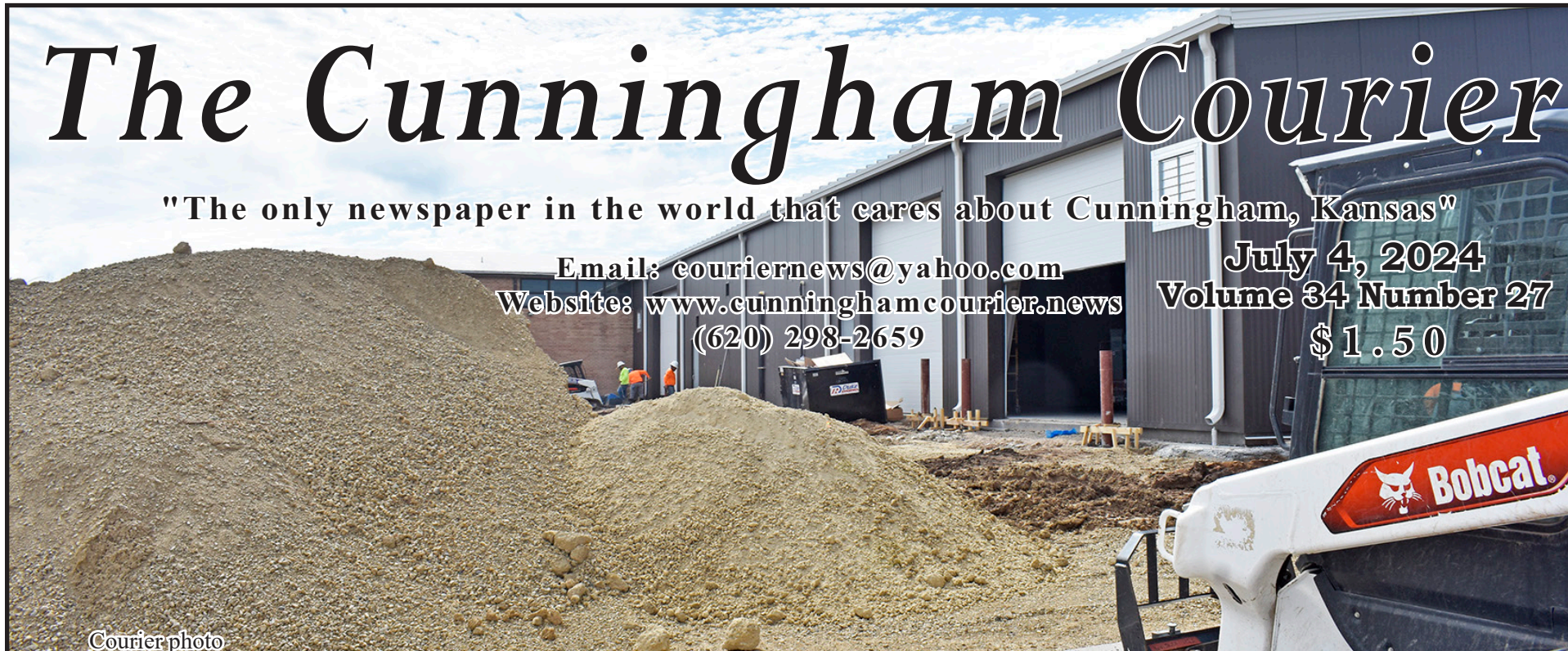


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Time Capsule 'Buried'



Dr. Kelly Arnberger, superintendent of schools, watches as McCown Gordon's Mike McBee, Site Manager for the new construction, places the time capsule in its new place.



Courier photos

The time capsule sits in its new home. This will be covered up, a plaque mounted on the wall to identify its significance, and left for another 100 years or more.

(more photos on page 7)

Governor Announces June Total Tax Collections at 2.4% Above the Estimate

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that June's total tax collections were \$1.03 billion. That is \$24.1 million, or 2.4%, more than the estimate. Total tax collections are up 3.9% from June 2023.

"While the tax revenue collected for June is encouraging, we must re-

main committed to fiscal responsibility," Governor Laura Kelly said. "By continuing our work to put our state on solid fiscal ground, we can ensure Kansans have the services and quality of life they deserve."

Individual income tax collections were \$452.4 million. That is \$82.4 million, or 22.3% more than the estimate, and up 19.4% from June 2023. Corporate income tax collections were \$193.1 million. That is \$53.9 million, or

21.8% less than the estimate, and down 14.6% from June 2023.

"Individual income tax receipts exceeded the June estimate because of higher-than-expected withholding tax and individual estimated payments and the fact that fewer refunds were paid than in June 2023," said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart. "Withholding tax receipts are 17.0% greater than in June 2023, and that source continues to be the State's most reliable revenue

stream."

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$292.1 million. That is \$2.2 million, or 0.7% more than the estimate, but down \$11.4 million, or 3.8%, from June 2023.

To view the June 2024 revenue numbers visit: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KSOG/2024/07/02/file_attachments/2926415/12_June_Revenue_FY2024_07-02-2024_Final.pdf

Pride's Yard of the Week



Courier photo

This week's Pride Yard of the Week goes to The Shelman's! Todd and Ruth that is. This fine home can be found just up the street from the Courier office at 333 North Stadium Street.



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4TH
OF JULY

WISHING YOU & YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY WEEK!

KINGMAN HEALTHCARE CENTER & FAMILY CLINICS

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I had a wonderful six-day Western KS excursion to visit family and friends last week. But one of my favorite things about going anywhere, for any reason, is getting HOME to all that's familiar. I am delighted to be back. However, and I'm relieved about this, I've been a little disoriented because the house I've returned to is not the one I left. The HVAC system was replaced while I was gone so we have air-conditioning again and it's the best this house has ever had. I don't con-

sider myself a "delicate flower" but I wilted in the days leading up to my departure. Let's face it, I fled a sweat box that was hotter than 100 degrees in the shade outside.

Cooking was inconceivable while we were roasting so we (my resident-chef and I) hot-potato-dropped a plan to make food to take on my trip. This was troublesome, particularly because Dighton's grocery store burned down a few months back. But I told myself that once I got there, cooled off and could THINK again, I'd find a solution. Most Dollar General's sell more than Ramen noodles and frozen dinners. Plus last month when I'd run out to see Mom,

though I didn't have time to stop in, I'd noticed an arrow pointing off Main Street, to a new little store. Even though I'd be cooking, we weren't going to starve.

My parboiled brain never REALLY thought that Mom and I would go hungry. Thanks to Out of the Box Market, we feasted like kings. The Market provides a great selection of affordably priced wares, including Moeder's Meats (of Ness City and WaKeeney) as well as fresh flawless produce. NASDAQ crowned Hy-Vee's the most popular grocery store in Kansas. I occasionally drive over an hour to shop at one but more often, I go ten miles to get food at Dillon's.

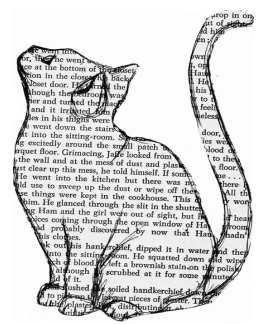
They're both excellent stores. Out of the Box Market is every bit as good, though it has less than 1% of either's square footage and way out "in the middle of nowhere" operates without corporate chain administrative support and distribution services. That's impressive.

If you're anywhere in Dighton's vicinity, I encourage you to stop at 114 N. Main St. But that's not why I'm writing about it. What makes The Box (as I'm told the locals call it) remarkable is that it is the result of one man not only thinking out of the box to solve a problem, but then also acting to make his idea a reality. Let's be clear. For small towns, the loss of a

grocery store is more than a problem. It's a threat. It stresses a community in numerous ways and often endangers the very lives of aging populations.

Randy Evans opened The Box. Chad Lawrence works shoulder-to-shoulder with him and no doubt there are others who have stepped up behind the scenes. Starting a business, especially one such as this, is no small thing. When I asked Randy why he did it, he told me it was something he COULD do and the community had given a lot to him over the years. The Box's excellence is an achievement. It's existence, through Randy and Chad's service, is what takes my breath away. THAT'S inspiration.

