



Approved Minutes from the City Meeting in October

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 30, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

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

Guests: Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development; Scott Bannister, USDA (by Zoom); R. J. Meyer, Iron Insurance Partners; Jack Ruckle, CHS; and Luke McGuire, CHS.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes of September 25, 2023 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comment – City Clerk, Molly Morgan, reported that Eric Meyers had purchased a tree in memory of Bill Ogden. Bill's sister sent a check to pay for the tree.

Iron Insurance Partners – R. J. Meyer requested to quote the City's insurance policy with a few other companies other than EMC.

Fire Department Report – Chief

Stark was unable to attend, so the clerk gave the fire department report. SCTelcom had nicked a gas line while digging near 120 N Valley. When the fire department arrived on scene, Kansas Gas Service had already shut off the gas to the line. Work at the school continues. The sprinkler system will require more engineering due to the placement of a five inch connector.

USDA, Scott Bannister – Mr. Bannister gave his report via Zoom. He spoke regarding the availability of grants and loans through the Rural Development program.

Kingman County Eco Devo Report – The September/October report was given by Director, Leslie Schrag. The Council discussed the funds that were allocated to the Kingman County Improvement Program. The funds allocated to the Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program and the FAÇADE Program have been exhausted. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve a Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program payment to applicant, R. Thimesch Construction for 421 N Douglas in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried, 5/0.

Leslie also presented material from the Kansas Infrastructure Hub and Engaging Placemaking for Innovative Communities (EPIC.) Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to commit \$1,000 to the EPIC Clyde Cessna project. Motion carried, 5/0.

Community Center – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to accept the quote from Decker & Mattison to fix the kitchen furnace at the Community

Center in the amount of \$4,948.21. Motion carried, 5/0.

Leak Forgiveness – The Clerk reported that the resident had immediately shut off the shower and fixed the leak as soon as parts could be ordered. Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve a credit of \$19.25 (7,000 gallons) for 417 S Wilmot. Motion carried, 5/0.

RV/Camper Ordinance – Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve Ordinance No. 682 with the following amendments: (c) strike "not bare ground or grass" and add "properly maintained." (f) ". . . intended for recreational or temporary lodging. . ." Motion carried, 5/0.

Leiter Avenue – We will be receiving a quote from Heft & Sons to repair Leiter Avenue. The City applied for a grant through the Department of Transportation Cost Share Program. The awardees should be announced in November.

Property Officer's Report – Jackie Ruckle gave the property officer report. She has met with the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance regarding recreational vehicles. Some of the dilapidated campers have been removed from properties.

Planning & Zoning Report – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve permit 2023-15 for a ramp at the east door at 401 W First and waive the fees. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve permit 2023-16 for a split rail fence at 412 S Wilmot. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance – City Superintendent,

Mesa, reported that SCTelcom is almost finished boring the fiber optic lines. *Trees at the park have been trimmed. *Consensus of the Council to order more cold patch asphalt for minimal street repairs. *Hilltop Manor had a water leak that was repaired. *Water leak at 331 S Ohio was repaired.

Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve Estimate #1191 from T & R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$5,120.00 to bring in rock for Leiter Avenue repairs. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve Estimate #1189 from T & R Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$6385.00 to fix the downtown alley behind City Hall. Motion carried, 5/0.

The remainder of materials will be used to fix the downtown alley behind the Community Center.

Swimming Pool – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the quote for painting and crack repair from Joe Tucker Painting in the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion carried, 5/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Woodard, second by Ricke, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

School Board will Meet December 4th

AGENDA
Special Meeting
December 4, 2023 6:50 p.m.
104 W. 4th, Cunningham, Kansas
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Out of District student policy hearing
Adjournment

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the November 8, 2023, regular meeting (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
Old business
Construction project
Transportation
Reports

Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger
Principal Report-Mr. Dunlap
Special Education Report – Scott DeWeese

Executive Session- Non-elected personnel
New Business
Adopt Out of District student policy (AI)
Approve positions
Adjournment



ANNOUNCEMENT



Cunningham High School will be open:

November 28
November 29
December 4

4:00 - 7:00 pm

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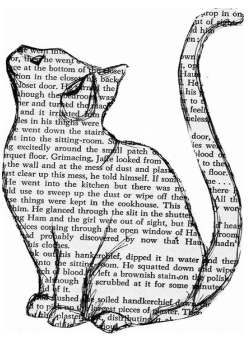
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Meanderings

Well, fellow meanderers, you will have to forgive another shortened column. I cannot shake this nastiness that is keeping me from totally enjoying newspapering and cardmaking and life in general.

I did go to the doctor yesterday. I called here to our little clinic, but Denise told me Amy was out of the office until Thursday. I almost broke into tears as I felt so awful and I was so looking forward to having some relief from the coughing and stuffiness in my head and throat. But I thanked Denise and called Kingman. They had an appointment at 11. Would it be okay if it was with Dr. Gerber? I said it didn't matter, the doctor could be dead, and I'd be happy to see one. The lady told me

that he was a new doctor and 'very nice.' I wanted say, "But I don't need a nice doctor, I need one who can handle demons," however, I didn't want to press my luck. I grabbed at that appointment for the lifeline it was. I went over, and Dr. G is, indeed, very nice. He called in a prescription for amoxicillin, told me if I wasn't better in 4 - 5 days, I could come back and get a steroid shot, and I was on my way. I drove to Pratt and picked up my prescription and a few groceries. I've been on said antibiotics for 36

hours and there is no relief yet. I am also popping Sudafed. Ugh. Too many drugs. And not feeling better. Yes, I'm drinking my liquids. And going to bed early. If I do not improve by Thursday, I'll see if I can get in to see a doctor again. Maybe Amy. If things are 'off' in the paper, please know it's because I am just trying to get something together so I can get it done and ready to send to the printer's at a decent time. There are errors and I apologize. I

am just a bit too cranky and ill and tired to care 100%. This is one very large disadvantage to working for yourself, and by yourself. No one else can do the job. The cats are totally worthless. The dog more so. I WILL be better by Saturday as that is the craft fair in Kingman. I have looked forward to it for a long time. Please come and visit me. If I'm not there, I am sure there will be some other small business there you can support. Please try and buy from small business-

es in the communities in our area this holiday season.. I will also be attending the Merchant's Open House in Norwich on December 10th. I plan on being at Ye Olde General Store from 1 to 5. I really have to get better soon. I have much to do. Always reading, and currently reading, "Degree of Guilt" by Richard North Patterson, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, My calendar claims that Winter doesn't begin for a month. But the first figure-eight of ice stretches across the pond and the entire yard is covered in a Birthday Cake white frosting of snow. The prediction before and during the storm was that we'd get one to three inches. Though I can't say with any precision how many flurries we received, my car's under a

six inch fluffy cover. And that's not an eyeball estimation. Still in my PJs, I pulled on my boots and hopped outside to bring you my trusty stick-a-ruler-in-it car roof snow measurement. Mind you, I didn't clear my car off yet. I will do that before it freezes into an ice-age block. But right now I'm too busy to snow suit up because I'm trying to answer THAT QUESTION, the one we all face at times like these: "Should I stay or should I go?" The "times" I'm referring to are those moments after any winter storm when you have some-

