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Cunningham Santa Claus Day is December 14, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Craft Fair at Cunningham Gym
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa at Cunningham Gym
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soup and Desserts at Community Center
- 12:30 p.m. Parade Registration at USD 332 Office Sidewalk
- 1:00 p.m. Parade Line-up on 4th Street in front of school
- 1:15 p.m. Parade Judging
- 1:15 p.m. Parade Begins



Library Receives Grants for Technology Updates



Cunningham Public Library is thrilled to have received a \$1000.00 Community Grant from South Central Community Foundation (SCCF). The library used the SCCF Community Grant along with an Automation Grant and a General Technology Grant from South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) to purchase two new computers--a Dell Desktop for the patron computer station and a laptop dedicated to the library's catalog and other online services.

Providing equitable access to technology is a vital function of public libraries. Being able visit the library six days a week to perform important tasks such as banking, conducting research, printing documents, completing homework, staying in touch with family and friends, e.g., makes a big difference in people's everyday lives. Replacing the library's computers on a rotating schedule every four years, keeps them

serviceable, which not only helps ensure uninterrupted service, it helps reduce administrative costs allowing more of the budget to go toward the collection and programming.

Cunningham Public Library is very grateful to SCCF and to SCKLS. These grant funds have substantially impacted the library's ability to continue providing important technology services in the Cunningham area.

For more information on South Central Community Foundation and their annual grant cycle, please visit their website at scfks.org. To learn more about South Central Kansas Library System grants and services please visit <https://www.sckls.info/>.

submitted by Kerri Steffen

(pictured in the photo is Hannah Brummer, SCCF Program Manager, and Kerri Steffen

Minutes from the Kingman County Commissioners Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. November 25, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Pat Elpers, Commissioner Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyalt; Larry Landwehr

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Caller 04; Caller 05; User 1; viewer; Appraiser Office; iphone; Heather Kinsler

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote 3-0.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in with the following building permits:

Trent & Janet Viner for a shed in Section 14, Township 28, Range 05W.

Emeny & Jennifer Westerman for a garage in Section 36, Township 30, Range 01W.

Steven & Tammy Cox for a Patio in Section 22, Township 27, Range 05W.

Trade Loop Properties for a Cattle shed in Section 11, Township 27, Range 09W.

Gary Hess for a shed in Section 13, Township 27, Range 06W.

Gary Voth for a shed in Section 27, Township 28, Range 06W.

Mike Loreq for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W.

Debra Alderman for a garage in Section 7, Township 29, Range 06W.

Cole Center for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W.

Andrew Wamer for a storage shed in Section 17, Township 30, Range 05W.

Bradley Langrehr for a storage shed in Section 8, Township 27, Range 07W.

Ms. Stucky presented information to the Commissioners from Oleg Alba, Nextera requesting on changing the height of the Kingman Wind Energy

I & II.

Commissioners discussed that they don't want to allow the change of height on existing turbines. Ms. Stucky discussed that Mr. Alba thought that changes would not be made until 2026.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director were in to review bond information with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed all the projects that have been accomplished with the bonds received and the money the county has saved.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit from the following:

SC Telcom to lay cable between Sections 4 & 5, Township 27, Range 1 OW (Dresden).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the Public Works October financial report to County Commissioners to review. Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP program striping issues with the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Elpers made a motion to go into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director 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 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of 3-0. Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS Director was in to update the Commissioners on the news release in the paper about a grant that they received for three years. They will be working with Patterson Health Center to start helping people in their homes.

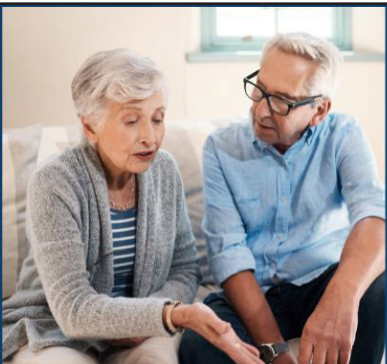
Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know that they have an EMT class coming up in January or February with seven people interested in attending the class.

Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know that they held a fundraiser event and raised around \$12,000.00.

Ms. Stucky was in to go over a permit that was received from Nextera when Kingman Wind Energy I was originally installed.

Sheriff Brent Wood and Heather Kinsler, Dispatch Coordinator were in with a quote received from FirstWireless, (continued on page 6)

KNOW THE FACTS

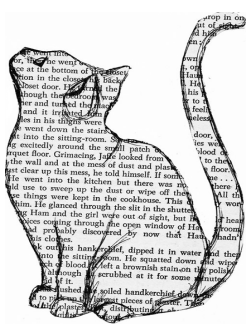


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IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

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Meanderings

Heads up! While putting this paper together Tuesday, I was very tired, or maybe just very sleepy. I kept nodding off. I'd wake up and my hands would be resting on my keyboard and all sorts of nonsense showed up in this paper. I think I was able to catch it all and correct it, but just because

I think that, doesn't mean it happened. If there are errors, just put it down to a sleepy editor.

I'm not sleeping well at night without my Eleanor. The house is incredibly quiet without the old girl. The silence is a buzz in my head, not very sleep-inducing.

I miss that ever-so-quiet purr and the warm soft fur under my chin and across my cheek as I drifted off to sleep. Now I find myself, not drifting, but riding in a raft as it hits the rapids. Sleep is elusive.

I woke up one night at about 2:00, only about 1/2 an hour into my night.

Barney had decided to snuggle up next to me, his chainsaw purr is what woke me. "Thanks, Barney, a soft little whisper purr is what puts me to sleep, your log-splitting machine noise, is not conducive to sleep." An hour later, still unable to sleep, I just decided to get up and work on cards.

I ran out of coffee beans this weekend, and I was too lazy to head to the store. I found a couple of tea bags in the cabinet, and decided hot tea would be my drink of 'choice.' For whatever reason, I prefer my hot tea sweetened. Cold tea is fine without sweetener, but

hot tea really needs a bit of sweetness.

However, I've been trying to watch my sugar intake. I also don't partake of artificial sweeteners. I dug around in the cabinet and found some honey. I don't use honey often. I really couldn't say why. The taste is alright, delicious is locally sourced, store bought not quite so good. I brewed my tea, opened the honey jar and remembered why I don't use it often. There is some serious stickiness that comes with honey. I've felt-sticky for days. My kitchen feels sticky as well, no matter how much I wipe down the counters.

But I wanted hot tea, I had honey, and beggars can't be too choosy. Enjoyed the tea and now I am out of tea bags and almost out of honey, but I did purchase coffee beans on Monday, so it is back to coffee. Black. No cream. No sugar. Honey on the grocery list. Maybe I'll find some at one of the craft fairs this month.

Reminder! Craft fairs: Saturday, December 7th at the Kingman Elementary Gym 8:00 to 1:00. Sunday, December 8th at Ye Olde General Store in Norwich 1:00 to 5:00. Saturday, December

14th at the Cunningham Gymnasium 8:00 to 1:00. Come out and see me, buy from local vendors. Keep our spending dollars local, supporting our small communities.

I do have many, many cards to make for these events. I will also be selling decorative gift-ing plates. Nice items for gifting to someone(s) with cookies or other yummys on them.

Always reading, but between books (again) because I'm trying to get ready for all these craft shows,

Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Everybody knows about Spring Cleaning, especially here in Kansas. It is a time when we open the windows and dust and mop and scrub and wash away all the residue. Winter has befallen us for months and months, when all the windows were shut and our doors were closed and we just have to live with it. There may be a few days dur-

ing these Winter months when we open our homes to the air and let that cold breeze wash away the dust and dankness. But those days are few and far between. It is not even officially Winter yet and I am feeling that despair when I can't keep my house Summer Fresh. But I try.