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



Meanderings

No column this week. A small medical issue came up, and I spent too much time at the doctors' offices the last two days. I'll be back next week. -Roberta

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

The Superpowers of the Successful Side Hustler

Like many writers, I had a day job and a side hustle for many years. By day, I was a mild-mannered public relations professional working for a wonderful nonprofit organization. By night—and early morning, weekend and holiday—I was Super Woman.

Not really. Actually, I was Freelance Humor Columnist Woman. And instead of a cape, I wore jammies to my side gig. Eventually, I was overcome by shame that I was still in my PJs, so I'd change into sweatpants for the rest of the day.

Anyone who saw me on the weekend thought my other job was teaching aerobics.

A couple of years ago, my side hustle became my only job, so I'm hustling less and wearing sweatpants more. And looking back on my years as a moonlighter, I think if I had to do it all over again, I'd be too tired to do it. There's a reason second jobs are called side hustles and not side strolls or side saunters. It would have been handy to have some superpowers back then. Come to think of it, it still would. Here are just a few of the superpowers I think anyone with a side gig could benefit from:

Superpower #1: Self-reliance. Like many moonlighters, I worked alone. The upside was, I always agreed with my coworkers. "Excellent idea! I wish I'd thought of it myself. Oh wait! I

did." The downside is, when you work alone, you have to wear many hats—and capes. For example, the office building where I worked my day job always looked presentable thanks to the genuinely nice and efficient custodians who cleaned it. If anyone cleaned my home office, it was me and I was neither nice nor efficient while I was doing it.

Likewise, when I had computer problems at my day job, I had an entire IT department at my disposal. When I had computer problems at home, all I had was me—and a hammer. I never used it, but only because I was afraid I might void my warranty.

Superpower #2: Patience. Quite often moonlighters share their workspace with family members. This can be handy when they need cheap labor. But there

are challenges. At my day job, my stapler, scissors, pens and computer were all mine for as long as I had the job. At home I had to share the office and everything in it with my husband and son. Pens walked away. I wouldn't see my stapler for weeks at a time. And I remember one morning turning on my computer to find that my background screen had been changed from a family photo to a picture of a Dodge Power Wagon. I didn't find it nearly as inspirational as my son did.

Superpower #3: Self-discipline. You might think that with all the time I saved not dressing up for my side gig, I got a lot done, and I might have were it not for the five varieties of solitaire on my home computer. There was no solitaire on my work computer. Most businesses remove it because of the

effect it would have on productivity.

Also, there's a refrigerator exactly 15 steps from my desk. If you call me while I'm working in my home office, you're likely to hear me chewing.

Superpower #4: The ability to set realistic expectations. On the rare occasions I found myself off from my day job and home alone, I would immediately make a to-do list that looked something like this: Do laundry, get groceries, exercise, send invoices, answer all 1200 emails in inbox, update website, write column, write novel and teach cat to fetch. If I could have pulled all that off, I really would have been Super Woman.

Superpower #5: The ability to prioritize: Having a day job, a side gig and a family is like spinning plates all day long. The moonlighter

must spin the most important plates and let the others fall where they may. I know a lot about this because while I was moonlighting, things were falling down around me most of the time. And not just plates.

Some plates are like fine china—your family, your health, the work tasks that are due today... or yesterday. There are dire consequences associated with letting these drop. But plenty of other things are the Corelle dinnerware of plate spinning. If someone walked into my home right now and volunteered to wash my windows, I'd let them do it. But otherwise, it can wait.

On the other hand, if there's an unimportant task that you really want done, you can always pay someone else to do it. Be careful though. Too much of that, and you'll need another side hustle.

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Poems can teach kids strength, resilience

By Nile Stanley

This week's guest on Poetry in Daily Life is Nile Stanley, PhD, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida. A teacher educator, artist-in-residence, and researcher, for thirty-six years he has been on a mission to show how poetry can take on a bigger role within the teaching of reading and the development of resilience. Nile and I have collaborated on interviews, articles, books, and poetry shows at conferences. A couple of unique facts about Nile: he was a jazz radio DJ at the University of Delaware and a newspaper columnist for the Portales Tribune in New Mexico. ~ David L. Harrison

Poetry helps build resilience into your dream

"I have a dream." You have heard the line. But what you may not know is that the poetry of Langston Hughes influenced Martin Luther King Jr.'s best-known speech, which he delivered during the 1963 March on Washington. Poetry influences children, too, not only to learn to read but it

can also make them feel more resilient because it often contains themes of strength, perseverance, and the ability to overcome challenges. I know this from personal experience as well as from extensive research.

Similarly, storytelling is a powerful approach known as bibliotherapy that can help develop resilience. Reading the stories of others who have overcome adversity can provide the knowledge we can use to bounce back from tough times and learn to thrive, yet to dream once again. One such inspirational story is one of my former Black fourth-grade students who learned the skill of performing poetry with the help of caring teachers who believed in him.

Moses Lee Jones grew up in poverty without a mother and father. He was labeled special education and frequently was angry and acting out in class. Fortunately, his school was chosen to become a partner with the University of North Florida and the children received one-on-one tutoring by education majors and participated in Poetry Stars, a literacy-through-the-arts program funded by the Cummer Family Foundation.

On the day of his "screen test" to become a Poetry Star, Moses was the only boy who auditioned. To make the cut he would be required to perform two poems from memory. He wore a white shirt and black tie for his audition because his grandmother, who it turns out he took care of, told him to "show" his best. As I said, "action, camera," in tears, Moses told me his father, who he rarely saw, was just arrested. The following poem I authored captures the emotional and inspirational outcome of Mose's audition.

MOSES LEE JONES

by Nile Stanley

Moses Lee Jones came to poetry club today wearing a black tie and white shirt.

I say." Moses, what is it? A special occasion?"

"No sir, las' night they took my daddy away

and I don't want it to git in the way of the poetry."

With a smile a mile wide and teeth gleaming Moses recites from "Dreams" by Langston Hughes.

Hold fast to dreams For when dreams die Life is a broken-winged bird That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams For when dreams go Life is a barren field Frozen with snow.

Moses Lee Jones Is holdin' fast.

He's holdin' fast to dreams! ❖❖❖

Moses passed his audition with excellence. He became a Poetry Star, part of an elite performance team of ten girls. The school's grade eventually improved from a D to a B. Moses was one of the lucky ones and went onto graduate from high school and ROTC. He grew up to become a sergeant recruiter for the US Marines. Does poetry make a difference? It made a difference for Martin Luther King and Moses Lees Jones. Poetry can make a difference too for you and your children, school, and community.

Dr. Nile Stanley is an associate professor in the Department of Teaching Learning and Curriculum at the College of Education and Human Services at the University of North Florida. He is a founding board member of Hope at Hand, Inc., a nonprofit organization that produces the annual Jacksonville poetry festival and provides poetry lessons for vulnerable and at-risk youth. Learn more about him at https://www.unf.edu/newsroom/2023/06/Graffiti-Poetry.html. "Moses Lee Jones" © 2004 by Nile Stanley from Creating Readers with Poetry, published by Maupin House. "Dreams" by Langston Hughes from the © 1994 Collected Works of Langston Hughes. Used by permission of Alfred A. Knopf, a Division of Random House.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, July 4 Independence Day ** Spark in the Park ** 5:30 p.m. Lions Club Hamburger Feed</p>	<p>Thursday, July 11 10:00 CPL STEM Activity for all ages *** 7:15 p.m. Aqua Exercise</p>
<p>Saturday, July 6 8:00 p.m. Moonlight Swim</p>	<p>Monday, July 22 on-line School Enrollment Opens</p>
<p>Monday, July 8 7:00 BOE Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 31 7:00 Book Club</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 9 10:00 a.m. CPL storytime *** 7:15 p.m. Aqua-exercise</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 6 Primary Elections</p> <p>Wednesday, August 7 School Enrollment</p>

