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Those Christmas Lights Light Up the Street



515 S. Valley Street, the home of Loetta and Merlin Lohrke is the first place winner in this year's Christmas lighting contest.



The home of Jennette and Nick Rogers is the second place winner in the lighting contest. They light up the street at 138 North Henderson Street.



Jared and Nicole Huff live at 318 Henderson and were the 3rd place winners in the lighting contest.



Courier photos

SCCF Match Day Raises Nearly \$283,000 for Local Nonprofits

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) hosted its second annual Match Day with 14 participating nonprofits. Accepting early bird donations starting November 1st until Match Day on Giving Tuesday, SCCF raised a total of nearly \$283,000.

These donations are matched proportionally from a \$70,000 grant thanks to the generosity of the Patterson Family Foundation. The donations received from the community will go directly back to the nonprofits, while

the matching dollars will stay in their endowment fund at SCCF to help with future goals.

"The matching grant from Patterson Family Foundation has been a huge asset for our communities," said Holly Launchbaugh, SCCF Executive Director, "The opportunity to impact both the needs of our nonprofits today while building financial resources for the future is the perfect recipe for success."

For more information on endowment funds, please contact the Foundation at holly@sccfks.org or (620) 672-7929.

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 16, 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; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

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

Landwehr

Online Visitors: Caller 01; iPhone Staff: Ashley Keimig, Waste Water Director; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Brent Wood; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

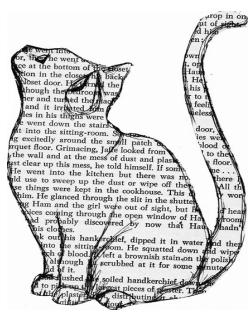
Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session for attorney-client privilege if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an attorney-client privilege

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Wishing You and Your Loved Ones
a Very Merry Christmas
and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

 Kingman Healthcare Center and Family Clinics



Meanderings

Christmas came early this season! Kingman Carnegie Library has a new microfilm machine!! Oh, heavenly day! It is truly a Christmas gift to this newspaper owner/publisher/editor/retired librarian! This is the best Christmas gift I could get. I'm not saying the treat box delivered last week by a new friend wasn't great, but those treats are just a delicious, delectable memory, whereas this

machine will continue to keep on giving. Oh, joy! Two weeks ago, I went over to find my new gift sitting in a place of honor and the library director, Lani Wilson, gave me a quick refreshing tutorial (I had used this type of machine in Hutchinson's library a few months back). Alas, the machine wasn't yet set up for sending my 'clippings' to my courier news email address, and I didn't have a flash drive with me, but I was able to print the bits I needed for the 'old news' page. But, alas, the printed page came out very small, and I wasn't familiar enough with the machine to figure out how to enlarge, so last week's pages were rather difficult to read while retyping them into

this computer. I did get out my trusty magnifying glass, and ta-da! Problem solved. This week, the email was only just working, and Lani hadn't figured out all the ins and outs, but I just took the flash drive out of my pocket and got to work. There are a few kinks I need to work out of my system, but it was a dream to use. I brought the flash drive home, opened up the files, printed and OH! MY! The clippings came out in full-page order. I can practically read the clippings from across the room. I am sooooo happy! Give a library some tax-deduction love this holiday season! They deserve it for the wonderful opportunities they offer to the public!

** Change is hard. Giving up traditions is harder. I heard a story the other day that made me smile. A village in the Himalayas, Nepal, Afghanistan, or some place in that part of the world was going through some changes. Or the younger generations were wanting to go through some changes. But the elders of the village weren't wanting to let go of the way things "have always been done". I smiled because this seems to be a universal issue. It matters not the language or the culture or the country. The young want to embrace and establish new and more modern traditions, while the older folks like things the way they 'always

were.' But you know, 'always' isn't for always. Nostalgia plays a big role in the guardianship of traditions. Many of the celebrations we have established as tradition weren't tradition until we made them OUR way of celebrating. Most importantly I understand that the future belongs to the young. They need to establish their own traditions, traditions that fit the times they live in, their lives, their community, their children. It is okay to let go of the past, the past is there in our memories, and new memories need to be made for the young to think back on when they are older. They, too, will have to give up their

cherished traditions at some time in the future to make way for their young to establish new ways of celebrating that fit into their lives, their sense of community, the way they raise their children, the times they live in. I'm not sure why it is always a struggle to give up the familiar for an opportunity for the young to experience their own way of doing things. But letting go of the past is okay. It really is. Let traditions change, let the young have the reins. Always reading, and currently reading the same book as last week because I've been too tired and feeling too crumbly to read very much, Roberta And Happy New Year!

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Last week I talked about how finding a fox in my yard was not only exhilarating, but also posed a question as to how to identify such animals correctly. Turns out a female fox is a VIXEN and a male is either a DOG FOX, a TOD or a REYNARD. Why the male gets three names and the female gets one is beyond me. Doesn't sound fair at all. And thus