Here at the farm it is time for Fall Cleaning. We all do this in preparation for the bone-chilling cold we know is coming. We swap out furnace filters. We roll up hoses that just weeks ago were pliant and now feel like

coils of steel. We garage or cover our BBQ Grills and smokers. We take in all the garden pots we know will freeze and those we hope will not. The hearty of us still rototill and plant summer plots of garlic, and other Winter flourishing plants, which we know will burst to life in June. These are rituals both beloved and cursed. It is not so much the outside things I do here on the homestead that worry me. It is the inside things. Because during the heavy shade of Spring, Summer and Fall, little sunlight actu-

ally shines into the house. But when Winter comes that sun is brutally unyielding. It is a reminder of all the things I missed. It blasts in at dawn and stays all darn day. That sun will remind you of what a bad housekeeper you have been.

Think your windows are clean? One ray of the sun will tell you otherwise. Think your TV and computer screens are clean? Think again. Look at your microwave. That will appall you! That sun does not lie. Every time you think you have a clean home, just let

the sun shine in. It will highlight every speck of dust and dirt in your existence. It will humble you. So, Dear Readers, I bust my butt cleaning all the things the sun has shown me were dirty. And I did somewhat succeed in this. I scrubbed and waxed and wiped and mopped, and, heck—all of it.

But then, at the end of my cleansing frenzy, I saw one thing that dropped my jaw and my heart. That was the ceiling. It is a stucco ceiling. Whoever invented the stucco ceiling should be

shot. Whoever invented the stucco ceiling should not only be shot, but shot again. It is a misery of architecture. It is a bad idea. It collects dust, like Pig Pen from Charlie Brown and can't be cleansed without outside help. It is virtually uncleanable. Maybe, just maybe a firehose will do. Then, after you got a whole new mess to clean up.

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



Elders who grew up here too
Have got great stories to tell,
Of how things were
In times less sure.
Just listen for a spell.

Thirteen years, from K through 12,
Same kids together grow.
Along the way,
And still today,
Not one that you don't know.

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Know your audience and write for them
By David L. Harrison

Hi everyone. I'm David L. Harrison, your host on the weekly column, Poetry from Daily Life. Today it is my pleasure to write the column. I'm known as a children's poet and author, so that's what I'll talk about.

Writing for Children

A poet respects his audience. Writing poetry for young people is not for everyone. In addition to learning how to apply the traditional tools of the poet's trade, one must understand the audience, and the audience changes constantly from year to year. A third grader is nothing like what he/she was two years ago or will be next year. At no age does anyone appreciate condescension, and kids who don't know the word "trite," can feel it in what they read or have read to them.

A children's poet knows that two of the main differences between a child of 10 and an adult are vocabulary and experience. A fourth grader is interested in many of the same subjects that we are — love, loss, family, fear, friendship ... The challenge is to serve up topics that our young audiences care about, much the way we might talk if we were sitting together, yet manage to frame our language with poetic appeal. Even if a young reader can't identify the form of the poem,

variety, freshness, and surprising language are appreciated by readers of any age. Children, even young ones, are no exception. A poet respects his audience. Here are some published examples.

(When you're young enough to have a baby in the house)

Baby Stuff

- Diapers in the bathtub
- Stroller in the hall
- Highchair in the kitchen
- Spinach on the wall
- Drool on the tables
- Crackers on the floor
- Playpen by the sofa
- Gate across the door
- Cookies in the cushions
- Bottles on the chairs
- Teething rings and rattles
- And ointment everywhere
- Jars of yucky peaches
- You wouldn't want to touch
- Jammies, booties, blankets
- A hundred times too much
- Every seat is sticky
- I recommend you stand
- The baby stuff at our house
- Is totally out of hand.

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(When you're old enough to have to practice)

Practice

- Since Mama bought this stupid horn
- I hate the day that I was born
- 'Cause nothing makes me more forlorn
- Than practice practice practice.

Other guys are playing ball
But Mama doesn't care at all,
She's going to drive me up the wall
With practice practice practice!

I deserve to go to jail
For murdering this B flat scale
And sounding like a dying whale
From practice practice practice.

I tried to tell her I'm not bright
So I could practice half the night
Forever and not get it right,
Why practice practice practice?

But nothing helps, not even tears,

I'm doomed to play this horn for years
With Mama yelling in my ears,
PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE!
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(First year in middle school)

Hey

At lunch today I see Billy.
"Hey," we say.
"How's it going?"
We don't stop to say more.
Can't think of anything.

From third grade on
we were best friends,
sleeping over
at each other's house.

Rode horses,
teased his sister ...
I think of the night
we laughed so hard
he fell out of bed.

Now he's in homeroom 106.
I'm in 107.
And all we can say,
when we meet at lunch is,
"Hey, how's it going?"

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Some Things You Don't See Coming

Something happened over summer —
girls are looking different now.
Hard to say exactly how,
but other guys have noticed too.
Seems like all we ever do
is sneak looks at girls.

Makeup maybe?
Clothes?
Perfume?
How they walk across the room?
Can't explain, I only know
(haven't told another soul)
I think I'm liking girls.

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Know your audience. Play with your audience. Respect your audience.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, December 5 JH BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME	Monday, December 16 K-12 Health screenings ***
Friday, December 6 HS BB vs Minneola at HOME	PK - 12 Christmas Music Program
Monday, December 9 BOE Meeting	Tuesday, December 17 HS BB at Argonia
Tuesday, December 10 Scholars Bowl at St. John *** BOE Meeting	Wednesday, December 18 NHS Blood Drive *** 6:00 332 Shop Guild
Thursday, December 12 HS BB - Falcon Classic *** JH BB vs Norwich at HOME	Thursday, December 19 JH BB at Stafford
Friday, December 13 HS BB - Falcon Classic *** FFA Beef Expo	Friday, December 20 End of 2nd Quarter: School dismiss at 11:30 ** HS Girls BB vs Chaparral at HOME

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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Thank you for advertising with The Courier

Zenda Parade Day is December 7th
Lunch served from 11:00 - 2:00 .
Bake, and craft sale.
Parade judging at 1:00
Parade at 1:30.
Santa for the Kids.



Holiday Open House at NINNESCAH VALLEY BANK Friday, December 13th
9:00 - 12:00
1:00 - 3:00
We hope to see you there!



School Board Will Meet Tuesday Evening
AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
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 13, 2024, regular meeting (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
Reports
Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger
Principal Report-Mr. Dunlap
Special Education Report – Bjorn Halderson
Old business
Strategic plan next steps
Executive Session- Non-elected personnel
New Business
Review Policy updates
Approve position (AI)
Superintendent Contract extension (AI)
Adjournment

Parade Information for December 14th
All vehicles must be removed from the 1st block of Main Street by 1:00 p.m.
Remove cars off 4th street in front of the schools by 12:30 so the parade entries can line up.
Anyone can join the parade, however, ONLY decorated entries, age 18 and under in categories 1 through 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.***
Category 1: Battery Cars, Wagons, Tricycles
Category 2: Costumes, Pets, Walking Entries
Category 3: Wheels: scooters, skate/hover boards, rollerblades, bicycles
***Category 4: Motorized Vehicles: golf carts, ATV - MUST BE SINGLE RIDER ONLY (4-wheeler/dirt bike), UTV (gator, side-by-side, etc.)
***Category 5: Floats
***Category 6: Other: motorcycles, vintage cars, tractors, fire/EMS, large equipment
Category 7: Horses
***Drivers in categories 4, 5, and 6 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.