where you need to go or want to go badly enough you THINK you need to, and it's hard to tell if road conditions are safe yet or not. KanDrive.gov and its app are a great resource, especially if your travel includes Interstate routes because those cameras deliver real-time views. As for all our other Kansas roads, though it's clear the website does its best to provide regularly updated information, it's not particularly helpful answering the question because reports that roads are "snow packed" or "slushy" can mean a trip

will turn out fine. Or it can mean you'll end up in a ditch. I'm not talking about how skillfully you operate a vehicle or whether your car's got 4-wheel drive, though both are factors in how any wintery trip turns out. What I am talking about is the fact that few segments of Kansas roads have consistent conditions. Road upkeep does vary but we have GOOD roads. KS consistently ranks 6th or 7th in the nation for road quality. Considering we rank 4th among all states with our 134,724 miles of public

roads, our quality ranking speaks well of our towns, cities, counties, and state who maintain them. Rather, I suspect that is the sheer number of miles that crisscross our state which results in few stretches of road being the same. I think of it this way. I have not met every one of the 2.935 million Kansans (our population according to the 2020 Census Report) but I have met many. While we Kansans may be "alike," no two are the same. Neither are two of our miles, which means drivers must stay on their toes even in the best of

weather conditions. Just because one patch is clear and people pass you left and right, travel before our roads are clear can be a nasty game of roulette. With the beaming sun whispering that all will be well, I'm tempted to try to beat "the house." But even with the sunshine, the temperature remains below 32 degrees and the cold truth stings. The risks are real. The answer for me can only be, "I'll go tomorrow." Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Insight Spreading Caring and Kindness

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher My husband is a major believer in no Christmas decorating until after Thanksgiving. The older he gets, the harder the line he seems to take with this belief. I am the total opposite. The earlier I can get my Christmas decorations out, the better! I have tried for years to

convince him otherwise, but I have failed. He generally comments on the holiday decor when it appears at the grocery store the day after Halloween. He gives me "the look" when he finds me listening to my Christmas channel in early November. And I avoid at all costs taking him into a mega craft shop in a nearby town until at least Nov. 24 to avoid calling him Ebenezer Scrooge. However, there is always hope for change. This year, my husband texted me a couple of weeks prior to Thanksgiving an image of two Christmas chickens he had come across

at our local farm store. Two six-foot tall metal Christmas roosters to be more precise. Two large red and green roosters adorned with holiday scarves, stocking caps and poinsettias. The message attached to the image: "You can put up the tree if I can get a six-foot Christmas rooster." "DEAL!!!" I replied, "Will the rooster go on the roof???" The rooster did not go on the roof. In fact, the six-foot metal Christmas rooster was not purchased. However, by seeing those Christmas roosters, pre-Thanksgiving Christmas cheer was

clearly planted within my husband's heart that day as he ended up bringing home a three-foot tall Christmas mouse and placed where everyone could see it in the farmyard. When the kids got home from school that day my daughter, not quite believing what she was seeing, declared, "Time to get out the Christmas decorations!" And we did. Now that our family has celebrated Thanksgiving, we've entered the time of year where, in years past, it'd be acceptable to bring up the Christmas decor from the basement and begin decorating our

farmhouse. However, since the tree is already up, the house is decorated, and our new Christmas mouse shines brightly in the night, I can't help but chuckle when I think of how a giant metal rooster brought about early holiday cheer for my husband this year. I also chuckle as I glance over at our new reminder of this year's early Christmas conversion - a mini-metal Christmas rooster standing beside our tree that was purchased by my husband in the wee morning hours of Black Friday. Whether it's a cherished song, a special ornament, a beloved recipe

or a metal rooster, may you embrace reminders of Christmas cheer this holiday season. "Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service. Copyright © 2023 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved. News from Kansas Farm Bureau Our mailing address is: Kansas Farm Bureau 2627 KFB PLZ Manhattan, KS 66503



Human Training...for Dogs

This column will offend many dog lovers. Please accept my apologies in advance. I myself am a dog lover. I believe dogs are among the very best creations

on Earth. Fewer things provide more pleasure than a loving relationship with a well-trained and well-behaved dog. But, the hardest part of training dogs is training their human masters. First, a word on the goodness of dogs. I recently had an odd experience that got me thinking about the wonderful character of dogs. I had the need to visit a hardware store while engaged in a small plumbing project. Having visited this establishment previously on many occasions, I had been forced

to interact with a particularly abrasive clerk. Perhaps abrasive is the wrong word to describe her demeanor. In any case, she is unpleasant to deal with every time you visit this store. She always appears angry as you approach the counter, as if your purchase is an intrusion into the peace of her day. She has an odd way of staring, or maybe glaring at you (think Jack Nicholson in The Shining). If you have a question, and she chooses to respond, she speaks in a low, mumbling voice that is unintelligible (she is what Jerry Seinfeld would call a low talker). This clerk, bless her heart, can make a happy Saturday morning trip to the hardware store the worst part of your day. On this recent visit, I noticed that she was wearing a hug your dog t-shirt. This woman was obviously a dog lover. Pondering this, it occurred to me that her dog probably considers her the best human on the planet. She, with her apparent character and

personality flaws, is certainly her dog's favorite person. What a testament to the true character of dogs. You can be a completely disagreeable person, and your dog will still love and accept you. He or she will wait anxiously at home for your return. For most dogs, their favorite thing is to simply be in your company. Dogs are literally the BEST! That being said, I think many folks are not being good dog owners. You could say, they suck at being dog parents, primarily out of ignorance. Let's try to fix that... In order to be a good dog parent, you first need to understand something about the canine mind. As pack animals, dogs are all about respect (you need to become the alpha leader for them). On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being highest), if your dog considers himself a 6 and you a 5, he won't respect or obey you well. If he sees himself as a 6 but you are a 7 or 8, he will respect and respond to you. To gain your

dog's respect, you have to exert authority over him (and avoid things that erode that respect). He wants you to do that. Your authority makes him feel secure. Here are two fundamental tips that will help you become a better dog parent. This info comes from my favorite dog trainer - Don Sullivan (his training materials can be found online at TheDogFather.com). First, do not give your dog treats from your hand. Any special treat you give your dog can go directly into his supper dish. Food in his dish is his food. Food or treats coming from your hand is your food. As pack animals, one way submission to other dogs is shown is by giving up food. By handing your dog treats, you are making a submissive gesture to him. He will love you for it, but he will not respect you. You become his peer and give up your position of authority over him in doing so, which does not foster obedience (an alpha leader does not

give his food to those under him). Here's the second big tip. Foster authority in your human-dog relationship with line training. Use a choke chain, or better yet a training collar (buy at - TheDogFather.com) with a long lightweight 1/4" nylon rope and begin training your dog through walking. Simply walk your dog, but do not allow him to take slack out of your line. If he starts to pull on your rope, give him a quick snap to get his attention. He will soon learn to not pull on your lead. This simple act fosters respect and obedience in your dog. He quickly learns that you are the commander. If you control your walk, and he is not allowed to pull on the lead, your dog will feel happy and secure. You become the alpha dog parent that he will love, respect, and obey. © 2023 Jody Dyer

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, November 30 HS Scholars' Bowl at South Barber *** JH BB at Norwich	Thursday, December 7 Falcon Classic at Fairfield *** 8:00 Advisory Committee Meeting *** JH BB vs Stafford at HOME
Friday, December 1 HS BB at Minneola	Friday, December 8 Falcon Classic at Fairfield
Sunday, December 3 KAY Princess Party/ Train Party	Saturday, December 9 Santa Day Parade
Monday December 4 USD 332 BOE Meeting	Monday, December 11 JH BB vs Central Christian at HOME
Tuesday, December 5 Falcon Classic at Fairfield	Tuesday, December 12 HS BB vs Argonia at HOME
Wednesday, December 6 Winter Sports pictures	

Toys for Tots Drop Off!