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Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
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School Board Will Hold Retreat Monday

AGENDA
Cunningham USD #332 Board of Education
Retreat
July 8, 2023 3 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Topics to follow: (executive sessions as needed)
 1. Review Strategic Plan Results
- III. Adjournment

School Board Will Meet Monday Evening

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
104 W 4th, Cunningham, KS 67035
July 8, 2024
7:00 PM
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2024 regular meeting (AI)
- V. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2024 budget hearing meeting (AI)
- VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- VII. Organization (AI)
 - a. Appointments (Consent):
 - i. Clerk
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Depository
 - iv. Auditor
 - v. Attorney
 - vi. Official Newspaper
 - vii. Freedom of information officer
 - viii. Custodian of records
 - ix. Truancy Officer
 - x. KPERS Representative
 - xi. Local Homeless Liaison
 - xii. Hearing Officer for Suspension and Expulsion
 - xiii. Food Service Representative
 - xiv. Hearing Officer for Free and Reduced Meals
 - xv. Compliance Coordinator for Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 (ADA)
 - b. New Fiscal Year action items:
 - i. Resolution 2025-001 Establish USD #332 Petty Cash Fund and Cunningham Schools Petty Cash Fund

- ii. Resolution 2025-002 Establish a School Activity Account
- iii. Resolution 2025-003 Establish Depository
- iv. Resolution 2025-004 Authorize Payment of Warrants Before Board Action
- v. Resolution 2025-005 Maintain a Direct Deposit Account
- vi. Resolution 2025-006 Waive the Annual Requirement of General Accepted Accounting Principles and Fixed Asset Accounting
- vii. Resolution 2025-007 Establish Board Meeting Dates
- viii. Resolution 2025-008 Rescind Previous Policies and Adopt Policies to Govern the District During the 2022-2023 School Year
- ix. Resolution 2025-009 Comply With Immunization Laws and Regulations
- x. Resolution 2025-010 Home Rule
- xi. Resolution 2025-011 Agreement for Administrative Services for the 403b Retirement Program
- xii. Resolution 2025-012 Approve Employee Section 125 Plan
- xiii. Resolution 2025-013 Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan
- xiv. Authorize disposal of old records
- xv. Authorize district participation in federal programs
- xvi. Adoption of 1,116 hour school year
- xvii. Approval to liquidate surplus property
- xviii. Approval for participation in the Federal Food Service Program
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Approve KASB Policy updates (AI)
 - b. Bond project update
- IX. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger
 - b. End of Year Budget report
 - c. Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
 - d. Special Education- Bjorn Halderson
- X. New Business (AI)
 - a. Approve membership in KASB and KASB Legal Assistance
 - b. Approve membership in ESSDACK
 - c. Approve elementary roof replacement bid (not including K-2 wing)
 - d. Action on neighborhood revitalization program
 - e. Executive Session (personnel)
 - f. Budget- needs assessment, Revenue neutral rate
 - g. Approve position (HS Cheer Coach)
 - h. Accept Donation for Music program from Kerschen Family
- XI. Adjournment

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Reading Makes Cents

Janelle Belt and Gracie McDorman, our local Extension Office Interns will be holding a program called “Reading Makes Cents!” It’s a 4-step program that goes over the history of money, managing money, spending money, and saving money. Reading Makes Cents will be held at the Extension Office on July 9, 11, 16, and 18th from 1:30-3:30 pm. Registration is FREE but limited to the first 15 participants, you can call us at (620)532-5131 to register. Financial literacy is important to Janelle and Gracie as they wish to teach kids about money management.

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Aqua-exercise on Tuesday and Thursday beginning July 2nd. Class will begin at 7:15. No fee. Pool admission \$2/person. Passes accepted.



Kingman Historic Theatre
Saturday, July 6

Paramount with MoneyShot
7:30 p.m.
http://www.outhousetickets.com

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July 5 & 7
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Aftermath

By David Story

Ray turned away from the road long enough to study his fourteen-year-old son's face. "You okay, Billy?"

Billy looked over at his father. "Yes, sir."

Ray put his arm on his son's shoulder, then turned his attention back towards the road. The path ahead of them was clear. They had not seen another car for the last ten miles, save for the abandoned ones spaced periodically on each side of the road. The law officer at the checkpoint had given Ray a warning as he looked over his driver's license, "You might have to get out and walk the last mile or so, your neighborhood is on the

under water list." Ray had nodded, thanked the officer, and drove away. That was over two hours ago, and Ray was beginning to get more than nervous at the lack of life present. The whole scene seemed... unreal.

The morning sun was well into the sky now, and Ray could almost see the humidity coming off the road ahead of them. They drove in silence for a few moments, and finally Billy spoke. Ray thanked the Lord for the words.

"How will we know what to get?" Billy reached in between them and grabbed the roll of large black trash bags.

"I'm not sure that we'll have a lot of choice, son." Ray tried his best to stay positive as Billy's

head hung down. "But you know, your mother and your sister are both safe at Aunt Betty's, and we can thank God for that." Hand on shoulder again. "They've really been good to us these last few days, letting us stay with them and all."

"Will I have to go to school there, Dad?"

Be strong. "You might, but...I hear they've got a pretty good athletic program."

Billy finally smiled. "And it has been kind of cool getting to hang out with Steve and Nathan."

Thank You, Jesus. "There you go. God's blessed us with a great family, Billy."

Billy nodded. Then, "And it could have been a lot worse, huh?"

And although Ray

knew those last words were words of truth and wisdom, he still could not help but wonder what lay ahead for him and his family. Part of his answer came sooner than later, for as the road took a turn to the left Ray and Billy suddenly found themselves blocked off from a storm-produced dam. It was made of anything and everything, from tree trunks and branches, to yard tools and mailboxes. Water was slowly coming through this curb-to-curb roadblock, and on the other side of the dam itself, towards their neighborhood, was standing water as far as the eye could see.

Ray got out and surveyed the destruction. There was no way to drive around this barrier.

They would walk from here.

He jumped back into the car, and could see the tears on his son's face. He put his hand on his son's knee. "Let's pray first."

Billy nodded as he grabbed his father's hand.

"Lord Jesus, I thank You that my wife and my children are safe. I pray for the less fortunate. I pray today for the hurt and the lost." He felt Billy's hand tighten. "Lord, we don't know what we're going to find when we get to our house, but help us stay strong, and help us to realize that no matter what lies ahead, in You, we have all that we need."

Ray and Billy both stepped out of the car, and started their journey towards home.

Note: As Hurricane Rita made its way to the Gulf Coast that year, my family loaded up our car (with what we thought were the essentials of life), for a mandatory evacuation. Our usual 4½-hour trip to Dallas took us 16 hours, where we stayed until we were told by the city of Houston that we could come back...and we were fortunate, as our house and all in it were fine (Rita had turned to the east). As we draw closer to the one year anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, my thoughts and prayers go out to those who lost much more than time and convenience...

Come and Dine

By Mariane Holbrook

When Daddy made a promise, he stuck to it. You could bet your last cent on it.

So, when Daddy walked down the aisle of the Milltown Baptist Church in 1928 to give his heart to Jesus, he made a promise to tithe ten percent of every paycheck to the Lord. His job as pipefitter at the Lehigh Valley Railroad paid only minimum wages which wasn't much to raise his five kids on, so he wrote the promise in his Bible which, to him, was the same as pounding it in concrete.

The Great Depression

of the 1930s hit the village of Milltown hard, which is to say people lost their jobs left and right. Daddy was laid off three times so Mother learned how to add not just a cup of water to make the soup go further but how to add a quart of water to the mix! We ate enough tomato dumplings and potato soup to sink the Lusitania but at least we didn't starve.

The day came when there was no money to pay for anything, let alone tithe, so Daddy made a second promise with God; he would give God half of everything in Daddy's garden as soon as the vegetables were ripe enough to pick. He

didn't write that promise in his Bible but he meant it just the same.