Prizes: Categories 1 - 4
1st Place \$10.00
2nd Place \$8.00
3rd Place \$6.00
Float Prize
1st Place \$75.00
2nd Place \$50.00
3rd Place \$25.00
For Parade Questions please contact Jerree Fitzsimmons at 620-243-4176

Upcoming Auctions
General Consignment Auction,
Saturday, December 7,
9:30 a.m. at the Auction Center

Coin Auction,
Saturday, December 14, 2024 -
Hamm Auction Center 9:30am
For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com
107 NE State Road 61,
Pratt, Kansas, 67124
620-672-6996



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

We ALWAYS need photos for the paper!!

Kingman Historic Theatre
Saturday, December 7
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
(Jim Carrey version)
Rated PG
One ticket per person. No outside blankets, food, drink, toys or strollers!

Christmas Lighting Contest
will be held on Sunday, December 15th.
Please have your lights on by 6:00 p.m. to be in the judging.



"It's harder to talk about, but what I really, really, really want for Christmas is just this: I want to be 5 years old again for an hour. I want to laugh a lot and cry a lot. I want to be picked or rocked to sleep in someone's arms, and carried up to be just one more time. I know what I really want for Christmas: I want my childhood back. People who think good thoughts give good gifts."
— Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

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:
Friday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30
December 6 and 8
Moana 2
Rated PG
Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

You Really Think You Left Me Behind?

By Avigail David
You embark on a get away, an escapee.

Take to your heels, beat a hasty flee
To other direction from My instruction,
"Where's your mind run off to, hey?"

Yesterday, I said to you, "Set out to Nineveh, tell them I won't destroy them if they say "Never"—

to their wicked ways, and come to Me for grace.

Now, go forth and light those gates as you enter."

You make a dash—hit to turn tail scuttle.

You knew better than to take the side road-trouble.

Afraid of My power That I'd show favour, and avert pending doom as they turn away from evil.

What you did instead, set off cast ashore?

abandoned your mission ahead off course?
Deserted.

Boarded a ship, shirked and ran away from Me in full force?

A raging storm engulfed the ship
Angry sea wouldn't leave you be.

I plunged you into the whale's belly, handed you over to the fish that obeyed Me.

You and I really have never left each other's sight.

You think you did and the whale knew your fight—

with Me, you see?
Now you're caved in—you hear yourself and see why?

To leave you—not—and who comes to Me in faith,

kindness and compassion are to whom who wait.

Come to Me
Learn from Me;
though troubles beset

you, My Presence is a prayer away.

Though fear rages and seems to linger

Like roaring waves of shame and guilt, they pester.

Tell Fear, "Scram!"
Tell Shame, "Get lost!"

I'm One true God, your King bestows you power.

Embrace your journey with meaning and purpose in life,

Love. Hope. Faith in Me stays close by.

Abide by Me, bid doubts to flee!

I will order your plans, guide you every step of the way.

From this day forward, I will let your story be told

To let your spark and light shine like pure gold.

My Word moves, Truth reproves,

Whenever joy languishes in the sea of lies, you're with Me — you're not alone.

(True story of my life)

HOSTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BENEFIT FOR SHERRI AHLBERG

DECEMBER 7, 6-11 PM

WILLOWDALE HALL

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DINNER, LIVE MUSIC BY TIME REBELLION, & SILENT AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE BENEFIT ARE TO SUPPORT THE AHLBERG FAMILY DURING SHERRI'S FIGHT WITH CANCER

Free Groceries at the Cunningham Methodist Church
2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

Holiday Hours:
December 24: 1:00 - 3:00
December 31: 1:00 - 3:00

Mrs. Watson

During her sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95.

"Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, "how could you live for 95 years and have no enemies?"

"That's easy," the senior citizen replied, "I just outlived them!"

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
"Reconciling Men to God and to one another"

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 AM

WE MUST REMEMBER HOW MUCH FREEDOM COST, AND WE MUST BE THANKFUL.

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GOD WELCOMES EVEN THE BIGGEST TURKEYS

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church.
Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

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.

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 donate 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

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)

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627 620-246-5370

Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

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.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Zenda Methodist Church
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1929

Nov. 29, 1929 - Wiley Doty reports the leasing of his quarter section of land east of town this week to a major oil company. He got \$5.00 per acre.

Charles Wetherall is busy this week shredding corn. He has a pile of ear corn on West First Street as big as a house.

1934

Nov. 30, 1934 - Santa Claus will visit Cunningham on Saturday, Dec. 22, this year. Santa Claus Day Chairman William Cooley named the various committees to held Santa Claus at a meeting last Friday. Members of the Tree Committee are Chairman John Shelman, Sam McMichael, and Loren Cooley. Lighting and Traffic Committeemen are Chairman Frank Knowles, Glenn Patton, Wendell Paulding and Charles Franks. Members of the Purchasing Committee are Chairman Ray Amick, John Groves, and Albert Sterneker. Soliciting Committee members are Chairman Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, Waldo Shelman, Mrs. Tide Bodine, Norman Hart, Marie Hellar, Iris Fitzsimmons, Mrs. John Groves, Lawrence Zrubek, and Mike Schnittker. Members of the Entertainment Committee are Chairman Rev. William Shuler, Rev. Eugene Stump, Rev. Joseph Paul, and Prof. John Schmidt. Distributing Committeemen are Chairman Carlos Cannon and Glenn Cooley. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter are Chairmen of the Sacking Committee.

1939

Dec. 1, 1939 - The high school basketball team opened the current season here, Tuesday evening, with a 29-27 victory over Sylvia High School. Donald Huhman and Delbert Schwartz paced the Wildcatters with twelve points each.

A new gas well was added to the fast-growing Cunningham Oil and Gas Field last week when Sitton No. 1 blew in. The well is belching eighty-one million cubic feet of gas daily.

Santa Claus will visit Cunningham, Saturday, Dec. 16. Committees to organize and aid his appearance were appointed at a meeting last week. Members of the Finance Committee are Rufus Leiter, Floyd Kent, and Ed Canaday. Mrs. Faunnes Wilson is Chairman of the Sacking Committee. Tree Committee members are Alva Hellar, Perry Shafer, and Sam McMichael. Members of the Publicity Committee are Principal Harve Manahan and Roy McGeorge. Purchasing Committeemen are William Cooley, Carde Cannon, and Dr. Ferd Burnett. Wilbur Lash is Chairman of the Distributing Committee. Mrs. Mabel Carter is Chairman of the Distributing to Shut-Ins Committee, and members of the Decorating Committee are Frank Knowles and Glenn Patton. Entertainment Committeemen are Principal Thomas Pearson, Rev. George Krarft, Rev. Russell Towry, and Rev. Steve Rief.

1949

Dec. 2, 1949 - The new Cunningham Grade School building is now ready for occupancy. School equipment will be moved in Saturday, and Open House will be held next Wednesday for those who wish to inspect this fine new addition to our public school system.

New officers of the St. Leo Sunflower 4-H Club are Allen Schnittker, President; Raphael Theis, Vice-President; Leona Spade, Secretary-Treasurer; Gilbert Beat, Reporter; June Blasi, Song Leader; and Alfred and Wilbur Thome, Recreation Leaders.