Cozy's Pizza is a Toys for Tots drop off again this holiday season. Visit the Pratt area Toys for Tots website to learn what toys are accepted until December 6th: <https://pratt-ks.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=0&nPreviewInd=0&nRedirectInd=3>

Toys for tots are actually pretty easy to choose, aren't they? But what about those kids who want Christmas as well? Suggestions from the Toys for Tots website: In the past, items purchased for these groups have included, but are not limited to: sporting equipment/bags/balls; books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers.



Angel Tree at NVB!

Want to help more children have a happy holiday? Stop by Ninescah Valley Bank and choose an angel from the angle tree. The purchased gift must be purchased and returned to Citizen's Bank in Kingman by December 8th.

Governor Announces New Path Forward on State License Plate

~Rescinds License Plate Proposal, Will Establish Public Input Process~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that the Kansas Department of Revenue will pause production on the license plate design revealed last Wednesday and create a process to receive public input before selecting a final design.

“I promised to be a bipartisan governor, and I think we can all admit – I succeeded at bringing Kansans across the political aisle together in disliking this new license plate,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “I’ve heard you loud and clear. Elected officials should be responsive to their constituents, which is why we are adjusting the process so Kansans can provide direct input on our state’s next license plate.”

One of the challenges of designing a license plate is meeting the primary reason license plates exist: to be clear and easy to read. Kansans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite design among several that follow guidelines that comply with the needs of law enforcement entities and best practices established by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, including:

License plate numbers will be seven (7) digits.

Any phrase, motto, or slogan must be placed at the bottom of the license plate.

Any graphic must be placed on the right or left side of the license plate number.

Graphics must not resemble letters, numbers, or special characters in a way that would interfere with the ability to read the license plate number.

Background design must not interfere with the ability to read the license plate number.

The license plate must have a light background behind the license plate number, and the license plate number must be black.

The Governor’s Office will share more details on license plate options, the voting process, and how this announcement impacts the transition from embossed to print-on-demand plates soon.

Voted down by Kansans:



“It snowed last year too: I made a snowman and my brother knocked it down and I knocked my brother down and then we had tea.”

— Dylan Thomas, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*

-photo by Molly Morgan

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B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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

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1928

December 7 – Community Day, Tuesday, was a great success from a sand hauling standpoint. The day was not as favorable as it could have been, but nevertheless, over 115 truck loads of sand were hauled and scattered on the streets of the city. Dinner and supper were served to the workers in the M.E. church basement on that day.

Not content with hauling one day, the following day, Wednesday, was also declared another community day and more sand was hauled and scattered on the streets Wednesday than on Tuesday. A total of 264 loads of sand was spread on the streets Wednesday.

Mayor Doty called on us Thursday morning and stated that he wanted to express his gratitude and thanks to everyone who helped with the sand hauling, loading and unloading.

1933

December 1 – The framework of the new Catholic Church is fastly going up this week. The foundation has been completed and the corner stone was laid a week ago last Sunday with an impressive service. We were promised a write-up of the services, but there must have been some misunderstanding, as we never received same. The building is now going up in fine shape and it will not be long before it is completed. Martin Pelzl is the contractor in charge of the building.

1938

December 2 – The basement of the Christian Church was the scene of a merry gathering, Tuesday evening, when about 135 fathers and sons of the community enjoyed their annual get-together and banquet under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Church.

Life's Railway was the theme for the evening's program, with the toasts and songs carrying out the suggestion, and the individual programs bearing the railroad crossing sign.

The program was as follows:

Conductor – Toastmaster, Waldo Shelman

Invocation – F. C. Miles

Steam – Songleader, Rev. Towry.

Ticket Agent – Welcome, Paul DeWeese

Engineer – Father's Talk, Rev. Franklyn Edwards

Fireman – Vocal Solo, "Life's Railway to Heaven,"

Norman Hart

Brakeman – Son's Response, Dale Sheldon

New Butch – Reading, Phillip Fee

Benediction – Rev. Towrey.

A bountiful two-course dinner was prepared by the ladies and served by the young women of the church.

1943

Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1948

December 3 – The second worst blizzard of the season hit this section of the country Saturday afternoon with high winds and snow, causing untold damage to high lines and telephone lines throughout the area from the heavy sleet and ice.

Cunningham and other towns and communities serviced by the Western Light & Telephone Co., Inc. were without electric service from Saturday evening until Monday evening when service was restored, but country telephone lines which were almost completely torn down are still without service, and a great deal of time will have to be spent in restoring service.

Long distance telephone lines were torn down and thus toll service has been at a standstill with only emergency calls being allowed.

Highway traffic was not hindered on U. S. Highway 54 through here, but in sections of Kansas and Oklahoma many highways were closed to travel.

The Cunningham high school Wildcats dropped two games to the Preston Wildcats in the local gym Tuesday night as basketball season opened officially in Cunningham.

1953

December 4 – Plan now to be in Cunningham a week from Saturday to see Santa Claus. A big parade, free show, and free treats to the kiddies have been scheduled by the Cunningham Santa Claus Day Committee.

The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats opened their fifteen-game 1953-1954 basketball season by trouncing the Coats High School Bulldogs, 60

to 45, on the local court, Tuesday night.

Cunningham led at the end of each period by scores of 17-10, 26-23, and 41-33.

Billy DeWeese topped the Cunningham scorers with 19 points; Ronnie Adelhardt made 17 points before fouling out in the final period; and Vic Becker contributed 12 points to the Wildcat scoring attack. Adelhardt grabbed all three departmental honors with seven out of twelve field goal attempts, three out of five free shots, and fourteen rebounds.

The Sacred Heart Parochial School basketball team opened its 1953-1954 season last Friday night on the home court and lost a thrilling 39-38 game to St. Patrick's Parochial School of Kingman. High scorer for the game was Biggs of Kingman, who made 24 points. Bobby Meyers made 18 points for Cunningham. Members of the team include Larry Huslig, Bobby Meyers, Bobby Zrubek, George Baker, Jerry Meyers, Jerome Huslig, Jim Rochell, Billy Freund, and Eddie Meyers.

1958

December 4 – Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Cunningham, Saturday, December 13.

Almost a full day of entertainment has been planned for the youngsters of the community. The day's program will start at 10:00 o'clock in the morning with free rides for the children on a stage coach and a covered wagon. The coach and wagon will come here from Kiddie Land in Wichita.

A big parade will start at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All entries for the parade will register at the grade school building from 1:00 to 1:45 o'clock. There will be seven divisions to the parade this year – floats, horses, bicycles, wagons, tricycles, pets, and doll buggies.

Following the parade, Santa Claus will arrive to pass out treats to the youngsters.

The high school and grade school bands will also march in the parade.