So, Daddy took a roll of twine and made a line straight through the middle of his garden. Everything on the right half would go to the pastor as tithe and whatever was on the left would feed our family.

Every evening after work, Daddy rushed to his garden. We younger ones weren't allowed to weed, lest we pull up a carrot or radish by mistake, so we watered instead. Truth be told, we spent much more time watering God's side than Daddy's.

The neighbors watched Daddy tend his

garden and teased him about his tithe promise. But Daddy laughed it off and kept right on hoeing.

But one afternoon, as Daddy inspected his garden, his heart sank. The family's side of the garden was starting to look puny. He hurried over to the Lord's side but thankfully, it was growing like a picture in Farmer's Almanac. Back and forth he ran to compare them but there was no mistaking; our family's side of the garden was wilting and looking pathetic.

He watered and hoed and prayed but it was like his side had just given up the ghost.

Thalbert Miller, our next door neighbor, insisted that Daddy forget his tithe promise to the Lord. Daddy had a family to feed, Albert reasoned, and God would surely understand. But Daddy wouldn't break his promises, nosiree, and he kept right on working.

When the carrots, cucumbers and squash

began ripening in the church's garden, Daddy walked the two miles to the parsonage every few days and presented them proudly to the pastor's wife as tithe. Mother was still using last year's canned vegetables, stored in our cool, dirt-floored cellar, so we weren't starving. At least, not yet.

But as the summer progressed, our family's side of the garden lay dead and dormant.

After Mother had used the last jar of canned green beans and succotash, Daddy assured us at the supper table that God would not let us go hungry. Daddy had kept his promise to tithe and God would provide, though when pressed for "how," Daddy didn't have a clue.

The next morning when Daddy opened the front door to go to work, he let out a howl and yelled, "Praise the Lord! I knew it! I knew God would somehow provide."

During the night, our

neighbors and friends had silently piled boxes and bags of fresh vegetables from their gardens onto our front porch, way more than our entire garden had ever produced.

That evening, to celebrate, all the neighbors set up tables in our backyard and brought over enough casseroles, plates of fresh vegetables, meatloaf and desserts to feed an Army battalion. Never had I seen such a spread! Daddy prayed God's blessing over everyone who had contributed to our "Feast of Tithing," then he led the large group in singing the old Methodist hymn:

Come and dine," the Master calleth, "Come and dine";

You may feast at Jesus' table all the time;

He Who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,

To the hungry calleth now, "Come and dine."

Note: Non-fiction



Catholic Churches

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

St. Leo
Sudnay 8:30 a.m.

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Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

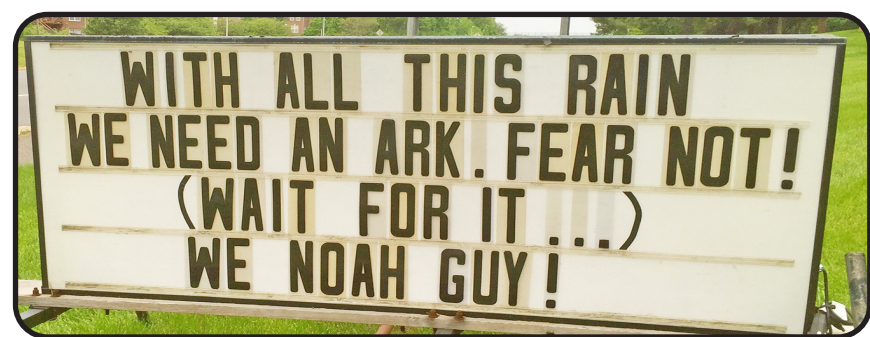
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda Methodist Church

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



Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

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

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1939

June 29 Police Judge Mason Wetherall slapped a neat \$25.00 fine and costs on two Tulsa, Oklahoma boys caught speeding through Cunningham by Sheriff Fred Twyman, Wednesday night. The boys had been hitting eighty miles per hour before reaching town but 'slowed' down to sixty-five as they passed through.

1949

July 1 – The wheat harvest in this section of the country is nearly over, and farmers are busy plowing their ground in preparation for next year's crop. So far this year everything about the crop is lower – yield, average 11 bushels, lowest in 10 years; weight averaging 54 to 58 pounds; and price, about \$1.70 to \$1.74, lowest since 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis announce the birth of a daughter, Virginia Lee, Sunday, June 26.

1954

July 1 – The Editor and Mrs. Bill Bradley announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, June 26, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces, and has been named Kandis Dee.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Basil Tade of Centerville, Ia., and paternal grandparents are Publisher William A. Bradley of Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Bradley of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooley of Pratt announce the birth of a daughter Tuesday, June 29 at Pratt County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and has been named Debra Kay.

Harold Schreck announced this week that he will re-open the Cunningham Theatre next Saturday night, July 10.

1959

July 2 – A major business transaction was made in Cunningham last week when Lon Hoagland sold the Hoagland Market to Elmer Spade of St. Leo. Elmer, in turn sold the store to his brother, Chet Spade of Kingman.

The new owner is no stranger to Cunningham, having attended high school here. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. Irene Schnittker of this city.

Mr. Hoagland lacked only three days of owning the store for seven full years. He purchased the store, July 7, 1952, coming here from Sun City. He and Mrs. Hoagland have moved to Pratt, where they will live and manage their apartment building at 507 North Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Spade and five children have moved into the apartment at the rear of the grocery store, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Spade of St. Leo have chosen the names Keith, Kevin, and Kent for the newest members of their family. The boys, triplets were born June 18.

1964

July 2 – The annual picnic of the Sacred Heart Church of Cunningham, will be held on the church grounds, Tuesday evening, July 14.

A fresh country sausage and fried chicken dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock that evening, followed by an outdoor platform dance from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

1969

July 3 – It had to happen sometime.

Two fires, both in wheat fields, were reported to the Cunningham Fire Department last Thursday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock.

The first, by only a matter of a few minutes, came from the Fred and John Albers land, six miles south and one mile east of town. The rural fire truck made the run to the Albers farm, where the fire was confined to wheat stubble and about one acre of wheat.

The second alarm came a few minutes later from the Alex Wingate farm, five miles north and four miles east of town. The fire, started by a truck backfire, burned up the truck and several acres of wheat stubble. Mr. Wingate almost disregarded the loss of the truck, an old one, but noted that the fire swept by high winds, moved away from the truck, so fast it failed to burn any of the wheat in the loaded bed of the truck.

Fourth of July Celebration – Cunningham Ball Park – Aerial Fireworks (bigger and better than ever) – Sky Diving – Baseball Games

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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

1974

July 3 - Ida Heatherman, Kingman County Health Nurse for the past 10 years, will retire July 25, 1974.

Reverend Harry Graves, Pastor of the Cunningham United Methodist Church, is attending St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, from June 17 to July 12.

Cari Graves and Paula FitzSimmons attended the Methodist Youth Camp at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City from June 17 – 22. They lived in tepees and did their own cooking.

Grads of 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Albers live on a farm near St. Leo where he is engaged in farming. Ned Albers lives and farms near St. Leo. CW3 and Mrs. Walt Youngblood (Mary Lyn Cundiff) live at Fort Davis, Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Westfall (Debbie DeArmand) and son, Darren, live in Hutchinson where Duane is employed at Cessna and Debbie does babysitting. Layne Harris lives near Cunningham and Wallace Hartley lives at home and works for his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jarmer and son, Eddie, live in Cunningham where Wayne is employed at the Don Dye Company in Kingman. Mrs. Rogene Jarmer attended Pratt Community Junior College last year.

Leroy Kampling, Jr. lives at home and works for area farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lackey and sons, Roger and Michael, live in Cunningham where he is employed by the Raney Trucking Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCune and son, Chris, live near St. Leo, where he works on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClellan live in Pretty Prairie where he is employed by the State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McMillian live in Hutchinson. He is employed in the cement business with his brother at Haven. Donna Panek works in Wichita. Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Clouse (Jo Ann Rohling) and son, Benjamin, live in Independence where Kenny is an industrial arts teacher in Jr. High. Monte Rose lives at home and works for area farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dunn (Susan Rottering) and son, Kendrick, live in Emporia where Rex attends Emporia State Teachers College and does part time teaching.