1954

Dec. 2, 1954 - C. L. "Hap" Eckhoff, formerly assistant manager of the Rounds and Porter Lumber Company in Pratt, is the new manager of the J. B. Houston & Son Lumber Company, Inc. office and lumberyard here in Cunningham.

He assumed his position this week, replacing O. R. Benningfield, manager here for almost twenty years, who is the new manager of Houston's office and yard in Kingman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris of Cunningham, celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, with a family dinner at noon in the Lodge Hall, followed by Open House at their home from two to five o'clock that afternoon.

All nine of their children, with several of the grandchildren and great grandchildren were present for the occasion. Sixty members of the family enjoyed dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker returned home last week from an extensive five-week's vacation trip through the western states and Canada. They drove almost 6,000 miles, seeing many points of interest and visiting relatives and friends.

1959

Dec. 3, 1959 - When the results of the rabbit and coyote hunt near St. Leo last Sunday were tabulated, it was revealed that 870 rabbits, two coyotes, and one truck "bit the dust."

Mike Schnittker's truck was a "victim" when

sprayed by over-anxious hunters while Mike was backing in to pick up a load of dead rabbits. No glass was broken in the truck, but the cab was pretty well sprayed with several pellets being found in the front tires.

The Cunningham Wildcats got off to a fine start on their 16-game 1959-1960 basketball schedule, walloping their first two opponents, Harper and Hazelton, by scores of 68-42 and 57-33 respectively.

The big parade on Cunningham's Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 12, will start promptly at 2:00 o'clock, according to E. E. Witt, Parade Co-Chairman.

There will be seven divisions this year - floats, horses, bicycles, wagons, pets, tricycles, and doll buggies. First, second, and third place cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded in the float division. \$5 will be given to each float not among the winners.

First, second, and third place winners in the bicycle, wagon, tricycle, pet, and doll buggy divisions will be awarded cash prizes of \$3, \$2, and \$1. Fifty cents will be given each entry not a winner.

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1964

Dec. 3, 1964 - The Cunningham Wildcats opened the current basketball season in right smart fashion, Tuesday night, by trimming Norwich in a pair of games played at Norwich. the Wildcat "A" team to a 50-45 decision from the Norwich "A's", and the Cunningham "B's" edged out a 29-26 win from the Norwich "B" team in the night's preliminary game.

Coach Lewis Mann called Cunningham's victory in the "A" game a "good team effort," and was quick to point out individual praise to Ronald Murphey, 6-foot 4-inch forward, who connected on 9 of 15 shots from the field. Ronald finished the game with 20 points and high point man honors for the Wildcats. Coach Mann also credited Wildcat guards Jim Cain and Danny Meyers with keeping the Cunningham scoring attack moving smoothly, and for their guarding of Norwich's star, Chuck Tilson, who made 22 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

All boys and girls of the community, high school age and under, are urged to begin making plans 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.

1969

Dec. 4, 1969 - The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds became the first state 8-man football champions, determined by the play-off system, with a smashing 54-18 victory over the Lucas Demons in the finals play-off game at Great Bend last Saturday afternoon.

Nashville-Zenda was the only state champion among the six high school classifications, to finish the season with an undefeated, untied record. N-Z was 10-0.

Following a Lucas touchdown in the first seven seconds of the game -scored by Russ Francis on a 42-yard "bootleg keeper" play around the left end following an attempted on-side kickoff by N-Z that went two yards - the Thunderbirds came back in four plays on Steve Adelhardt's four-yard plunge, and Eddie Vierthaler's run for the two-point conversion, and the T-Birds were in front to stay.

On the next series, Adelhardt intercepted a Lucas pass and ran 29 yards for a TD, and then added the two-point conversion run. Moments later Adelhardt forced Francis to give up a safety in the Lucas end zone.

The Demons' Dave Barta scored on a five-yard run, and N-Z countered when Mark Danahy ran 15 yards for a TD, and the half ended 24-12.

Lucas cut the margin to 24-18 on Tracy Leach's 45-yard gallop, but at that point the rout started.

The Thunderbirds scored the next four times they had the ball; Vierthaler hit from seven yards out; Adelhardt tallied twice on runs of one and 19 yards; and Danahy connected to Randy Goetz with a 28-yard TD pass.

Adelhardt picked up 126 yards in 18 carries, and Vierthaler 153 yards in 25 carries. Barta had 102 yards for nine carries for Lucas. The N-Z defensive team again came up for laurels. Time and time again the Thunderbird line, led by Adelhardt, Jim Hauser, Dennis Hageman, Randy Goetz, Bob Knowler, Wayne Schwartz, Steve Goetz, and backed by Gary Goetz and Rod Blasi, kept the Lucas offense from rolling.

In the final period, the N-Z band, pep club, and rooters were chanting, "We're No. 1." They were.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Rex Zimmerman
Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1974

December 5, 1974 - Mrs. Vicky Moots (Vicky de la Rosa, class of '65) has been trying to locate her sister for 10 years, she finally located her about a month ago.

Mrs. Moots last saw her sister, Betty, in 1963 in Penalosa, their hometown. Betty de la Rosa married

and moved to California. Betty's husband died and she remarried and moved to Germany in 1964.

In the meantime, Vicky de la Rosa married Larry Moots, and her brother, Danny, married they both moved away. The senior de la Rosas moved to Chase.

Mrs. Moots returned to Hutchinson to live in 1972 and continued to search for her sister. Vicky Moots called a local radio station and told the listeners about her sister she was looking for.

A relative of Betty de la Rosa's first husband called Mrs. Moots to tell her that Betty had been trying to find the whereabouts of her family. Mrs. Moots gave the relative her number so the relative could call her if Betty contacted the relative again. Finally, after a year and a half, Mrs. Moots received Betty's number from the first husband's relative. Mrs. Moots talked to Betty, now Mrs. Bill Fling, who lives in Alabama.

Mrs. Moots has a sister, Mrs. Jane Pristach, in Hutchinson and her brother, Danny, is in Germany. Danny and Mrs. Flint lived only a few miles from each other while they both were in Germany, but neither of them knew the other one was in Germany. The de la Rosa family is looking forward to a reunion soon.

The Cunningham Wildcat basketball team, coached by Mr. Dennis Stephan, will open their season December 6th with a game hosted by the Sharon Cardinals. The evening will include three games. The Cunningham B-Team will take the floor at five-o'clock, the girls will start their season off with a game at six-thirty, and the A-Team for the Cunningham Wildcats will hit the floor at eight o'clock.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Scott Newton
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

December 6, 1979 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl were honored with an Open House Sunday, Nov. 27 in the Cunningham High School Library. Hosts for the gala event were members of the Cunningham 4-H Club and their parents.

The Cunningham Schools have enrolled six new students in the last two weeks. Curtis, Melinda and Chris Ingersoll have enrolled in the first, fourth, and ninth grades, respectively. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Ingersoll who live south of Cunningham and come from West Plains, Mo.

Garry Cunningham is a new student in the eighth grade and his sister Ronda is a new junior in the high school. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cunningham of Turon. They formerly attended school in Salem, Ark.

Ruby Rutledge, daughter of Mrs. Faye Arey of Cunningham, is a new students in the sixth grade She recently attended school in New Brownsville, Texas.