Youngsters may also ride on the fire truck and a new school bus following the parade.

The High School Music Department, under the direction of Music Supervisor Ronald Burgess, will present the program, "Music for Your Enjoyment," Sunday afternoon, December 7, at 3:30 o'clock in the High School Gymnasium.

Cunningham opened the 1958-1958 basketball season with a bang last Friday night, when they defeated Harper, a Southern Kansas League member, 45 to 36 on the local court.

1963

December 5, 1963 – All boys and girls of the community, high school age and under, are urged to begin making plants to enter the big Santa Claus Day parade. Parade divisions are the same this year as in the past – pets, horses, bicycles, dolls and doll buggies, tricycles, wagons, and floats.

The high school basketball team dropped a 62-47 decision to Hazelton in their 1963-1964 basketball season opener at Hazelton Tuesday night.

Cunningham trailed 19-14 at the end of the first period, but picked up and led 32-30 at half-time. The Wildcats fell behind at the end of the third quarter, 45-40.

Fifty-five fouls were called in the game, 29 on Cunningham and 26 on the home team. Hazelton made 70% of their free throw attempts, 32 out of 45, while the Wildcats connected on a little less than half, 15 out of 31.

Jerry Schnitker and Bernie Albers paced the Cunningham scoring with 13 points apiece; Ronald Murphey got 8 points; Elmer Adelhardt 5; Jim Cain 4; Larry Albers and Danny Meyers 3 each; and Bob Witt 1. Dale Ratcliff and Tom Jarmer failed to dent the scoring column. Cunningham outscored Hazelton in field goals, 16 to 15.

1968

December 5, 1968 – The Odd Fellows Lodge will hold a Ham 'n Bean Feed, and the Rebekah Lodge will have a Bazaar in the Lodge Hall, Saturday, Dec. 14, Santa Claus Day. – adv.

The Community YWCA will hold a Bazaar at DeWeese's IGA, Saturday, Dec. 14 (Santa Claus Day), from 9:30 to 3:00 o'clock. There will be gifts, food, candy, and a variety of items. – adv.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Kathleen Pakkebieer

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1978

November 30 – Now open Monday through Saturday. Diana's Beauty Shoppe featuring mens and womens hair styling.

For sale – good used tires 1 pr. G7814 1pr G7814 studded. \$25 per pair. E.E. Witt

Manager for lumber, hardware, and farm supply store; salary plus commission; 5 and one half days a week; store experience preferred.

Several friends gathered at the West Café on Friday to honor Roselyn Thome with a birthday coffee. Those present were the honoree, Mrs. Thome, Josephine Albers, Rose Pelzl, Marie Sterneker, Alice Youngs, Delores Albers, Janet Sterneker and Stephanie, Marie Hellar, Mildred Zrubek, Lucy Rohling, and Mary Lou Osner.

Scripsick Oil Co. of Cunningham reported the theft of about \$1500 worth of checks from their station on Monday, Nov. 27. The checks were in a leather sack with a chain attached and were collected Friday, Nov. 24.

Scripsick said they were there when they opened the station on Monday, and were taken sometime during the day as they were gone at closing time. The theft is being investigated.

On Friday morning, Dec. 1 at 10:40 there will be a lyceum number at the Cunningham High School auditorium. Max Armstrong, magician, will give a program featuring magic, illusion, and comedy.

Anyone who cares to attend is welcome.

Berry Bortz of the Cunningham Wildcats was named to both first team offensive unit (guard) and defensive unit (back) in the Great Golden Plains League. He was the only player to be named on both units. Berry also received honorable mention on the all-state team on both offense and defense.

Berry was well deserving of the honors, especially on defense where he led the Wildcats by being in on 23 tackles per game. Berry is the type of young man who could play in any position and do a good job because of his desire and dedication.

Zenda News: Vicki Bohrer was honored with a bridal shower Thursday evening. The hostesses were Mrs. Kenneth Timmons, Mrs. Neil Fisher, Mrs. Paul Dick, Mrs. Ed Kannigesser, Mrs. Joe Thieme, Mrs. Joe Depenbusch, Mrs. Leonard Dick, Mrs. Fritz Zrubek, and Mrs. Alvin Hammerschmidt.

1983

December 1-I certainly want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits, letters and gifts during my recent stay in the hospital. Alva Hellar

We want to thank the Cunningham Fire Department and our neighbors who helped put out the fire in the shed on Tuesday morning. The Bob Harberts

Thanksgiving evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Golden, Randy and Gayla were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Swander, Shannon and Dustin of Iuka.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and sons, Hays, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell one evening last week.

Since Kansas' first deer season in 1965, the state's deer population has increased dramatically, and so has the number of Kansas deer hunters.

The 1983 firearms deer season opens on Dec. 3, and runs through Dec. 11. In excess of 30,000 applications were received for the 23,000 available resident-only firearms permits. If recent years' trends hold true, about half of the rifle, shotgun, and muzzle loader permittees will be successful in bagging a deer.

The names of 49 University of Kansas students who hold Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall awards for the 1983-84 academic year have been announced.

The awards take the form of special housing arrangement originated by KU and still rare at other universities. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement, character and other merits and are entitled to live in the scholarship residence hall.

The residents share the responsibility for operating the hall, which makes possible significant financial savings. The awards are renewable if the students maintain certain academic standards and fulfill their work assignments.

Scott Mitchell Long is the recipient of the Grace Pearson Scholarship Hall award. A Senior, he is the son of Bob and Helen Long, Cunningham.

School Lunch menu: Monday: Ham and potato casserole, corn, Hot rolls, fruit, milk. Tuesday: Pizza Salad, Fruit, Milk. Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, cabbage, peas, hot rolls, pudding, milk. Thursday: submarine sandwiches, French fries, carrot sticks, cake, milk. Friday: tuna salad, cottage cheese, pork and beans, celery, cookies, milk.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

Arise Early

The Internet says there are 8.1 billion people on earth. That's 8.1 billion different circuses going on in peoples' heads. Most are unaware & only see "what is" & respond to that. Life happens TO them.

A few see what can be & focus on manifesting that. THEY happen to life.

Another chunk are in transition, bouncing between both scenarios. When you're trapped in multiple responsibilities, it's nearly impossible to mentally evolve enough to move from reaction to creation.

Other relentless headwinds are physical exhaustion, human laziness and government & finan-

cial systems that steal your time and purchase power. These keep you away from time alone to think. Rare is the day there is time left over to plan your escape from the mental & physical circus.

This is why it's so important to arise an hour early & give that first hour to you alone.

Read, research, relax, meditate, take a walk, listen to music. Eat dessert first -- before the demands of the day get in your face.

THINK.

Write an escape plan. Chase a desire. Contemplate your creator. Small steps, compounded over time, lead to amazing & uncommon destinations.

Let the rest of the world get your leftovers. Take care of you FIRST.

If you're not enough, you have nothing of value to share with others.

More Than a Yearly Journey

By Jenny Fulton

It was a yearly journey that foreshadowed our future.

With much excitement, the Christmas tree had been assembled and now it was time to arrange the destination. My older sister carefully removed the treasured ornament from its box and moved to place it in a very strategic location on the tree -- a little above the cardboard table on which the tree stood and not so high that neither of us could reach it. Throughout this procedure, I would gaze in awe at the tiny girl swinging in a silver star.

