 entering the fourth quarter.

Albers heated up in the fourth quarter, scoring seven of the 11 points for the Wildcats. Nate Sterneker made the only other basket with Luke McGuire adding two free throws. The final score was Cunningham 47, Macksville 65.

The team will take a well-deserved break as most of the team has been going since August. We will travel to Kinsley on January 5th for our next game.

-- by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2		2/6	6	2			
Halderson	2		1/6	5	5		1	
Wegerer	3	4	2/2	20	9	2	2	
Albers	4	1	2/2	13	8		4	
Sterneker	1			2	3			
Rogers			1/2	1	1	1		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	11	9	16	11	47
Macksville	17	15	15	18	65



Will Wegerer



Dylan Halderson



Nate Sterneker



Luke McGuire



Kendall Rogers

CHS Lady Wildcats vs. Macksville



Ava Bock



Macy Neufeld



Rylee Miller



Whitney Mead

Tin Box Found in High School Cornerstone

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visited high school on this day or any other windy day and heard the unpleasant music of the windows... we need a new school building.

March 30 A mass meeting will be held on Monday night for the purpose of discussing plans, cost, etc. of a new rural high school building for Cunningham. Come out and attend this meeting. We need your help. By Order of Committee.

April 13

A meeting in interest of a new high school building will be held Monday night April 16. We want every one to come and boost for a new building. We want every one to come and boost for a new building. If you think we do not need a new one come and visit

school some day and you will change your mind.

May 11

An election will be held in Cunningham on Tuesday June 5, at the Cunningham State Bank for the purpose of voting bonds on the new rural high school. More than a majority (305) signed the petition to call the election.

W.W. Doty, Chas. Shaffer and H. York have been appointed as judges and the clerks are Carlos Cannon and Ralyh St. Aubyn.

In voting for this new rural high school you are voting to increase the value of your land together with the added educational facilities. A move for a new high school building is a move toward progress. Let's be progressive.

June 8

That Cunningham and the districts included in the territory of the proposed new rural high

school voted to erect a school building costing \$25,000.00 marks another milestone in the march of progress.

The beautiful new building will be built on the north end of Main Street probably in the center of the street where it will be readily seen from any part of the town. Besides the advantages it will offer in the way of education to the large territory it will draw from, it will add much to the beauty of the city and will be a source of pride to everyone in the district.

Of course \$25,000 is a considerable sum of money and will make taxes a little higher but when we take into consideration the fact that the territory which will pay it contains 51,200 acres of the richest land in the state we believe the burden will not be so heavy after all.

Everybody believes in education and are usu-

ally willing to contribute their share toward it's advancement there fore when the people of western Kingman County saw that a new high school was needed they went after it and the result is that we are soon to have as fine a school as will be found even in the large cities.

The most progressive step the people of this community have made in many a day and with the coming of a good school Cunningham should double in population in the next two years.

While it is not yet known the exact size of the new building, we are informed that it is to be modern in every respect. Complete description given later.

November 30 On last Thursday afternoon, the corner stone of the new high school building was laid. The exercises of the occasion were informal. The school children de-

posited their names in a metal box which was placed in the stone. Many little things along with copies of the Clipper were also placed in the stone. Rev. Wells pronounced some appropriate words as the stone was being placed in position.

1918

(I couldn't find anything at all at the first of the year. The front page coverage mostly was about the war, and then in April, the U.S. joined WWI. and that' was the news was mostly about)

September 27

June 5th, 1917 the citizens of Cunningham voted a \$25,000 bond to build a new Rural High School for the benefit of Cunningham and her surrounding district was on the 18th of July the High School board was elected, Mr. Nossaman, director, C. K Penner, clerk; J. G. Gibbons, Treas. District No. 3, was then organized on August 30., 1917 at

3:00 p.m., the contract for the building was let to Hammond Brothers of Wichita, contracting company at \$22,400. The plan for building was then made.

The work of excavating, which begun September 23rd, 1917 cost \$400. Mr. Doze was then sent out by the construction company as director. He soon had ahis force of masons and carpenters at work. In March 1918 the corner stone was laid. Wells the M. E. minister said a few words to the pupils and faculty. A Tin box was placed in the corner stone, this box contained a copy of the Clipper and mementos of the high school and grade students.

On the corner stone was cut these words: "Built by Wichita Construction Company," R. B. and H. L. Hammond S. S. Voight, Architect,

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OOPS! (Again)

I received a phone call from someone who wanted to let me know I missed highlighting one of our football athletes in this article a couple of weeks ago.

I was going to fix that, and found I'd missed TWO of our athletes. I'm re-printing part of the list, with the overlooked young men in special type.

I do apologize to Trent and Stephen and their families.