The Cunningham High School Women's Basketball team opened the season Friday night by hosting the Bucklin Aces. Behind the 22 points of Merilee McCourtland, the Aces took a 40-27 victory in the game that was closer than the score indicated as the Wildcats trailed only 32-27 with 4 minutes left, but were shut out the rest of the way.

1984

December 6, 1984 - Shawn and Diane Lash announce the birth of a son Nov. 9, 1984 at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and has been named Seth Alan.

Local grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sant, Cunningham, Jon Lash, Pratt, great-grandmother is Jean Washburn and great-great-grandmother is Inez Lash, all of Cunningham.

Members of the Cunningham Christian church participated in the decorating of the huge Christmas tree along Highway 54 about 6 miles east of town. This is an annual project of the church and gets much attention from passing motorists.

Nashville News: Goldie and Myrna Hensiek went to Kingman Saturday to watch the Santa Claus Parade and do some shopping.

Melvin Westerman, Tulsa, Okla., spent some time with his parents, then went to Ford to meet his wife and her father and bring them home where she had been visiting relatives at Ulysses.

Nancy Pagenkopf of Garden Plain spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pagenkopf.

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CJHS Wildcats Trounce Chase Bulldogs

On Monday, November 25, the Wildcats dodged the deer to travel to Chase for a rare night with just one Varsity game. It was a bit of a slow start, with the Cats being down 6-7 early. One witness said something about Chase getting some "how did that go in?!" shots early.

Cunningham locked the defense down and outplayed the home team the rest of the game, outscoring the Raymond Bulldogs 35-1 after the midpoint of the first quarter. A bunch of Cunningham's team was able to chip in some minutes to seal the deal and extend the lead. Assists are up as this team shares the ball well and develops team chemistry. Shooting percentage will increase as the season

rolls on. The Cats will host Pretty Prairie in their next basketball game after Thanksgiving break on Dec 5th.

Liam led the team in rebounds with 4. Wesley and Carson both had 2 each. Carson led the team in steals with 3. Casyn, JP, and Landon Green all had 2. Liam had 3 assists followed by Landon Green and Brody with 2. *- Coach McGuire-*

Jr. High Lady Cats Defeat Raymond

The Cunningham Jr. High girls' basketball team traveled to Chase on Monday, November 25 to take on the Raymond Lady Bulldogs in a non-league game and came away with a 32-

18 victory to improve to 3-0 on the season. Cunningham led by four after the first quarter and by six at the half. The Lady Cats had a difficult time shaking the home team Lady Bulldogs in the third quarter, but were able to outscore them 14-6 in the fourth quarter to secure the vic-

tory. Scoring for the Jr. Lady Cats: Katie Ogg 4, Carly McGuire 2, Sage Thimesch 8, Alyssa Osner 5, Leah Rogers 13.

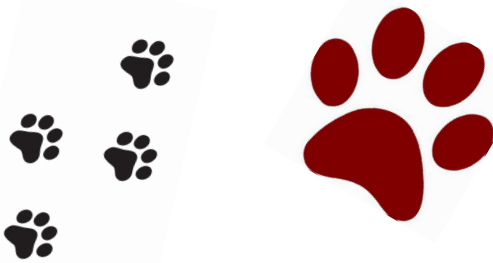
-by Coach Bart Ricke -



Wildcat Scorers

John Paul Kerschen	9
Carson Strohl	8
Landon Green	6
Liam McGuire	4
Casyn Miller	4
Cooper Neufeld	4
Grady Smyth	2
Wesley Preisser	2
Landen Hageman	2

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham					41
Chase					8



USD 332 Staff Spotlight: Bailey Hansard, Agriculture

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Bailey Hansard

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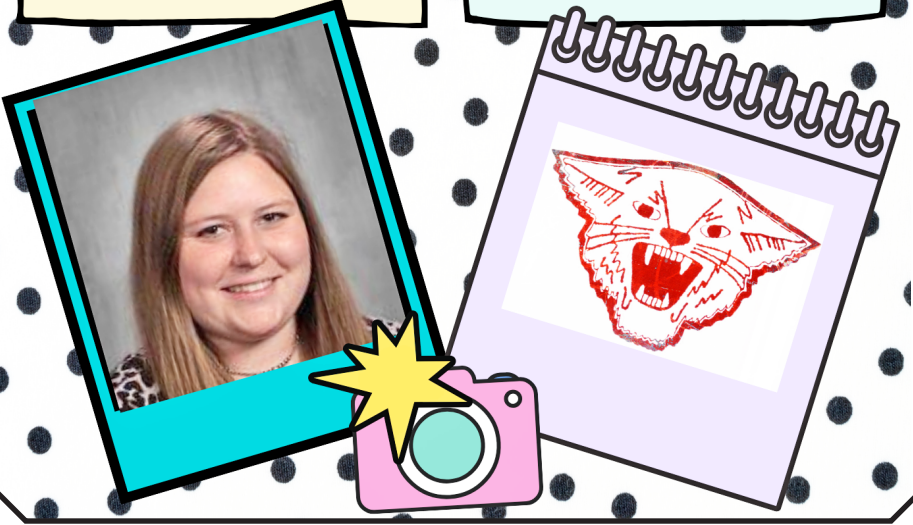
"I love the sense of community and the support we have at Cunningham. Everyone is always eager to jump in, ready to help, and I'm grateful for the incredible staff I work with."

ABOUT ME

experience: 3 years, all in Cunningham
family: Aaron
pets: Dog - Ella
hobbies: Cooking/Baking

FAVORITES

food: Mexican
place: With friends/family
book: Christmas Vacation (movie)
subject: Agriculture



submitted by Cody Dunlap



"Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well."

— Aristotle

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

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Inc. for a max standard workstation bundle for \$212,120.54.

Ms. Kinsler received a 2025 Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for \$167,766.00 to go towards the purchase of the workstation.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase from FirstWireless, Inc. in the amount of \$212,120.54 with \$167,766.00 with the JAG grant. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with quotes for 18 binders, 18 reams of Archival paper and 1 replacement binder from Bear Graphics in the amount of \$8152.00.

Ms. Hubbell submitted a quote from Bear Graphics for a 5-Drawer Flat file for storage of maps in the amount of \$2,133.00. Storage is needed as the current file cabinet is full and has no remaining storage space available.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of the binders, reams, replacement binder and 5-drawer flat file from Bear Graphics in the amount of \$10,285.00 to be paid out of the Register of Deeds budget. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Ms. Hubbell purchase a microfilm reading machine in the amount of \$200.00.

Ms. Hubbell was in to discuss that she was on the front page of the Kingman Leader-Courier and presented the Commissioners with a timeline of the emails that she received with the first email being dated 8-06-2024.

Commissioners asked Ms. Hubbell why she has chosen not to go with

Reach IT.

Ms. Hubbell presented the Commissioners with the documents received from Reach IT that stated that they could continue with her as they could not get access to her system and data. The access is crucial for them to implement necessary measures and to ensure optimal performance.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update since last visit on October 21'.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the Reproductive Health Summit she attended on October 30 and 31st and the biggest takeaway was being equipped with ideas for outreach helping people distinguish healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know health screenings had been done at Cunningham school. Ms. Schwartz discussed that flu shots for livestock workers are given at no cost.