"Can I hold her a little?"

"No, Jenny. She goes right here."

I would sigh and turn away, then begin setting up the small nativity set. It, of course, belonged directly beneath the swinging girl, at the base of the tree.

After these placements met with our satisfaction, we would move downstairs where the main characters of our

story lay waiting. We had a week before Christmas and they still had to meet and build their homes.

With eager purpose we took out our Legos and dumped the contents onto the floor (we never were the kind of girls who liked to play "House" with dolls). Soon, my sister had her Lego, Billy, the instructions for his house, and the necessary Legos sitting in organized piles before her. I had my Lego, umm... temporarily named Tom -- it changed every year -- and a random assortment of Lego pieces.

Throughout that week, Billy and Tom built their houses on various geographical terrain, met and conversed with each other and various other people they would happen to meet. On Christmas morning, they would then decide that something was telling them to make a journey.

While the land outside our house was surrounded by flat wheat fields, the land inside became raging rivers, impossible mountains, wide and dangerous oceans, and dry deserts. For no other reason than a feel-

ing they should go, Billy and Tom would leave their comfortable homes and follow the unknown call. They faced and triumphed over all the obstacles to arrive, finally, at the tree where a girl sat swinging in a silver star.

"Hello," they said in deep, manly voices.

"Hello," responded the girl sweetly.

"What are you doing up there?"

"I'm watching."

"What are you watching?"

"That baby. Do you see him there?"

The men looked, and sure enough, right there in front of them were cows, sheep, donkeys, a man and woman, and a little baby. They stared at the group for awhile and then turned back to the girl.

"Can we come up there with you?"

"Of course."

Billy and Tom carefully climbed the Christmas tree where they would spend the remainder of that Christmas morning -- watching the little baby and listening to the Christmas Story.

Many years have passed since that story

has been enacted. My sister and I have instead been living it out in our own lives. Following the call of the likewise now grown-up baby, we have left our comfortable home in the flatlands of the Midwest and traveled across rivers, mountains, and oceans. Not always sure why He has asked us to go to these places, we have paid heed to the urge, and gone. Between the two of us, we have now spent time traveling and/or living in ten countries outside of the U.S.

This year, as Christmas draws approaches, we make plans to spend it together again -- around the Christmas tree in that small Midwestern town. We will journey across rivers, mountains, oceans, and deserts, coming together in one place to celebrate the birth of the One who continually guides us in ways that surpass the limits of our imagination.

The yearly make-believe journey of two small girls around a Christmas tree has become a life-long following of the One who lay as a baby at the base of that tree.

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

What Does It Take to Move Confidently into New Resolutions?

by Henrietta W. Romman
"May God's blessings surround you each day, As you trust Him and

walk in His way, May His presence within Guard and keep you from sin, Go in peace, go in joy, go in love." This beautiful chorus by Cliff Barrows can be the most wonderful daily incentive for beginning a new week--a new month---or even a

new year. January is commonly known as an outstanding month succeeding the Christmas festivities. In our childlike nature, we view it with some considerable apprehension. "Lord, what will this year hold in store for me" We pray: "If I make different and strange choices as usual, will you not

please be with me, dear Lord?"

Certainly God's reassuring Word says with confirmed proof that He will indeed do that.

At the approach of each New Year, most of us expect that "the resolution bulbs" which we have recently planted in our minds and hearts would start to grow according to our promises to ourselves. We tend to hear the word "resolve" repeated daily. Generally speaking, with a strong determination, the good things can take shape effectively in every person's life.

Let me first encourage and cheer you with this beneficial advice from my personal experience: The most fulfilling, the most joyful and peaceful place to be is in the center of our God's will. This is what we need to do each month of every year. We should determine to settle in the complete will of our heavenly Father.

If so, then may this determination be the sincere focus of many.

God's will may not necessarily appear as the safest place for our life. However, knowing that He is with us makes all the difference in granting us the peace and assurance we need.

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV) says, "When you pass

through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

Beloved Friends, our Lord promises us that as we walk daily depending upon Him, we shall be "waterproof and fireproof Christians". Does He mean that we shall never be harmed? Indeed no! Our Lord promises that He will remain our defense in our greatest difficulties and dangers. God will definitely cover us completely, so that if the body is affected--the spirit remains in God's protective hands and arms.

While we walk through a new resolution, let not fear grip and scare our beings.

I recently read the story in the life of Beverley LaHaye. Her husband Tim decided to take flying lessons. Knowing of his resolution, panic for Tim's presumed dangers ahead, stole her peace completely.

She writes, "As my fear was controlling me, I took my husband's advice, was open with the Lord, and I prayed, letting God know my

dreads. I said, I am ready to change, if YOU Lord would have me do so."

Life is not always calm or pleasant. God gave us spiritual experience of His continuous presence--to strengthen us at such times of hesitating. In our life of faith, we certainly heard this expressed numerous times, "If we have the person of Christ, we have the unshakable kingdom"...Amen

We need never fear the rising storms as we move into any new resolutions. As our heavenly Father brings you to it, He will graciously see you all through it.

May we all be led to trust God implicitly? We shall then be safe, because He is Lord of all. And He knows all things. Amen

May the great joy of this song inspire us all to take any new step blindly.

"Put your hand in the hands of the Man who stilled the waters?"

Put your hand in the hand of the Man who calmed the sea,

Take a look at yourself, and you will look at others differently,

Put your hand in the hand of the Man from Galilee"



Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

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

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

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.

CJH Young Lady Cats vs Chase



Lux Thimesch



Maelyn Jump



Molly Morgan photos

Morgan Oldham



Keyonna Huffman



Andi Young

CJH Wildcats vs Chase



Nathan Ndambuki



Adam Sterneker



Tyler Osner



Brody Bock

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Members of the CJH Cheer Squad

- Kourtni Fischer
- Markley Glenn
- Maelyn Jump
- Raven Koester
- Carly McGuire
- Vaughn Preisser
- Keyonna Huffman
- Lux Thimesch
- Andi Young



Medicare Enrollment Part 2: Before You Select A Plan, Ask Yourself These Questions

Kingman Healthcare Center is not contracting (in-network) with any Medicare Advantage plans in 2024. Multiple factors contribute to this decision, including service denials, prior authorization administrative burden, and payments that do not cover the cost of providing care.

Medicare Advantage benefits/perks can appear appealing. Original Medicare includes Part A, for inpatient hospital and skilled nursing care, and Part B, for doctor services. These plans typically cost about \$165 a month (with the cost deducted from your social security check). Many people pay

extra for Medigap, to cover copays and other out-of-pocket costs, as well as Part D plan for drugs. Medicare Advantage plans (Part C) provide the benefits of Part A, B and often D, usually for about the same amount, with lower copays, so there's no need for Medigap. Some Medicare Advantage plans offer benefits not in Original Medicare, such as fitness classes, groceries, or vision and dental

care. This often sounds good—but review the details closely. Choosing between the two requires careful consideration of your finances and health needs.

Medicare Advantage plans carry hidden risks, especially for people with major health issues. Some people in Medicare Advantage may end up paying unexpectedly high costs when they become ill or find their network lacks the providers they need. Non-contracted Medicare Advantage plans are required by law to reimburse Kingman Healthcare Center as a non-contracted (out-of-network) provider for emergency care. However, if a Medicare Advantage enrollee elects to receive other

non-emergent services at Kingman Healthcare Center, then the enrollee would be responsible for paying the standard Medicare rates.