Paul Sallee is custom cutting with his father this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schnittker live in

Manhattan where he attends Kansas State University and works. Mrs. Kay Ratcliff is employed by the Peoples Savings and Loan Association. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stark, and son, Cory Shane, live in Arvado, Colorado, where he is employed as an electric technician.

Mr. ad Mrs. Danny Theis live in Cunningham where he is employed by the Stockmaster Company and Mrs. Pat Theis works at the Fish and Game Commission at Pratt. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Curtis (Betty Thimesch) live in Pratt where she is employed at the Elmitt's Beauty Salon, and Mr. Curtis is attending summer school at Pratt Community College.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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

1979

July 5 - Charles Thimesch visited with the city council in regard to development of his street.

Dave Horton requested a package beer license. The council voted not to change the city ordinance at this time which allows only one malt beverage per 1,000 population.

Larry Lubbers reported that of new water meters is \$32.50.

Hilltop Manor: The spotlight swings to the Laundry Department in our weekly series designed to show you some of the work and people that sustain Hilltop Manor, Inc.

Norma Golden heads this department and is assisted by Mary Oller, Gayla Golden, and LuAnn Renner. Work days begin at seven a.m. and days off are staggered so that at least two employees are on duty each day for most of the week.

1984

July 5 - Things couldn't have gone better for the kidney transplant patients, identical twins DeeDee and Billie Jo Perry.

The surgery was performed Thursday as planned and the girls and their family were able to return to their home on Wednesday, July 4, according to Diana Rakestraw, who has been in telephone contact with the girls throughout the ordeal.

As anticipated, there has been no rejection of the organ at all since they are identical twins and the transplanted one is working exceptionally well. B.J. was taken out of isolation a few days following the surgery and other extraordinary measures usually needed with transplants have not had to be used in this case.

Hilltop Manor: Delmar and Gertrude Crick visited with Lizzie Millhauser.

Judy Petz, Stephanie Petz, Elsie Witt, Judy and Rod Almond all visited friends at Hilltop this week.

The Humanities program this week was Robert York, a juggler. We all enjoyed him very much and look forward to his return.

Clarence Fischer broke a hip recently adding to the serious illness which he has had for several months now. He needn't have worried about getting the machinery in the fields, to harvest this year.

Right after noon on Wednesday, June 27, a convoy of seventeen combines lined up across the fields and many trucks waited to haul the wheat to the bins. When late evening arrived, harvest was over, a near record of neighborliness and friendship. Three hundred twenty four acres were systematically cut and hauled in this short span of time.



Surviving the 70s – The Family Station Wagon

There is a scene in National Lampoon's classic movie Vacation where Clark Griswald, played by Chevy Chase, in preparation for the big family

trip, visits his neighborhood auto dealership to pick up his new car. Clark complains, "This isn't the car I ordered. I distinctly ordered the Antarctic Blue Super Sports Wagon with the C.B. and optional rally

fun pack." Ed, the salesman, replies, "You didn't order the metallic pea?" Clark soon returns home piloting the green Wagon Queen Family Truckster, and the rest of the story is comic history, with the station wagon front and center.

The Great American Station Wagon became a symbol of family life in America in the second half of the 20th century. Descended from commercial vehicles of the '20s and '30s, specifically the Depot Hack, station wagons came of age after World War II. With the dawning of suburban life and the Baby Boomer generation, the station wagon found its place. Surf culture and the Beach Boys furthered the popularity of the station wagon in the early '60s. There's nothing cooler than an old woody at the beach.

Station wagons con-

tinued in popularity until the oil embargo of 1973 and resulting gas crisis. Soon came the mini-van, and then the now ubiquitous SUV. These societal changes resulted in the death of the station wagon. But we can remember...

If you survived the 70s, there is a good chance your family drove a station wagon. My parents did not own a Wagon Queen Family Truckster, but in the summer of 1972 they brought home a used baby blue 1963 Plymouth Belvedere Station Wagon with a Zig Zag decal on the back window. The decal always struck me as funny, because apparently my parents were unaware of the cultural significance of this small detail (I think the previous owners probably went through a lot of Zig Zag papers rolling doobies). So began our life with a station wagon.

We had opted for a Plymouth station wagon. As a boy, I could never quite grasp my parents' fondness for Mopar products. When in need of another used car (for my mom), they invariably drove home a Dodge or a Plymouth. And these cars always seemed to be plagued with mechanical issues. My dad drove a '57 Chevy pickup, which ran like a sewing machine with nary a problem. I couldn't for the life of me understand why we just didn't stick with Chevys. Perhaps it was the charm of the ever-present push-button automatic transmission, the small beady headlights, or the reverse-thread lug nuts on driver's side wheels (yes, this was a real thing – try changing a tire without this bit of automotive knowledge). Our Plymouth had all of these. If not entirely reliable, it was a practical

car during my early teen years at home, though a bit uncool to drive. It was a good thing that it died before I entered my dating years.

One thing that did consistently work well on our station wagon was the AM radio. I still well remember my mom listening to Buck Owens, Charley Pride, and Donna Fargo on the local country western station as we drove to school in the mornings. And our wagon had plenty of room. It was great for hauling steer feed. We were a 4-H family, and we raised beef cattle. Our steers ate a lot, so on the way home from school we would stop at Star Milling to fill the back of our wagon with sacks of grain. Our Plymouth was a good 4-H car.

I do have many fond memories of our old blue station wagon. I remember a visit one December

evening to a Christmas tree lot in a neighboring town. In the cold we picked out our tree, tied it to the top of the old Plymouth, and drove home through the dark night to celebrate Christ's birth.

If you grew up with a station wagon, know that you were fortunate enough to experience a bit of automotive history. You might want to share this with your family when dinner conversation lags. Like pioneer veterans of the Oregon Trail who probably remembered and related their adventures in a Conestoga Wagon to their grandchildren years later, old

folks of today can recount to their descendants memories of loading up in the family station wagon to go buy shoes at Sears. Those were the days...

Minutes from County Commission Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 24, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor; Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Matt Westerhaus, Cunningham EMS; Online Visitors: Caller01; Tammy; JAZ; Iphone; Staff: Amber Hartley, Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; and Charles Arensdorf,

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if they attended the GOP meeting last week.

Matt Westerhaus, Cunningham EMS was in to let the Commissioners know that he took over for Monte Rose after his retirement.

Mr. Westerhaus discussed the appropriation of \$10,000.00 received this year and asked the Commissioners if they could continue the \$10,000.00 appropriation for 2025 as it helps their department recruit EMTs.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the EMS fund put into the General Fund and that it would require a Resolution.

Commissioners asked

the County Counselor to work on the Resolution.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the outside entities appropriation requests for 2025 with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed entities that have excess reserves and if the funding could be less.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the wages and benefits with the County Commissioners and the positions for certain departments that haven't been filled not being funded for 2025.

Commissioners suggested cuts and asked Ms. Stegman to figure those.

Danielle Hollingshead, Adams Brown and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to present the 2023 County Audit and go over it with the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners signed letters for Adams Brown audit services for 2024.

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

Flat Ridge 5 Wind

Energy LLC - underground electrical cable crossings- Sections 31-32 and 32-33 Township 30, Range 06W (Canton).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the insurance settlement for the 2005 Mack Truck that had been totaled.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that the settlement was not for a high enough amount and he should talk to the insurance company.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed his budget for 2025 with the County Commissioners.

Claudio, Patrick Room BC/BS representatives; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher and Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator were in to go over claims for the year and costs for the new year.

Mr. Claudio, Mr. Room, Mr. Gilson and Ms. Aumiller left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in for a department update for the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood discussed an employee that is

requesting four weeks off with the Commissioners.