Ms. Schwartz presented a quote for a desk from Office Plus of Kansas in the amount of \$3,957.38 and it will be paid with her immunization action plan 3 grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Office Plus of Kansas in the amount of \$3,957.38 to be paid with an immunization action plan 3 grant. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to go into executive session at 11:22

a.m. with Maty Schwartz, Health Nurse to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the

November 18, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2024, Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Ms. Noblit submitted quotes for light replacement in the County Clerk's Office from the following:

Eck Services \$1529.15

RedRock Services \$1360.32

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Red Rock for lights in the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$1360.32. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 5-yr annual renewal lease of a new postage machine from Midwest Single Source in the amount of \$20,917.20. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion.

The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the lease agreement for the Sheriff's vehicle. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. 3-0.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Commissioners know that he went to the pool meeting last Tuesday and attended the walk-through. The company that did the walk-through said that the pool could be renovated.

Commissioner Thimesch and Commissioner Elpers will be attending the Kingman City meeting on Tuesday.

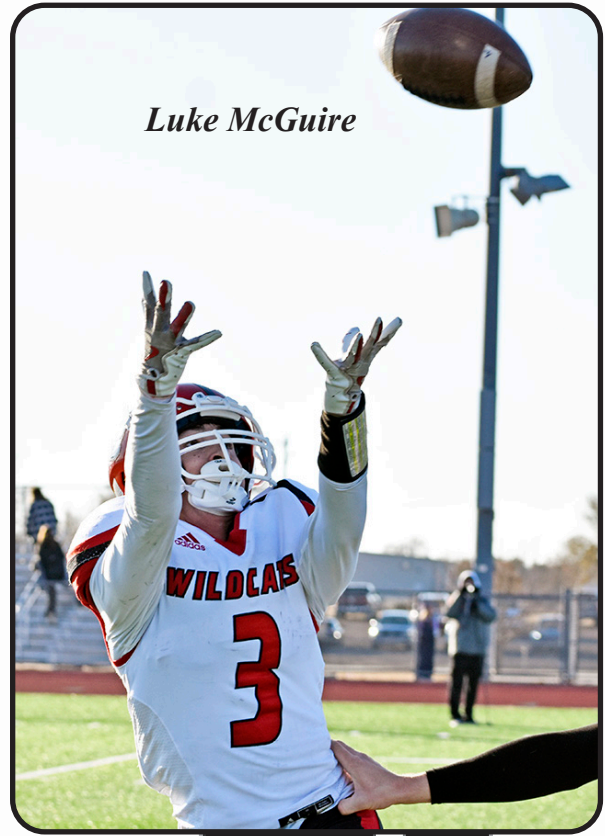
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

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Molly Morgan photos

Kingman County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, November 24

Traffic Stops	13
Civil Paper Service	1
Trash Dump	SW 120 St & SW 10 Ave, Spivey
Check Welfare	200 Blk W Sherman Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	2500 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney

Monday, November 25

Traffic Stops	7
Civil Paper Service	3
Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Domestic	200 Blk N Henderson St, Cunningham
Check Welfare	SE 90 Ave & SE 10 Ave, Murdock
Disabled Vehicle	2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Tuesday, November 26

Traffic Stops	5
Non-Injury Accident	1000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	100 Blk W Burns Ave, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman
Traffic / Chase / Arrest	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	200 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	N Hwy 14 & NE 20 St, Kingman
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman

Wednesday, November 27

Traffic Stop	1
Trespassing	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Medical	200 Blk N Sunflower Dr, Kingman

Thursday, November 28

Traffic Stop	1
Diabled Vehicle	1800 Blk NE 10 ST, Kingman
Diabled Vehicle	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	13000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock
Burglary	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Trespassing	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman

Friday, November 29

Traffic Stops	6
Disabled Vehicle	5000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Miscellaneous	NE 30 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Traffic Complaint	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Trespassing	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman

Saturday, November 30

Traffic Stops	18
Civil Paper Service	10
911 Accidental Dial	1000 Blk W Copeland Ave, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	17000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	4000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman



The Barn Box

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

My father-in-law called me on a recent Friday night to let me know the first three lambs of the season had arrived. The triplets were born in the pasture and would need to be brought up to the barn and kept in the nursery pens to make sure all three lambs would be claimed by the mother and that they'd all get plenty of milk in their first few days.

When I got the call, my family was in the process of getting ready to make a trip to town to go out to dinner and then catch a movie together.

We knew we would need to move quickly to get the lambs taken care of if we wanted to eat and get to the theater in time to see the movie the kids had been eyeing for weeks.

We quickly drove over to where the sheep were to get the job done. We divided up the necessary tasks and went to work. My daughter got the grain ration mixed and delivered water to the nursery pen while my son, father-in-law and I gathered the babies and separated the ewe from the rest of the flock.

We worked together to calmly move her into her pen where her babies were already wading through a fresh bed of straw. The process took maybe 20 minutes in total to complete, and before we left for town, the little lambs were curled up to-

gether under a heat lamp while their mother calmly ate her grain.

As we were walking back to my vehicle, it hit me: Nobody had changed their shoes or clothes before we dealt with the sheep.

I told the kids to scoot their shoes in the grass for a few extra seconds before getting into my car to avoid tracking in anything from the barn that restaurant patrons or moviegoers might smell. I looked down at my sweatshirt and jeans and gave them a quick dust off, washed my hands with soap and water and headed to town.

I know many people who keep a gym bag in their car with all of the items one might need when going to the gym before or after work or school. But me? I keep a barn box in the back of

my car.

The contents of my barn box contain my lambing uniform, which consists of barn boots, gloves and coveralls. All of the items in my barn box will remain in my vehicle for the duration of lambing season. It's my way to easily swap out shoes and cover my clothes quickly while working with the animals. Over the years I have found it helps to have everything bundled together so when I need to make a trip to the barn, I have the necessary gear ready to throw on - whether it's day or night.

But since these three little lambs were born a week earlier than expected, the only part of my barn box in my car at the time were my gloves.

Needless to say, my entire lambing uniform is now stashed away in

my car for the entirety of lambing season.

While there's a pretty good chance I still smell like the lambing barn even if I swap out my attire for my barn box uniform, I feel better knowing that if I get a last-minute call to head to the barn, I can at least change out my shoes and cover up my clothes while I complete the necessary tasks before continuing on with my day.

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News Breaks: One-liners by Charles Keller

Straw hats are out style now, although they did have their hay day.

A new type of credit card was issued and people got a charge out of it.

A new firecracker factory was opened and the owner says he is doing a booming business.

The orchestra leader hired a new assistant. He is the first band aid.

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- Yemeni's neighbor
- Another word for Tokyo
- Singer Ross of "Where Did Our Love Go" fame
- Laundry room fire hazard, pl.
- Much of it about nothing?
- Furnish with a fund
- *"A Bad Moms Christmas" actress Bell
- *Tiny Tim creator
- Tibetan ox
- Khrushchev's domain
- *Goo on real Christmas tree
- Sketch
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- "_____ Good Men", movie
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- Painter Degas
- DOWN
- Lore people
- Mideast ruler
- Hindu princess
- Jittery
- Farthest from point of origin
- Ground beef description
- Like Lemmon and Matthau together
- Merchandise
- Swim's alternative
- Dwyane, once of Miami Heat
- Any day now, to Shakespeare
- Swerves
- King's order
- Increasing
- Philosophy ending
- Undo, as in strings
- Green side
- Before, in the olden days
- J.M. Barrie's Pan
- "Howdy, _____!"
- Internal picture
- Meltable home
- Singer Sam of "Twistin' the Night Away" fame
- Weasel's aquatic cousin
- *"Last Christmas" band, with !
- Edible pod
- Busybody, in Yiddish
- Mountain range

- Certain fraternity house letters
- Cruel
- Île de la Cité river
- Tripped the light fantastic
- *Number of ghosts in "A Christmas Carol"
- *"He's Just Not That _____ You", movie
- Police's surprise
- Habitual twitches
- Not happening (2 words)
- Minor bumper damage
- "Heat of the Moment" band
- Opposite of talker?
- *The Grinch's Max

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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 25, 2024, 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 consultant, reported she received notice there were no bidders for the city of Sawyer gas line project. They had to go to the KCC and ask for guidance on the next step. They are reissuing the

RFPs with some changes.