Medicare Advantage plans may be especially problematic for people in rural areas. A 2021 study found that rural Medicare Advantage plan enrollees were nearly twice as likely to switch back to Original Medicare as those in urban areas.

Ask yourself these questions when choosing a plan:

Is my hospital, clinic, AND physician in-network?

Providers often bill

for services differently. Just because your doctor is in-network, doesn't mean all services you receive at that facility are in-network. The hospital itself accepts all insurances, but higher out-of-pocket costs may result when not in-network. KHC rural health clinics (including both Kingman Healthcare Center Family Clinic & Cunningham Clinic) are not in-network with Medicare Advantage plans. All KHC facilities, providers, and clinics accept and are in-network with Original Medicare. Make sure the individual healthcare providers you know and trust are in the network you are considering.

Am I enrolling in a supplement or replacement?

There is confusion surrounding different types of Medicare plans. If you're looking for a supplemental plan (Medigap or Part D), make sure you are not enrolling in a replacement plan (Part C). Medicare Advantage plans (Part C) cancel and replace Original Medicare.

More questions to consider:

- Do I qualify for payment assistance or have access to other coverage such as Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Low Income Subsidy, or Medigap plans?
- Am I comfortable with my care choices

being directed by my insurance company over the advice of my physician? How do I feel about a Medicare Advantage plan challenging my physician's determination that the care I need is reasonable and necessary?

• Do I travel outside my general home area?

• What medications do I take?

• How important are limits on my annual maximum out-of-pocket costs?

• What is the value of coverage for dental, hearing, and health club memberships?

• What is the value of staying with Original Medicare knowing the services they cover versus annual monitoring for changes to networks and coverage requirements?

• Will I be more likely to seek medical care if it is:

- Easily accessible and almost all physicians and facilities are available?

- Convenient and coverage is available for care in most geographic areas?

- Lower cost?

Call the insurance company directly and ask questions:

- If I need to see an out-of-network physician, will the plan cover my visits? Will I pay more out-of-pocket for an out-of-network provider or facility?

• What is the service area for this insurance plan, and how far may I need to travel to find an in-network specialist or facility for specialized care?

• Does my physician need approval from the plan to admit me to a hospital?

• Do I need approval from my physician to see a specialist?

• Are there higher copays and deductibles for certain types of care, such as hospital stays, home health care, and rehabilitation care?

• Does the plan cover any services that Original Medicare does not? Are there rules, policies, or restrictions that I need to be aware of before accessing these benefits?

• Does the plan impose any coverage restrictions on prescription drugs? Can we go through my current prescriptions to determine if they are on the insurance plan's formulary?

• How much will I have to pay for brand-name drugs?

• Will I be able to use my local pharmacy?

• Will the insurance plan cover me when I travel out of state?

• Does the plan cover skilled nursing care after hospitalization, and what rules, policies, or restrictions should I be aware of?

If you are already

enrolled in Medicare Advantage and would like to switch plans, there's an annual window: January 1 to March 31. During this period, you're allowed to do one of these things if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan:

• Switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan

• Drop it and go back to Original Medicare, and join a Medicare drug plan (also known as Part D).

If you need assistance evaluating your options, help is available locally with certified Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) health counselors. Melinda Hageman, Social Worker at KHC, is SHICK certified and happy to discuss options with you. SHICK counselors are also available through the area Council on Aging.

Editorial Notes: Preston Sauers has been serving as CEO of Kingman Healthcare Center since 2021. Prior to being named CEO, he was the CFO at another Kansas Critical Access Hospital and then the Director of Business Operations. Given his extensive background in the revenue cycle, Sauers is an expert in healthcare finance.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 19

Traffic Stop 8
 Non-Injury Accident W D Ave & N Douglas St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 300 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham

Monday, November 20

Traffic Stop 3
 Disabled Vehicle 12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
 Injury-Accident 15000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Non-Injury Accident W Hwy 54 & NW 50 Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, November 21

Traffic Stop 3
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident E Hwy 2 & E Hwy 42, Norwich
 Transport Prisoner 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Parking Complaint 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
 Traffic - DUI Arrest 4000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Abandoned Vehicle NE 20 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 9000 Blk NE 30 St, Murdock

Wednesday, November 22

Traffic Stop 1
 Miscellaneous 16000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich

Thursday, November 23

Traffic Stop 3
 911 Accidental Dial 14000 Blk SE 10 Ave, Rago
 Fire / Vehicle 13000 Blk SE 170 Ave, Norwich
 911 Accidental Dial 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, November 24

Traffic Stop 3
 Traffic Complaint W D Ave & N Main St, Kingman
 Pursuit N Hwy 11 & NW 50 St, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 4500 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Welfare Check 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney

Saturday, November 25

Animal Complaint 4000 Blk SE 70 St, Kingman
 Injury Accident 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Non-Injury Accident 1500 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk S Main St, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Suspicious Vehicle 17000 Blk SW 150 Ave, Nashville
 Traffic Complaint NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Pretty Prairie
 Non-Injury Accident SE 160 St S Hwy 54, Rago
 Miscellaneous N Marquette St & E D Ave, Kingman
 Fire / Structure 400 Blk N Marquette, Kingman



Christmas Parade

4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
4:45 pm at Dafforn Park

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
11 AM - 5:30 PM

10 am - 4 pm Craft Vendors - Downtown
11 am - 1 pm Soup & Desserts - Community Center
1 pm Parade Line Up - 4th St
1:15 pm Parade Judging
1:30 pm Parade Starts
2 pm - 3 pm Photos w/ Santa - Dafforn Park
5:30 pm Movie - East of Bank

THE CUNNINGHAM MUSEUM
PRESENTS:
A Christmas Movie Night

JOIN US FOR AN OUTDOOR PRODUCTION FEATURING:
"The Christmas Chronicles"

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
WHERE: OPEN LOT EAST OF BANK BUILDING
ADMISSION: FREE!!
CONCESSIONS OPEN @ 5:00 PM
MOVIE BEGINS @ 5:30 PM

*FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CONCESSIONS AND ENTRY!
*ONLY GOLF CARTS ALLOWED IN LOT!
*PLEASE BRING CHAIRS AND BLANKETS.
*PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SIDE-STREETS AND ON MAIN STREET.
*EVENT IS WEATHER PERMITTING AND TENTATIVE TO RELOCATION IF NECESSARY.

Cunningham Santa Claus Day Parade NEW Information

NEW Combined Parade Entry Categories:

- 1 Battery Cars, Wagons, Tricycles
- 2 Costumes, Pets, Walking Entries
- 3 Wheels: scooters, skate/hoverboards, rollerblades, bicycles
4. Motorized Vehicles: golf carts, ATV- must be single-rider only (4 wheeler/dirt bike) UTV (gator, side-by-side, etc.)
- 5 Floats
- 6 Other: motorcycles, vintage cars, tractors, fire/EMS, large equipment
- 7 Horses

Anyone can join the parade, however,

ONLY decorated entries, age 18 and under in categories 1 - 4, as well as ANY entry in the float category will be eligible to be judged for prize money.

There will be 3 placings per category. Participants can be any age but must include an under 18 youth riding to be judged.