Heart of the Plains 2023 Football All League

1ST TEAM Offense

Quarterback - Kyle Murphy, Norwich; Briggs Jewell, South Barber; Luke McGuire, Cunningham
Running back - Brayden Berens, Pratt-Skyline; Bryson Rathgeber, South Barber; Jack Ruckle,

Cunningham; Gage Bowers, Pretty Praire Receiver - Justus Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Justus Novotny, Pratt-Skyline; Jimi Oleson, Stafford; Oakley Duvall, South Barber; Luke Albers, Cunningham
Line - Chase Combs, Fairfield; Max Wineiger, Norwich; Griffin Wallace, Pratt-Skyline;
Stephen Kerschen, Cunningham
Defense
Line - Garrett

Lanning, Fairfield; Max Wineinger, Norwich; Jack Ruckle, Cunningham;
Trent Schnittker, Cunningham
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Secondary - Ryland Kooiman, Hutchinson Central Christian; Jayden Bengel, Norwich; Piercen Huff, Hutchinson Central Christian; Ismael

Carrasco, Pratt-Skyline; Lukas Dunham, South Barber; Luke McGuire, Cunningham
Special teams- Conner Fowler, Fairfield; Zane Woglemuth, Norwich
Kicker - Braydan Berens, Pratt-Skyline; Xander Myers, South Barber; Dagim Reed, Cunningham; Brody Bernsten, Attica
Punter - Brayden Berens, Pratt-Skyline; Samuel Lowther, Stafford
Returner - Ismael

Carrasco, Pratt-Skyline; Lukas Dunham, South Barber; Luke McGuire, Cunningham



There was no report from the Kingman County Sheriff's Office this week.

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

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**Kingman County Humane Society
Pets Ready for Adoption**

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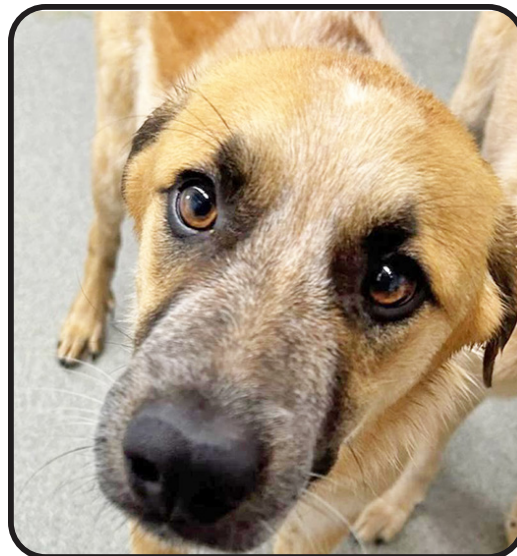
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Levi

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Rita Krusemark

Laramie, Wyoming - Rita Diane Krusemark, 79, passed away Thursday, December 21, 2023 at her home. She was born on October 3, 1944 in Atchison to Raymond John and Lillian O. (Narjes) Krusemark.



Rita grew up on her parent's farm at Pratt, attended St. Paul Lutheran Day School and Pratt High School where she was Co-Valedictorian in 1962. She received her Master's degree in Education from the University of Kansas. She taught elementary students in the Kansas City, Kansas school district. She retired and moved to Laramie where she and Barry remodeled a century's old farm house to rent out rooms to students attending the University of Wyoming. Rita's joy was exploring the wonders of this world and traveled extensively, learning about different cultures and life styles. She loved the outdoors and nature. She and Barry climbed Mt. Rainier and spent three days on the mountain in 1990. She almost always had a dog as a companion and would talk to them in Mandarin Chinese, which was a minor of hers in college. Weekends were often spent hiking in the Snowy Range mountains with Barry and her dogs. Rita enjoyed returning to the farm at Pratt, especially during harvest, so she could help run the combine and do other chores. Rita was an accomplished pianist and organist. She enjoyed playing for her home church and the massive Skinner pipe organ at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Laramie. Barry is a decorated veteran and has been very active in veteran affairs in Wyoming and nationally. Rita enjoyed accompanying Barry to many of his occasions. She especially enjoyed the Governor's Balls and loved meeting and visiting with every Wyoming governor since 1990. Rita deeply cared for and loved her family and friends..

She is survived by longtime friend and companion, Barry Gasdek of Laramie, Wyoming; brothers, Donald (Francie) Krusemark of Pratt, Kansas, Kenneth (Connie) Krusemark of Mora, New Mexico and David (Nancy) Krusemark of Winfield, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents. Friends may sign the book Tuesday, December 26, 2023 and Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 28, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Tin Box Found in High School Cornerstone

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Wichita, Kansas. "Rural District No. 3." "W.P. Nossaman, Director." "C. I. Penner, Clerk." "J. G. Gibbons, Treasurer."

After the laying of the corner stone the frame work building soon shot upward, it was covered before cold weather.

Our building faces North Main St. the main entrance to the South and side entrances to East and West.

On East side entrances are the Domestic Economy and Art rooms, while to the west are the Laboratory and Manual Training room.

North of the hall is the auditorium and gymnasium combined, which can seat 650 people on the east and west of auditorium are toilets and shower baths. North of the auditorium is the boiler room. This room contains a 1,000 gallon tank. Next to the boiler room is the coal bin, 30 tons of coal have just been purchased to fill this bin. The plumbing was let to R. R. Moore of Wichita, at \$4, 150. Two fountains are installed on 1st floor in the hall. There are two stairways at the east and west end of the main hall leading to the main hall on second floor, on the north side of this hall are four recitation rooms tow fire

escapes lead down from the two north rooms. All four rooms contain cloak rooms.