Commissioners let Sheriff Wood know that he knows his department and his employees they trust him to recognize where his department needs accommodation concerning the policy book.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 12:02 p.m. with Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Sheriff Wood and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and they will return to regular session at 12:17 p.m. in the board meeting room. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:27 a.m. with no decision made.

The County Clerk discussed the Revenue

Neutral Notices and the quote received from Postalcity.

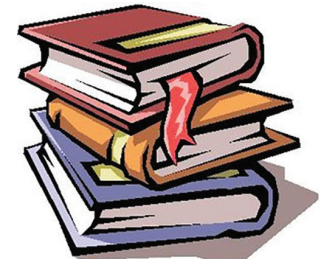
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Postalcity quote for RNR statement mailers. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 17, 2024 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the June 17, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pirates and Slime! So Much Library Fun!



Growing Recognition

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Farmers and ranchers in Kansas are amazing people. Yes, I am tooting our own horn, but we deserve it. We are hard-working and all too humble people, and the work we do is something our fellow humans literally cannot live without. We grow food.

I say all of this because my colleagues in agriculture will not. I know they are too busy working long hours doing their job, including working up to seven days a week. We wait for someone else to acknowledge our good work, and that is an admirable trait. So, I am going to say it for all of us.

Just look at the last five years. We have survived some of the worst weather and drought in recorded history, a pandemic, supply chain disruptions, increased costs for everything and high

interest rates, and we are still here. What is more, we are producing more food, using fewer inputs and less land all while protecting the air, soil and water around us.

Our jobs will get harder in the upcoming years because we will need to produce even more food—more food than we have ever produced in history. We will also be asked to do it with less land all while improving the natural resources with which we are entrusted. That is a heavy lift.

Do you know what? We will do it, and we

will do it better than anyone can even imagine. Farmers and ranchers have stepped up and met every challenge thrown our way. We are asked to do the impossible, and we come through with flying colors each time. That is something to be proud of.

We put our backs into the harness and pull our heavy loads, never expecting any recognition or accolades. Its time we recognized the good work we do and let the rest of the world know how proud we are of the food we grow. It's not bragging, it's pride, and

that is not something we should be shy to tell the rest of the world about.

We are a humble group. Take a step back and look at the impact our work has on the world around us. We feed a hungry, growing population. Nothing else can be accomplished if you are starving. The rest of the world needs us, whether they recognize it or not.

I know we do not do our jobs for recognition, but it is important to take time to look at all we do. The changes we have navigated are stunning. We have done

this in some of the hardest times we have ever faced, and we did it with style and grace. All of this is something we need to acknowledge and take pride in.

So, during this busy season, take a minute to appreciate all we have accomplished on our farms and ranches. We rightfully are and should be proud of what we do. And in their own way, I know a hungry world recognizes this.

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A View Inside the New High School



This photo was taken facing east. The windows are part of the library/media center.



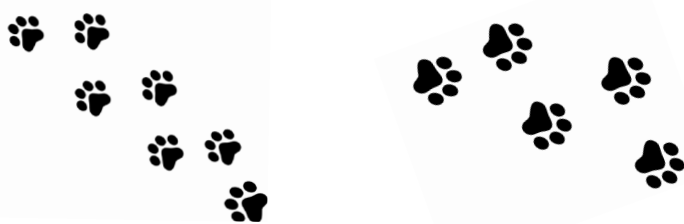
This is the inside of the library. The circulation desk is the white curved 'wall' in the middle of the photo.



This is the east wall of the FACS (Home Economics) room.



This view is outside the east entrance of the media center, looking west. The lights are from the current office area/ cafeteria/music room addition



The masthead on the front page is the back of the new high school shop rooms. This is the 'parking space between the school and the old shop/bus barn. The sand will be used when they pour the concrete.



Day 8, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 8 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Drew Hubbell, who farms with his dad and uncle near Spearville in Ford County, reports harvest started on June 10, and they still have about a week to go. Fields are wet from recent rains, so they have had to move

from field to field to find dry enough wheat. The rains on the mature wheat have taken about 10 to 15 bushels per acre off their yield potential and caused some lodging issues. Some fields have been hailed on up to three times.

Hubbell said they needed one of these rains in April. They had so much hope going into early spring but received no moisture between February and the middle of May.

Overall, though, they are pleased with this year's harvest. T158 continues to be a workhorse variety for them year after year. Even after the lack of spring moisture, yields are ranging from 15 or 20 bushels per acre

to 60 bushels per acre – sometimes within the same field. Test weights, even after several rounds of rain, are still averaging 58 to 59 pounds per bushel, and protein is 12 to 13 percent. Hubbell said there are a lot of 40 to 50 bushel yields in the area.

Jacqueline Leffler, of Lyon County, near Emporia, started harvesting on the 10th of June and just wrapped up Tuesday afternoon. She was excited to report that their wheat has "been yielding phenomenally," with yields anywhere from 50 to 70 bushels per acre and test weights so high that they had to lighten their loads going to the elevator.

During the spring,

they experienced a substantial amount of moisture that often invites stripe rust and disease. They combated this opportunity for damage with fungicide which paid off resulting in a great wheat crop.

Jacqueline noted a challenge that not just the Lefflers', but many farmers faced this year was a shortage in good help. She said that, "It seems like the stars have to align to find enough people to get everything done."

Despite some minor issues, she was excited about a great year for their wheat and was planting soybeans as part of their double cropping system. Lefflers double-crop almost 100% of their acres with soybeans.

For the Berning family near Scott City, in Scott County, this is one of their better harvests.

"This crop was unexpected," he said, "Maybe some people were expecting their crop to look like this, but we weren't."

Starting a week ahead of normal, their yields have been highly variable with their harvested wheat exceeding 70 bushels per acre on dryland; however, with the dry spring conditions,

they abandoned just under half of their wheat, which was all continuous behind corn.

Proteins for the Bernings have ranged anywhere from 14 to 15.5 percent on their wheat, with test weights above 62 pounds per bushel.

"We make sure to incorporate T158 every year," Berning said. "It's dad's favorite variety, so we make sure it's put in the ground every fall."

Berning is also cutting KS Dallas, Canvas and Tatanka, and is pleasantly surprised with how it is looking.

"It seems we just got lucky this year," he said, "if you go less than 25 miles north, guys are cutting completely different yields."

The Berning family is wrapping up harvest and expects to finish up by June 27, just in time to enjoy next week's holiday weekend.

Steve Clanton of Minneapolis in Ottawa County, started harvest around June 21, which is a week earlier than normal and wrapped up Tuesday evening.

Clanton is seeing yields anywhere from averages of 30 to 50 bushels per acre, which he is

describing this year as "strange."

"Even where I thought there was going to be good wheat, it wasn't as good as I was expecting it to be," Clanton said, "It didn't make sense."

Test weights ranged anywhere from 59 to 62 pounds per bushel.

The next harvest report will be a special edition on hard white wheat to be published Thursday, June 27, 2024.