Prizes: Categories 1 - 4
1st place \$10.00;
2nd place \$8.00 3rd place \$6.00
Float prizes: 1st place \$75.00
2nd place \$50.00 3rd place \$25.00
Drivers in categories 1 - 4 must have

a legally licensed driver age 15 or older
Candy may be tossed by any entry ON FOOT or in line in front of the floats

For parade questions please contact:
Tim & Barbara Schultz at 620-318-6022
Jerree FitzSimmons at 620-243-4176
MaKala FitzSimmons at 620-388-5202

PLEASE remove vehicles off of 4th Street in front of the Cunningham Schools by 12:30 for parade lineup. PLEASE remove vehicles from the 100 block of Main Street by 1:00 p.m.,

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast

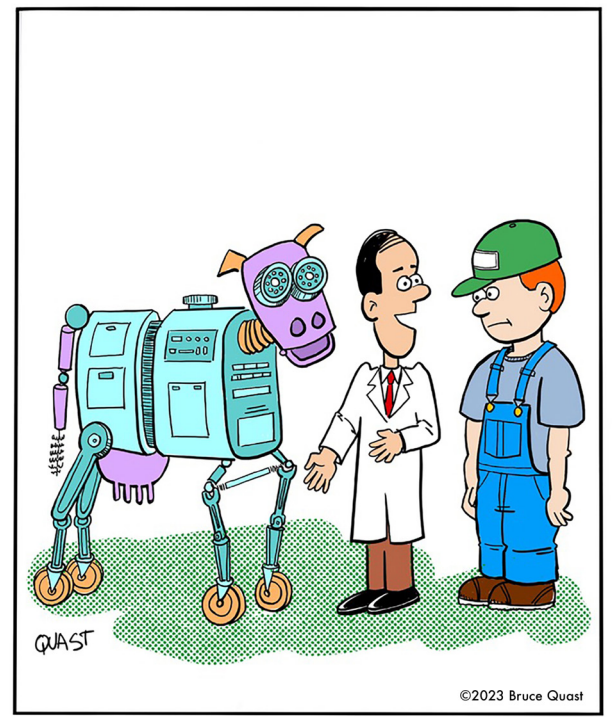


Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"I'm tired of this."

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"...and it gives non-dairy creamer!"

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

Nina

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Domestic Shorthair
About 6 pounds
1 year +
\$50.00
Nina has been at the shelter since November 1, 2022 (over a year now)

Mia

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Beagle / Retriever, Labrador
About 50 pounds
2 years +
\$180.00
Mia has been at the shelter since October 15, 2023
She is good with other dogs and people friendly.
We think Mia would make a great police dog...she certainly made several good friends while she was at the Harper Police Department! This little wiggly butt loves everyone!



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.
1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Donations Needed for Kingman Humane Society

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

13-gal. kitchen trash bags	bleach
dry cat and kitten food	liquid laundry detergent
clumping cat litter	poop bag rolls
canned dog food	disposable gloves (large)
Purina Puppy Chow	The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
long-lasting chews	Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets	
paper towels	

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. November 20, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Shelby Snyder, Chamber of Commerce Director; Janice Smith, Chamber of Commerce; Fred Foley and Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier.

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session for Attorney-Client privilege.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an Attorney-Client Executive session. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment. Larry Landwehr said "Thanks for the rain".

Fred Foley was in for wind farm support.

The minutes were submitted for the November 14th, 2023, City/School General Election Canvass for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the November 14th, 2023, Canvass minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The minutes were submitted for the November 14th, 2023, Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner

Thimesch moved to approve the November 14th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in for his performance review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:56 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:12 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings,

and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:30 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:40 a.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the memorandum of agreement for Flat Ridge 4 & 5 Wind, LLC. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit: Jason Osner-Water line crossing between section 9 & 16, Township 27, Range 10 (Dresden).

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf and Steve Bachenberg via phone the following:

Liquidated damages on the FLAP project.

Safety improvements FAS 2025 (SW 80 St) .5 mile west of SW 90 Ave Traffic control at the intersection of NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave (Midway).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Cost Share Program awards to be announced on November 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the Commissioners the fence removal at the south side of the Rodeo grounds.

Shelby Snyder, Chamber of Commerce Director & Janice Smith were in to request a donation towards the EPIC grant they are applying for.

Commissioners let Ms. Snyder and Ms. Smith know that they will consider a donation after the rest of the businesses have submitted their donations.

LaDawn Stegman,

Financial Officer was in to report on correspondence with the City of Kingman on EMS numbers.

Commissioners discussed the 2024 invoice for dues received from SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) in the amount of \$1269.90. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to continue with SCKEDD membership for 2024 in the amount of \$1269.90. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of contracting window cleaning and decided to put it on hold for now.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming KAC meeting that will be held in Wichita, December 5th through the 7th.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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 - Money in Myanmar
 - Photoshop maker
 - *Result of multiplication
 - *Whole number
 - *Say 2+2 is 5, e.g.
 - Arctic floater
 - Dashboard acronym
 - Fountain serving
 - Spanky or Alfalfa
 - Short for "hurry up"
 - Live bait
 - Turn upside down
 - Cassette contents
 - Retire from military, for short
 - Jason's vessel
 - Sicker
 - "Sight for ___ eyes"
 - Puppy cry
 - Denver option, at a diner
 - Apartment
 - Green turtle's domain
 - Final
 - Personal trainer's place of employment
 - *Venn ___
 - *Point in 2.5
 - Barrel racing meet
 - Gobbled up
 - On the rocks (2 words)

- *Fields Medal to a mathematician, e.g.
 - Sports official, for short
 - 8 of something
 - Like Gulf Stream
 - Big bang maker
 - Required things
- DOWN
- "I lift my ___ beside the golden door"
 - Petri dish gel
 - Carpenter's groove
 - Dodge, as in tax bill
 - Takes exception to
 - Native Egyptian, in Roman times
 - *Line with one endpoint
 - Path in the woods
 - Left or right, e.g.
 - Awestruck
 - *Three-dimensional figure with 6 square faces
 - Palm reader, e.g.
 - Cake with filling
 - Three people?
 - Neither here ___ there
 - Subcontract (2 words)
 - *1:2, e.g.
 - Sacred song
 - Canada's favorite tree?
 - "Nobody ___ It Better"
 - Fix a cat
 - First discovered asteroid
 - *Measured in degrees
 - Parkinson's disease drug
 - Banana remnant
 - Between dawn and noon

- Brown shade
- Retread, past tense
- Non-alcoholic brew
- Rockefeller or Bezos
- Like today's phone
- Kind of pie
- No-win situation
- Wisconsin neighbor
- Jewish month of Purim
- Disease-causing organism
- Clever
- Indoor allergy cause
- Crushed it, as in a test
- "___ Make a Deal"
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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported representative Kyle Hoffman will be at PCC December 11 at 10:30 at PCC and would like the commissioners to attend the meeting. She is working with the fair board on funding the proposed pavilion. She is working on a PDAC application, that would put a business back in business. The ambulance transport van was put out to bid last week. Department of Commerce reported statewide unemployment numbers are 2.5% for Pratt County.