On south side of the hall is one recitation room, the Superintendents office and assembly or general study hall. The windows are so arranged in all class and study halls that the light cannot injure the students eyes. The window shades cost \$103.00 and the furniture \$2,050, all of which were purchased of the Superior Supply Company, Wichita.

The light fixtures were purchased of the Southwestern Electric Co., at the cost of \$300.

The electric bell system has been installed by Austin Wetherall at very slight expense. Our water system is the pneumatic water system.

There are many minor details to be worked out. A telephone will be installed and arrangements are being made to put screens on the domestic Science rooms and lockers in shower baths.

Thursday night September 5th, our splendid new building was dedicated with the following program:

Song - America
Invocation 0 Rev. Vandolah

Welcome Address -Mayor W. P. Nossaman
Solo - "The Star"
Mrs. S. E. Freeland
Solo - "Keen Home Fires Burning," Luther Walker

Address - Rev. Walter Scott Priest

Duet - Klanda Hart, Mrs. Albritten.

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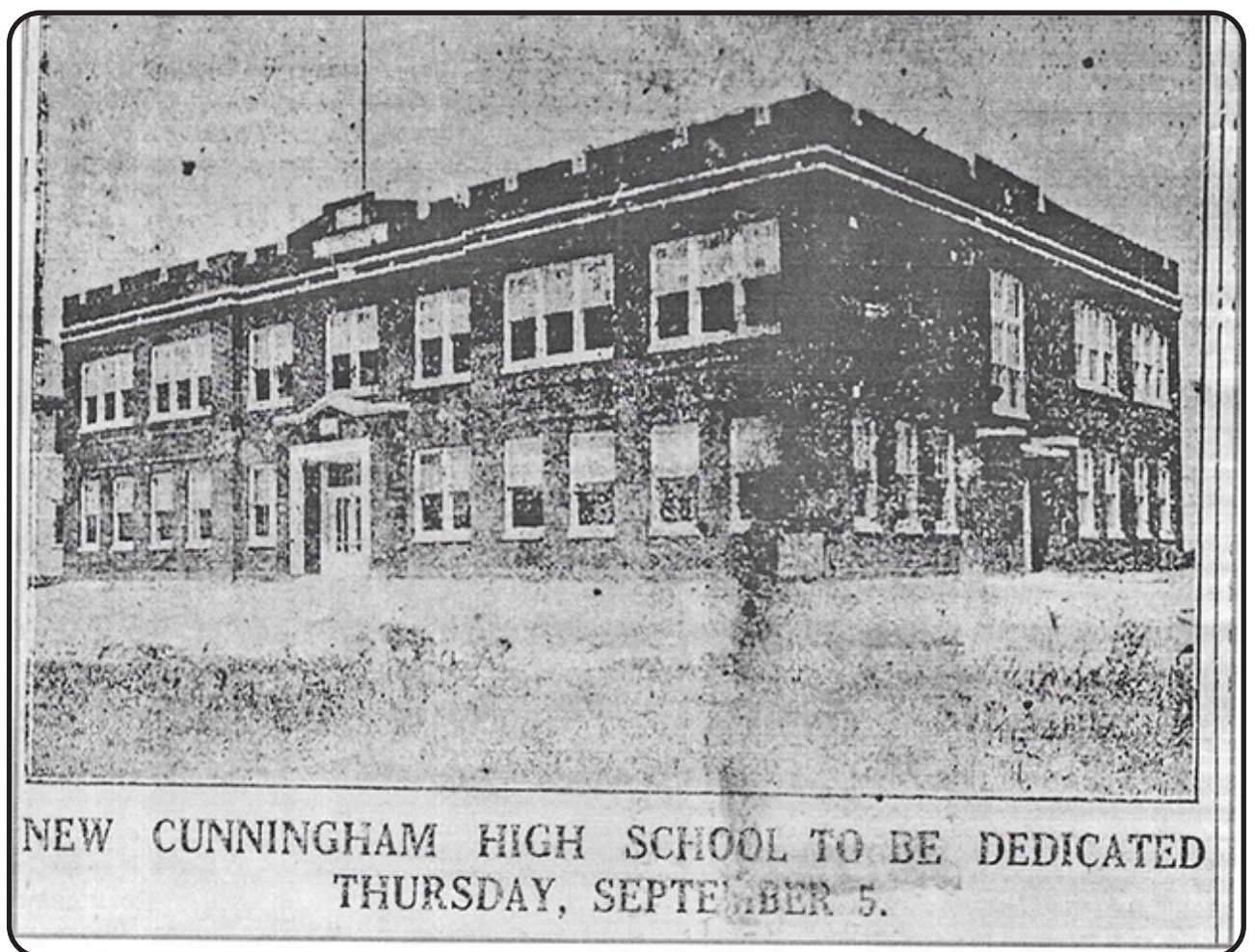
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