The 2024 Harvest Reports are brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates, use #wheat harvest24 on social media. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 23

Traffic Stops	3
Disturbance	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial Rd, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	SE 100 & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Miscellaneous	800 E 1st St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Fire / Vehicle	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cunningham
Mental	15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

Monday, June 24

Traffic Stop	1
Unlock	4700 Blk NE 130 Ave, Murdock
Disabled Vehicle	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54

Tuesday, June 25

Traffic Stops	3
Civil Paper Service	1
Non-Injury Accident	8000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Disabled Vehicle	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	SW 120 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Warrant Service / Arrest	700 Blk W Washington Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Non-Injury Accident	SE 150 Ave & SE 180 St, Norwich

Wednesday, June 26

Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	NW 10 St & NW 90 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 10 St & NE 80 Ave, Kingman
Court Security	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	NW 60 St & NW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Thursday, June 27

Traffic Stop	1
Transport Prisoner to DOC	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Found Property	1800 Blk N Marquette St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	9000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Warrant Service / Arrest	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Return Property	700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Friday, June 28

Traffic Stops	7
Civil Paper Service	2
Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk SW 70 Ave, Kingman
Transport Civilian	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial	5200 Blk NE 110 Ave, Pretty Prairie
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 50 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
911 Accidental Dial	100 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	4500 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	6200 Blk SE 60 Ave, Kingman

Saturday, June 29

Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	5
Non-Injury Accident	N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Murdock
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave, Murdock
Medical / Agency Assist	200 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Disturbance / Agency Assist / Arrest	200 Blk N Pine St, Kingman

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 24, 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. Nate Humble. Heather Morgan, Economic Development, working on the SAMS (System for Award Management) registration for Pratt County and the city of Iuka. She

sent the application in last week, if she does not hear back, she will contact Senator Marshall. She will contact Scot Loyd tomorrow concerning budget issues. She reported on the water project in Dodge City that received a matching funds infrastructure grant. The governor signed the tax bill last week. It included updated tax withholding tables and increased deductions and other tax breaks. The 20 mils for schools remains, exemption up to \$75,000. She discussed the Chiefs/Royals incentives moving to Kansas. May unemployment for Pratt County is 2.8%. All surrounding counties are going up.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, gave an update on spraying around the county. He stated he needs to replace the air compressor.

Ashley Smith, Chamber of Commerce director, presented the county Chamber membership renewal. She asked for any suggestions or changes they would like to see.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to renew the membership at the platinum level for \$2000. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nate Humble, city of Pratt Police Chief, gave an update on the equipment loss due to the lightning strike. They have ordered new equipment and are getting other equipment repaired or replaced. Chairman Shriver will attend the meeting today at 4:00 p.m. concerning the 911 dispatch.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, gave an update on the state assessed loss of valuation. The underground stored gas has decreased in volume and the price is down. They asked if residential property owners would pay more, yes, they would. The RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate) will generate the same tax dollars as last year. Commissioner Adams

asked about adding sales tax. Tyson stated he was not prepared to talk about that without doing some research. DJ presented Margo Roberts six month raise of .50. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Margo Roberts six month raise of .50. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated he had talked to Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance, about the vehicle safety policy he presented. Scott is going to research and report back to Tyson.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:32 p.m. for fifteen minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning elections. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:46 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners discussed observing Juneteenth as a legal

county holiday. They do not want to at this time, since they allow an extra paid day at Christmas.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 24, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners discussed the budget meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess at 2:57 p.m. for the budget workshop Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver call the recessed meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., June 26, 2024, for the budget workshop with Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC.

The 2025 budget was discussed along with the RNR for the county. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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- ACROSS**
- UPS competitor
 - Banking convenience
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 - *Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," e.g.
 - Petri dish gel
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 - Storm centers
 - Bob ___ of boxing world
 - Neural transmitters
 - High school breakout
 - Speech defect
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 - Grassland
 - Trousers
- DOWN**
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 - Freudian error
 - *Roald Amundsen's southern destination
 - The Muppets' street
 - Lake scum
 - Razz
 - *___ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
 - Comforting gestures
 - Prima donna problems
 - Skin cyst
 - Saffron-flavored rice dish
 - Street urchin
 - *48th State
 - Sailing vessel with two masts
 - Animal doctor, for short
 - Water balloon sound
 - Alluring maiden
 - Add a touch of color
 - Spiritual leader
 - *Boy Scout's ___ badge
 - Two under par on a hole
 - Animal trail
 - After-bath powder
 - General Post Office
 - *"Little Tramp" portrayer
 - Chef Julia ___
 - Address for a man
 - Salmon at a certain stage
 - Indian breads
 - Lee Harvey ___
 - *"A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" author James ___
 - Circus venue
 - Modern message
 - Dwarf buffalo
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Harvest Report 2024

This Hard White Wheat Special Edition of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Hard white (HW) winter wheat varieties continue to be popular among some western Kansas farmers for their high yields, disease resistance and quality. Kansas Wheat continues to work with the grain handling industry and Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) to revise the grain standards to facilitate the movement of hard white wheat in domestic and international markets and lessen the burden on grain handlers.

Hard white wheat had been growing in export demand, primarily to Nigeria out of the Texas Gulf, but the past several years of drought-stricken production shortfalls have impacted that business for Kansas farmers.

Eric Sperber from Cornerstone Ag in Colby, who has been trading hard white wheat since the late 1990s, said, "We've never matched up demand with supply. Either there's more demand and not enough supply, or more supply and not enough demand." He said, "Unless we can get Nigeria back, it's hard to market hard white

wheat."

Although Sperber anticipates less than 10 percent of their receipts to be hard white wheat this year, down from years past, he's pleased with the excellent quality and quantity of wheat in the area.

Wheat coming into his location, both hard red and hard white, have test weights of 60+ pounds per bushel, protein averaging about 12 percent, and variable yields that will likely end up above average overall. Most farmers in his draw area of Rawlins, Thomas, Sheridan and Logan counties have been "pleasantly surprised" by this year's wheat harvest.

Hard white wheat makes up 16.3 percent of planted acres in west central and southwest Kansas. Joe is the top seeded hard white wheat variety, making up 8.4 percent of planted acres in southwest Kansas and 7.9 percent in west central Kansas. Overall, hard white wheat was seeded on 4.3 percent of Kansas' 7.7 million acres, accounting for 331,100 acres seeded to hard white wheat in the fall of 2023. KS Big Bow, being the most recent HW release and projecting to be a Joe replacement with higher yield potential, better disease package and milling and baking quality.

Overall, the quality of this year's hard white wheat crop is excellent, in line with the quality of this year's hard red winter wheat crop.

The Millershaskis from Lakin in Kearny County are growing

both Joe and KS Big Bow, hard white wheats from the Kansas Wheat Alliance, this year.

Gary Millershaski reports that their "test weights have been unbelievable, 60 to 65 pounds per bushel." They have very good sized berries and clean samples.

They have not tested for protein because the elevators in the area do not pay for protein.

In February, the crop looked fantastic. Tyler Millershaski said he was excited to topdress because it was looking so good.

They got a really good stand on all their acres last fall, and even had snow cover over the winter.

But, then the spigot turned off and they received no more moisture until late May.

"I had higher hopes," Tyler said. "It's disappointing."

Even with the lack of moisture in the spring, their farm will average approximately 28 bushels per acre, down from an average in the mid-40s.

They received a major hailstorm, which resulted in one field being a total loss and a few others with yields of only 10 to 20 bushels per acre.

They haven't had any issues with wheat streak mosaic virus, even though some of their neighbors have it.

"Joe has been such a good staple for this area," Gary said, referencing its wheat streak resistance.

Like Millershaski's operation, the Suppes' in Lane County see farming as a family affair.

Ron, his son Shane, nephew Jace, and a skilled group of hired hands started cutting their hard white winter wheat crop on June 18. With dry weather, they expect to finish in the next seven days. They were using stripper headers, which maximize the use of straw left behind for moisture conservation and weed management.

This year they planted Joe and KS Big Bow and have been pleasantly surprised by their resilience to the spotty weather they have had. They gave some credit to timely rains during the grain filling period.

The family was happy to report an average of 50 bushels per acre and proteins at 12.5 percent. Their wheat crop this year faced some pressure from wheat streak mosaic virus which put a damper on yields, but was not a huge factor due to the advancements made by wheat research.

"It's the genetics shining through," said Jace as he reflected on this season's challenges.

Stewart Whitham, who farms near Leoti, in Wichita County said there was a tremendous amount of variability potential in this crop, just a few weeks before getting started cutting.

Over the course of the weeks leading up to harvest, grain filling weather was ideal, which allowed for his crop to be "better than expected."

Whitham's crop of KS Big Bow had average test weights of 62.7 pounds per bushel, with protein averaging 13.2 percent.

U.S. Wheat Associates produces an annual Crop Quality Report that includes grade, flour and end-product data for all six U.S. wheat classes. The 2024 Annual Wheat Quality Report will be available at uswheat.org.