The governor attended the state water conference discussing water issues. There is dedicated money for the Quivira Impairment. There is \$35 million dedicated to buying out water rights and improving water technology. Audubon has asked for their lawsuit to be stayed until the state has reached some compromises. The Highway 54 support letter was sent in. She stated there should

be an announcement in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:07 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss employees. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:18 with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve raises for Kinzie Milburn at .50 and Sherry Vierthaler at .50 with the Health Department for additional responsibilities. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, reported he would like to put two older trucks on Purple Wave. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the selling of two trucks on Purple Wave. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ramona Truhlar, RSVP driver, stated there is some issues with a driver. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:22 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning a bus driver. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return at 2:35 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams

made a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2023, city/school election canvass held, November 20, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented questionnaires from EMC Insurance for the courthouse and the old PRRC building. It was suggested they get in contact with the hospital board for the old PRRC building. It was suggested to contact Integreen for assistance on the Courthouse questionnaire. Clerk Voss will contact for assistance.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:42 p.m. for attorney client matter concerning county policies. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers from November 20, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:56 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Case No. 2023 PR 25
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You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 12, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Brandon T. Ritcha, #25768
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Attorney for Petitioners

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He was born December 22, 1931 to Roy and Mable (Mow) Huffman in Cunningham, KS. Bill married JoAnn Fort in Rogers, AR on May 31, 1959, and they had two children.

Bill graduated from Cunningham High School, Pratt (KS) Junior College, and then the University of Kansas. After earning his bachelors, he worked in Hutchinson, KS with an accounting firm before becoming a CPA and partner in the Hampton-Huffman Accounting Firm in Pratt. He established KWNS (Kansas Weather, News, and Sports) radio station in Pratt. He was also an accountant for the Swinson Motor Company in Pratt.

Bill decided to return to the University of Kansas where he received his MBA and doctorate in accounting. After graduation he taught at Washburn University followed by Pittsburg State University where he was an associate professor in the Accounting Department and was recognized as an outstanding teacher. He also served 20+ years in the Kansas National Guard and Army Reserve, retiring as a major.

While teaching at Pittsburg State, Dr. Huffman was active in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. He served in several capacities, including District Coordinator and Kansas Training Specialist for AARP Tax-Aide. Dr. Huffman was also treasurer for the Homer Cole Senior Center in Pittsburg for several years and served on the Supervisory Committee for Kansas Teachers Community Credit Union. Bill was a member of Kiwanis for many years. He was always active in church, serving in various positions including elder, chairman of the board, and treasurer. In addition, he taught Sunday school for many years.

His survivors are his wife of the home, a daughter Dr. Cynthia Huffman, a son Dr. William (Christy) Huffman, two grandsons - Christopher (Lauren) Huffman and Andrew Huffman, two great granddaughters - Elise, Josie, and an expected great grandson, along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Elmo, Delmer, Dale, and Bob, and sister Velda.

A Memorial service was held on Wednesday (Nov. 29) at the First United Methodist Church in Pittsburg with Rev. Pastor "Jin" Hyunjin Cho officiating with Rev. Mark Chambers assisting. The family suggests memorials be given to the First United Methodist Church. These may be left at the service or mailed to Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. 4th St., Pittsburg. Friends may also leave condolences online at www.brenner-mortuary.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Brenner Mortuary.



Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in December on the following dates:

- Cunningham- Wednesday, December 6th from 9:30 am-12:00 pm
- Nashville- Wednesday, December 6th from 1:30 pm- 4:00 pm
- Norwich- Thursday, December 7th from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

We will have flu shots available at the outreach clinics.

Friendship meals free blood pressure checks at the senior center- Wednesday, December 13th from 11:00am-12:00pm

A Note of Thanks



A sincere thank you to Brandon McNerny for plowing the snow off my driveway this last weekend.
-the editor-

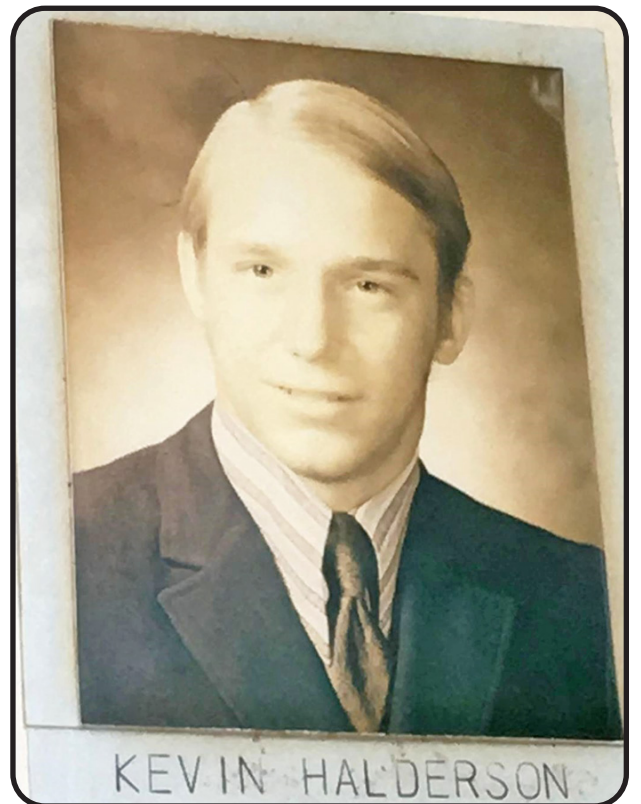
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A BIG thank you to whoever cleaned the snow off my driveway after the storm this weekend. Please let me know who you are so I can properly thank you!
-Dane Huhman



Look who's turning 70!



Please join us for a come and go reception Sunday, December 10th, from 6:00-8:00 at the Cunningham Community Center. No presents please.

SCTelcom Named Regional Provider of the Year during the Inaugural US Broadband Summit

SCTelcom, was named Regional Provider of the Year at the recent U.S. Broadband Summit held November 15-17 in Washington D.C. SCTelcom is based in Medicine Lodge, KS but has satellite offices in Anthony, KS and Kiowa, KS. There were three other finalists in this category representing various other states. SCTelcom was chosen based on effectiveness, technical innovation, financial & community impact, individual efforts in driving broadband investment and true innovation in addressing the digital divide.

SCTelcom has been providing internet services in South Central

Kansas and Northern Oklahoma since the early 2000's. SCTelcom was originally South Central Telephone which was started in 1953 as a cooperative. Today, SCTelcom offers fiber broadband services in Barber, Harper, Kingman, Pratt and Reno counties with a team of 35 employees who live and work in the counties they serve.

"This is a tremendous honor for SCTelcom." Said SCTelcom CEO, Carla Shearer, "It's a tes-

tament to our employees who are dedicated to providing fast, reliable internet to their friends, family and communities."

This was the first ever National broadband summit held in the United States to bring together federal and state representatives with the wider broadband industry. Those attending were challenged with discussing the future of broadband in the United States, how to bridge the growing digital divide, and the need to bring connectiv-

ity to everyone no matter where they live or their income level.

For more information on the award and SCTelcom, please contact Wendy Crenner, Marketing Director for SCTelcom at 877-723-6875 or email wcrenner@scotelcom.com or Shelly Hansel, Public and Government Relations Director at 620-440-0941 or shansel@scotelcom.com.



SCTelcom CEO, Carla Shearer, accepting the award at the Summit.

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