They will re-release the RFPs and ask the contractors when they can get the RFPs completed. KCC is confident the project will be completed. There is an open spot on the PADC board, if the commissioners have someone interested, they can let her know and she will take the name to the PADC board.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling had Kyle Eck come before the board and ask to waive the landfill fees for Denny Bowe's house that burned. Jason said it would be around \$1000.

Chairman Shriver is not in favor of waiving the fee because it could cause problems down the road with others. The other commissioners agreed not to waive the fees. They suggested he contact KDHE. He pre-

sented the certification with the solid waste plan for the commissioners to sign. Commissioner Jones made a motion to sign the solid waste plan for full cycle waste solution. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He stated he was going to look at a used loader. He hasn't sold any recycling since the prices are down. He will be sending one more shipment of HHW before the end of the year.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, reported Morgan Trinkle will be resigning his position on fire/rescue December 31, 2024. He would like to hire Walter Allard for fire/rescue. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Walter Allard for fire/rescue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser asked for an executive session. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:23 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning the appraiser's office. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:33 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve the remaining ARPA funds be spent to reimburse for payroll for provision of essential government services provided by county employees for the payroll periods remaining in 2024, for any other expenses already approved for ARPA

funding, and for \$5,000 for the county clerk to complete ARPA accounting administrative close out work. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones recused himself from the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve the economic development consulting two-year contract of \$21,896.00 per year for Heather Morgan as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones returned to the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan Trinkle, was

invited to a meeting with the Kansas Association of Counties concerning the Highway 61 conditions. He reported the road bed is shot. KDOT engineers are working on a solution for a band aid repair. Chairman Shriver stated there will be a new commissioner meeting in January, 2025. He will send information to Morgan so he can register.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 25, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Christmas Coffee – Howling Holiday Treats!

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Coffee is the world's favorite hot beverage. Approximately two billion cups are consumed daily around the globe. Here in the U.S., nearly three in four Americans enjoy coffee every day. Most of us appreciate consistency in our coffee.

We find what we like, and we stick to it. But occasionally, especially at this time of year, it can be fun to change things up a bit. Consider spicing up your coffee. This Christmas, try making some howling holiday treats!

The first rule for making Christmas coffee is to add what you like to your cup. This may require some experimentation. Common coffee additives include cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, ginger, vanilla, honey, and of course your creamer of choice. Note – I am not recommending the addition of commercial bottled creamers that you find in your supermarket. These are full of seed oils and chemicals and are not good for you. Coffee is good for you. Don't mess it up with poison creamers.

Here are a few holiday worthy recipes you might consider:

Everyday Christmas Coffee

The first is my simple and quick everyday Christmas coffee recipe. When in the mood for something different, I drink this year-round. Start with good quality freshly roasted specialty coffee, if possible. Brew your coffee (I prefer using a French press, 66 grams of coffee per liter of water, steeping time exactly four minutes). After coffee is brewed, I fill my 16 oz. travel mug ¾ full and add ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, a dash of nutmeg, one scoop of collagen powder (optional, but gives coffee extra creamy texture), and two tablespoons honey. Mix well. I like to use a small handheld frother. This gives your coffee a nice mild foamy texture. Then add creamer to taste. I prefer heavy cream and like to stir in creamer instead of frothing it for this

recipe. Frothing creamer makes coffee too bubbly for my taste. Add a dollop of whipped cream and sprinkles if you are in a party mood. This recipe can be adjusted as you like.

Basic Peppermint Mocha

Brew your coffee as you like. Then in a bowl mix two tablespoons cocoa powder, one tablespoon sugar (or other sweetener – maple syrup or honey are good), ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract. Next, steam ½ cup of milk (dairy or non-dairy). If you don't have a steamer, you can heat milk on stove and then use mixer or other means to froth. You can also steam milk in the microwave. Place milk in glass bottle and shake well. Then place the open bottle in microwave and heat. Pour your coffee into a mug and stir in peppermint

cocoa mixture. Top with steamed milk. Cover with whipped cream. Add a candy cane, or peppermint bits for color.

Good Gingerbread Coffee

Brew your coffee as before. Heat ½ cup of milk that you have already frothed in a pan, and whisk in 1 tablespoon of maple syrup, ¼ teaspoon ground ginger, and ¼ teaspoon cinnamon. Pour coffee into your mug, top with ginger-spice milk and gently stir. Add whipped cream on top and sprinkle with nutmeg for fun.

Cinnamon Spice Latte

Brew coffee and keep warm. In a small pot warm milk that has already been frothed and stir in one teaspoon ground cinnamon and one teaspoon vanilla extract. Pour coffee into a mug, add frothed milk mixture and stir. Top

with whipped cream and add a cinnamon stick for flavor.

For coffee recipes, I like to use heavy whipping cream. It enhances coffee flavor and texture. But dairy is not required. If you prefer, non-dairy options can work well too. Consider the following: Almond milk – has a subtle nutty flavor, good choice if you like your coffee less creamy. Oat milk – naturally sweet and creamy, it is good for lattes because it froths well. Cashew milk – creamy and slightly sweet with smooth and rich texture, works well for Christmas coffee.

Coconut milk – thicker, rich and creamy with hint of coconut flavor.

Hope you enjoy some good coffee with your family this season. Merry Christmas!

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More About Lt. Grigsby

Before talking about Lt. Grigsby --the skills of the editor of this paper sometimes amaze me. Every time I throw out information about a little-known person in history Roberta comes up with a picture of said person. Kudos, Roberta.

As I said earlier the Cherokee were as ready as they could have been to oppose the removal of their tribe from their native land. The Cherokee lawyers soon appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the forced exile. The Supreme Court agreed that the removal would be against the law. President Andrew Jackson ignored the decree of the Supreme Court and prepared to send the tribe to Oklahoma. Jackson not only chose to ignore the legal order but chose to do the removal in the worst possible time of travel, in the winter.

It is estimated that 6,000 Native people died in the 1,000 plus mile trip. Lt. Grigsby would have been constantly witnessing the genocide being commit-

ted on these innocent people. Lt. Grigsby, as Lt. Soule mentioned in a previous story, could see the evil being done to innocent Native people but unable to stop the murderous results.

I feel that it's telling that our newly elected President has often identified Andrew Jackson as one of his heroes. Jackson's bully tactics to ignore the law and do whatever he wants seems to appeal to #47.

The most recent reference to the Attica Tombstone came from a Cunningham resident with the hope of disparaging the Democratic Party. If the truth be known, all of the political parties have been guilty of illegal and anti-democracy-attacking actions. But still we have survived.

Even the Federalist Party of our early history was guilty, and John Adams was the guilty culprit. When President John Adams was elected in 1797 he immediately started to ignore many of the limits to power and ignore the newly signed U.S. Constitution. This resulted in Vice President Thomas Jefferson leav-

ing town for much of Adams term.