The 2024 Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat-harvest24. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Amelia Schatz for Kansas Wheat



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Carol Jayne

Carol R. Jayne, 61, loving wife, mother and grandmother, died June 29, 2024, at her home in Kingman.

She was born Aug. 11, 1962, at Kansas City, Kansas the daughter of Raymond and Lucille "Susie" Hecox. A long-time resident of the Kingman community, she was a homemaker and home health aide for Rivercross Health Care.

Carol was a member of the Kingman Christian Church.

On Nov. 11, 1993, she married Kelly Jayne at Liberal, Kansas. Other survivors include two sons and their wives, Andrew and Heather Jayne and Scott and Samantha Jayne; daughter Christina Jayne; grandchildren Arc, Ean, Rylee, Landon, Dyllyn, Teagyn, Hadlyn, Aydan, Trayton and Serenity. She was preceded in death by daughter Brittany; her parents; and brother Kirk Hecox.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm., Friday, July 5, 2024 at the Kingman Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm. To 7:00 pm., Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery. Services will be livestreamed on the Kingman Christian Church Facebook page. Services will also be livestreamed at the Kingman Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Kingman Christian Church, Rivercross Health Care or the KAMI Food Bank, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Jamee Perez

Jamee Elizabeth (Sewell) Perez, 42 years old, of Hugoton, Kansas, passed into her savior's arms on June 21, 2024. Born on August 17, 1981, to Mike Sewell and Thea (Rosel) Schnittker in Liberal, Kansas, Jamee lived a full life.

Jamee graduated from Hugoton High School in the spring of 1999 before continuing her education at Seward County Community College and graduating as a registered nurse. She had a longstanding goal to attain her Bachelor of Science in nursing, which she went above and beyond achieving by graduating with cum laude honors in December 2022.

Jamee devoted her career to caring for elderly patients, dedicating her time and expertise to assisting with the needs of those affected by memory impairments, such as Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. She was loving, capable, and tender in her work and will be sorely missed by her patients and colleagues.

In 2009, Jamee met Joshua Perez, and they wed March 17 of 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were married for 13 years, and during those 13 years they had an unbreakable bond as parents, best friends, and spouses. It was rare you found one without the other, regardless of what they were doing as they truly enjoyed each other's company and companionship.

Jamee had an insatiable love for travel. She never took her time for granted and used every opportunity to gather as many of her friends and family to explore and experience different cities and countries together. Her travel adventures took her to Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Florida Keys, Panama Beach, Nashville, the Colorado mountains, Lake of the Ozarks, California, the Grand Canyon, Houston, San Antonio, and Miami. Many times a year, though, you could find her in Las Vegas. Whether it was just her and Josh, or with family and friends, she appreciated the theater, arts, and unique shows that Las Vegas offers.

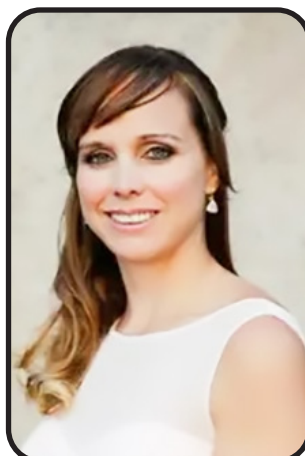
At the core of Jamee's life was her family. Her passion for her loved ones was evidenced in her actions and words each day. Ever inclusive, Jamee had the ability to make anyone feel not only welcome, but wanted. Whether it was a Sunday family dinner or a spontaneous gathering, Jamee's presence turned ordinary moments into extraordinary memories.

Jamee never missed a big event, whether it was her grandson's tournament, or her brother's graduation across the United States, there was never a question that she would be there. Jamee's empathy extended beyond people to animals. She had a unique bond with creatures of all kinds, often rescuing stray or rescue animals and providing them with a loving home. Her compassion knew no bounds, and her gentle nature was a comfort to both two-legged and four-legged friends alike.

A talented singer, Jamee had a voice that could lift spirits and bring people together. She was fearless and her performances at family events were always a highlight, showcasing not just her vocal talent, but her ability to connect with and bring people together through music.

Jamee's legacy is one of love, compassion and joy. She is survived by loving husband, Josh, children, Weston (and wife, Bailey), Cami, and Caiden, father, Mike Sewell (and wife, Elsy), mother, Thea Schnittker, step-father, Will Schnittker, grandmothers, Betty and Shirley, brothers, Michael (and wife, Chrissy) and Derek, sister, Kristen (and husband, Austin), grandchildren, Leland and Wrenley, her aunt, Valerie, uncle, Lynn, many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins, sister-in-law, Jessica (and husband, Baby) and April, brothers-in-law, Eric and Manuel, and five beloved rescue dogs, Milo, Laya, Lulu, Blaze, and Roxy. Jamee was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jarrel Sewell and uncle, Clay Rosel.

Funeral Mass was Friday, June 28, 2024, at St. Helen Catholic Church in Hugoton, Kansas, with Reverend Rudin Din officiating. Interment followed at the Hugoton Cemetery in Hugoton. Memorial contributions may be given to Jamee Perez Children's Educational Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 920 E. 11th St., Hugoton, KS 67951. Condolences may be posted at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com.



Sharon Hillard

Sharon Alyne Hillard, 81, passed away Friday, June 28, 2024 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing in Pratt. She was born on August 26, 1942 in Frankfort, Kansas to Bernie and Della (Dalrymple) Phillippi. Sharon married Lewis Frank Hillard on February 27, 1966 in Wellington, Kansas. They were married for 58 years.

Sharon graduated from Wellington High School in 1961. She was a homemaker and member of the Old Glendale Union Church as well as Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She enjoyed reading.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis of Pratt; children, Scott (Chris Wiese) Hillard of Caballo, New Mexico and Kathrine Hillard of Medicine Lodge; sisters, Dianne (Marvin) Thomas of Pratt, Linda (Jeff) Hill of Wellington and Nancy (Bill) Frankum of Colorado; brother, Randy (Rita) Phillippi of Lawrence; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing with Jan Blasi presiding. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children or American Kidney Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Celebrate 4th of July Responsibly: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

TOPEKA – Motorists in Kansas will see and hear numerous Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving safety messages the week of the 4th of July holiday to stress the importance of never drinking and driving.

The Kansas Department of Transportation, the Drive To Zero (DTZ) Coalition and local law enforcement agencies are joining together in this effort. High intensity enforcement will occur over the holiday week along with safety reminders from July 1-7.

Impaired driving is both illegal and dangerous. "Besides being illegal, driving impaired puts anyone in your vehicle or your path at risk for a crash resulting in serious injury or death," said KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager Gary Herman. "And with many Independence Day activities taking place at night, impaired drivers increase the risks even more."

According to KDOT, 65 people lost their lives in 2,140 alcohol-related crashes recorded in 2023. This marks a decrease from 2022, when 95 alcohol-related fatalities occurred.

Drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) above Kansas' limit of .08% are considered alcohol-impaired by law. However, a small amount of alcohol is considered buzzed driving because it can affect a person's ability to drive safely.

"Simply planning ahead by designating a sober driver can be the difference in avoiding a DUI and potential jail time, let alone placing lives in jeopardy," Herman said.

The DTZ Coalition also reminds all motorists to buckle up every trip, every time. Learn more about the Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving Campaigns and anti-impaired driving resources by visiting <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/drunk-driving>.

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

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, July 6, 2024 Consignment Auction - Hamm Auction Center - 9:30

Monday, July 15, 2024, Kingman Co Land Auction - 1:30 pm Hamm Auction Center, Pratt, KS (see ad on page 9)

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A Note of Thanks

Thank you to family and friends of Don Becker, to Father Roger for the beautiful service, for the prayers, the Masses, memorial gifts, flowers, food, cards and the shared memories and stories told about Don. A special thank you to the Sacred Heart Altar Society ladies for the preparation and serving of the luncheon. Whatever the part, we thank you all.

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