The American people were the hero in this offense against our Democracy. Adams was soon very unpopular and was easily voted out in his next Presidential run.

I mentioned to a friend recently my appreciation of the song recorded by many titled “Denial is a River” the line that struck home was “Denial ain't just a river in Egypt”. It seems many of us have trouble looking at the past or abuses in the present and deny it is happening or didn't happen. Abuses of our morals have happened in the past and continue today. The question is now, will we see these offenses and speak up or continue to make excuses for the offenders and live in our personal darkness.

-Alan Albers-

Editor's Note: It wasn't any big deal. I typed "Grigsby Attica KS" into the search bar, and it took me to one of my favorite sites:

findagrave.com.

I read on the site that Lt. Grigsby was a 'dear friend of Abraham Lincoln.'



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Calliope is a not-quite-cute duckling, but she will grow into a beautiful black swan. She promises to be a long-haired beauty and be a great friend to anyone. She really wants to be adopted this Christmas. She is about 3 months old and weighs about 3 pounds. Her adoption fee is \$85.00.

Domino

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Domino is a medium-sized mixed breed. He is about 5 years old and weighs about 50 pounds. He's been at the shelter since October 31st, and his adoption fee is \$180.00

He is a single white four-legged male who seeks companionship with adventurous, fun loving, two legged person or family. Domino would like to add "I am easy going, healthy and low maintenance. Willing to split all food, bedding and chew toys. I can be a babysitter, food taster or personal security system. Multi person/pet household preferred but can adapt to your needs."



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Detailed budget information is available at Cunningham Public Library and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

Fund	2024 Adopted Budget			2024 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
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DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
GARY D. SHEAHAN, Deceased.
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-48
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2024, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Kayla D. Sheahan.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, 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.
All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Kayla D. Sheahan, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke & Ritche Law Office
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Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, December 5, 2024
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Case No. 2024 PR 3
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You are hereby notified that on November 25, 2024, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary Leiter Swick, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Robert F. Leiter, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto;
the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Robert F. Leiter, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 23, 2024, 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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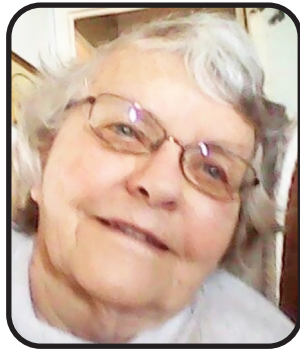
Iris Pickett

Iris Marilyn Heyer Pickett, 88, died November 30, 2024, in Hutchinson Ks.

She was born December 01, 1935 at Goodland, the daughter of Harry and Lyda Kolacny Heyer. She was a longtime resident of Cheney, and she spent her later years living in Hutchinson. She loved traveling the country on a motorcycle, and was one of the original members of the Woman on Wheels motorcycle club. In her free time you could always find her sewing, quilting, or with her family.

Survivors include her daughter Martha Gates, her eight grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband A.J, Her daughter, Marilyn Cole, and sons Seth Pickett and Joel Pickett. Brothers Claude Heyer and John Heyer, sister Lavona Hensle.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.



Frank Dodge

Frank E. Dodge, 93, passed away Dec. 1, 2024, at his home.

He was born Aug. 8, 1931, at Curtis, Oklahoma, son of Lial and Mary Ellen Boswell Dodge. A Kingman resident most of his life, he was employed as a lineman for the City of Kingman, rodeo stock contractor and he retired with the Kansas Dept. of Transportation.

Frank was a longtime member of the Kingman VFW Post, having proudly served in the US Navy during the Korean War, aboard the carriers USS Rendova and USS Bedoyne Straits.

On November 27, 1954, he married Norma Jean Spotts at Kingman; she preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 2021. Survivors include two sons, Dallas (Melody), and Lial (Nancy); daughters Deb Benson (David) and Sandra Goetz, sister, Betty Durgin; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sister Lila Hatfield.

Funeral Services will be 2:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, KS. The family will receive friends from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, Wednesday Dec. 4, 2024, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials can be made with Kingman Healthcare Services, or the Kingman Volunteer Fire Dept., both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



John Dauner

John Phillip Dauner, 81, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Parkwood Village. He was born the eldest son of John Roots and Dorothea Dauner on December 21, 1942 in Pratt. John married Kimberly Kennedy Parker on August 30, 1979 at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. She preceded him in death in 2014.

John graduated from Sawyer High School in 1960, where he was the senior class president. While in school, he loved to play basketball and compete in track. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Fort Hays State University. He was a rancher and farmer and a lifelong resident of Pratt. He enjoyed riding the 4-wheeler on his land, checking the cattle and taking his dogs for rides in the pickup or Ranger. He was an animal lover both domestic and wild. One of his greatest pleasures was attending the races of his horses. At his home, John could call the wild deer with a can of corn and his voice. He was passionate about Kansas University Basketball and looked forward to watching every game.

He is survived by his two daughters, Dedra Brant and husband Bo of Pratt and Jill Dauner and husband Ben Jacobson formerly of Tegernsee, Germany; and sister, Louanne Miller of Wichita.

John is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothea Dauner-Meyer; father, John Dauner; wife, Kimberly Dauner; sister, Loretta White; and brother, Ed Dauner.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., with reception following on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

The family suggests that in continuing in John's tradition, memorials be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Larry Blythe

Lawrence "Larry" Roy Blythe, 69, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on August 26, 1955, in Pratt to Loren Roy and Anita Joyce (Tregellas) Blythe.

Larry graduated from Bear Creek High School, Colorado in 1973. He worked for Coors Porcelain Plant. He lived in Colorado for 50 plus years before moving back to Kansas. He enjoyed watching game shows, horse racing, fishing and the mountains. He was known for his smile, his kindness and his giving heart.

He is survived by his sister, Susan (John) Younkman of Pratt; nieces and nephews, Kayla, Jessika, Tiffany, Shane, Nathan and Melissa; and special great-nephew, Tristan.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Carl Blythe; and sister, Lori Kyle.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family inurnment at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.



Terry Orem

Terry Lynn Orem, 73, passed away Monday, December 2, 2024, at Kansas Heart Hospital. He was born on August 20, 1951, in Girard, Kansas to Kenneth and Doris (Thiesing) Orem. Terry married Janene (Scott) Orem on July 24, 2004, Cuchara, Colorado. They were married for 20 years.

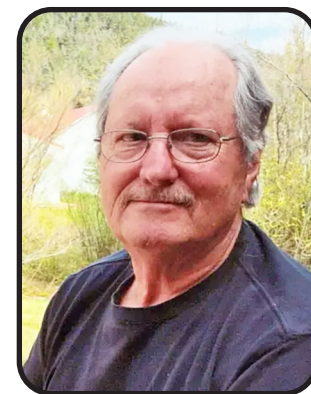
Terry graduated from Pratt High School in 1969. He earned his Associate Degree from Pratt Junior College and attended Kansas State University until he got the opportunity to work for the Railroad. Terry was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed going golfing.

He is survived by his wife, Janene; daughter, Wendy (Randy) Burgardt of Pratt; sisters, Kenna Kay (Paul) Cavanaugh of Wichita, Cheryl Orem of Dallas, Texas and Karla (Art) Wallace of Sibley, Missouri; grandchildren, Easton (Taylor) Burgardt of Junction City and Hallee Burgardt of Augusta; great-grandson, Brooks Burgardt; and many friends.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gary Orem.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2024, at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Kansas Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary.



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