I decided to check into not only the nomenclature but the taxonomy on how we identify groups of animals and why. And that stuff is amazing! I'm going to run through a short list here and let me know if you think I got things wrong. Deal? I can first begin with what we all know out here in the great Land of Ahs. A HERD of cattle. A FLOCK of chickens. A GAGGLE of geese. Seems simple. But goats can be called a FLOCK or a HERD or a TRIPPE or a TRIBE. Seems HERD and FLOCK can be applied to a lot of ani-

mals we husband here in Kansas. But most of that is domestic. If you have dogs that is a PACK or KENNEL and your cats are a CROWD. But if we dig into the wild population the descriptions get even more creative, and Lord knows who thought them up. Got a raccoon in your garden? He and his masked bandit pals are called a BRACE. I know you got possums. More than one is a PASSEL. The owls hooting about the place in the dead of night are a PARLIAMENT. That one gives pause. It assumes they are wise

as most of the United Kingdom hopes their parliament is wise. Only time will tell about that. Got crows on the wire? That is a MURDER of crows. And I can see them now staring down off the telephone lines and planning my untimely demise as I bend down to pick what is left of my tomatoes. Some others of our closer to home designations include: Your turkey buzzards are a WAKE. Your skunks are called a SURFEIT. As in suffice. As in enough of you already, Mr. Skunk. Turtles? BALE. Elk? A GANG. I love that. I want

to see a bunch of Elk hanging around the convenience store begging for change. Beavers? That's a COLONY, and aptly so. They are really good at building whole societies. This list goes on and on. My last Kansas-Centric one if the buffalo or bison. A gathering of these magnificent creatures is called an OBSTINANCY. Seriously, how darn accurate is that? Have you ever met a buffalo that wasn't just a tad stubborn. But here are some animals not native to us worth mentioning. Rhinoceros? A CRASH.

Whoever dubbed that got it right. Tigers? An AMBUSH. I'm not sure if that is fair but it certainly makes you wary when walking through the jungle. And this best one comes last. Got WOMBATS? That is a WISDOM of wombats. Just can't wrap my head around that one. Are there WOMBATS in PARLIAMENT? Think about it. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Merry Christmas from the Envyofall Family There are two things that make me feel like a boring person. Actually there are more than two, but the ones that come to mind this time of year are writing a Christmas letter and reading everyone else's. When I write a letter I come to the painful realization that the year has flown by again, that I've been terribly

busy but I haven't done a thing worth mentioning. Worse, when I read all the newsy holiday letters I receive I think the writers must have had more days since last Christmas than I had, and apparently more money, energy and ambition as well. I don't think I'm alone in my feelings of inadequacy either. Consider the following actual letter I made up. You'll see in brackets what an unfortunate reader might be thinking as she reads this holiday greeting from the Envyofall family. Merry Christmas from the Envyofalls! We hope your year was as wonderful as ours was! [I'm pretty sure it wasn't.] We started the

year with a January vacation in Hawaii. [Now I know it wasn't.] Since the children are both doing so well in school we decided taking them out for two weeks would be acceptable, and they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. [I'll bet their teachers did too.] In June Maxwell and I celebrated our twentieth anniversary with a month in Italy. [What a coincidence! My husband and I celebrated our anniversary in June too—at the Olive Garden.] You can see photos of both vacations on our family website. [You can see our vacation photos too—in my phone.] Tad and Tillie are both doing great in school.

[You mentioned that.] How blessed we are to have such clever, well-behaved children. [That's not how I remember them.] Tillie is a senior. She's a computer whiz and has helped so many people with computer issues that she finally decided to start her own business. She's also a fabulous saxophone player and already has her own band which has won countless competitions. Between the business and the band she's earning lots of money just in time for college. But what do you know! She won a full-ride scholarship to Superior University and won't need any of it. [She could send it to me.]

Tad is a straight-A student and president of his class. He just became an Eagle Scout and he's fluent in Chinese, Spanish and French. He's also active in 4-H, football, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, band, choir, debate, theatre, orchestra and dressage. [That kid never had an ounce of ambition.] In June Maxwell was promoted to Vice President at his company. [I don't see how. He's never at work.] And I continue to run a successful import/export business out of our home. It's doing so well that I've been able to fully fund our retirement plan and purchase a winter home in Arizona. I also

volunteer around twenty hours a week for the less fortunate. [I'm less fortunate and you didn't do a thing for me.] And last but not least, Snookums won Best of Show at the Kennel Club Dog Show. We love him dearly and are so proud of him! [Spotty peed on the carpet and bit my mother-in-law. We still love him...most days.] Happy holidays to you and yours! We think of you often and hope to see you soon. [We think of you often too and desperately hope that when we see you next we'll have something to show for ourselves.] Sincerely, The Envyofalls Copyright © 2024.

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Take it from an accidental poet — anyone can do it By Alan Katz

My guest this week on Poetry from Daily Life is Alan Katz, who lives in Milford, Connecticut. Alan says, "I've been writing since Miss Gordon showed me the alphabet in kindergarten. But I've been a professional writer (for books, TV, advertising, game shows, animation and more) since age 17." He sold jokes to comedian Henny Youngman when he was in high

school (\$7 a joke). Two unique facts about Alan Katz are that he has a photo taken with Henny Youngman and he has never had a cup of tea or a pickle. ~ David L. Harrison When I met my wonderful wife Rose, we found it funny that we were both writers. I wrote comedy for television and advertising, and she was a gifted (Pulitzer-nominated!) journalist and poet. Rose asked me if I wrote poetry too. I shrugged and said, "No, I've never tried." And we left it at that. The truth is, while I admired Rose's serious, thoughtful poems, I just didn't think poetry was for me. Not long after, while writing funny songs for The Rosie O'Donnell Show, I developed a book of song parodies called "Take Me Out of the Bathtub." Sure, they were written in verse. But were they poetry? Nah! Poetry wasn't for me. Then, Emma Dryden, my wonderful editor at Simon and Schuster, asked me to write a book of poetry. I didn't think I could, but she convinced me to give it a shot. My book "Oops!" is a testament to trying something new and working hard to achieve it. So is the follow-up, "Poems I Wrote When No One Was Looking," and the other poetry books I've written since. Now, I tend to write funny rhyming poems. But as I tell kids at school visits, not all poems rhyme and not all poems are funny. But you've got to give poetry a chance. Here's the first poem in "Oops!" I wrote the first line, "The wind is blowing quite a breeze," because I looked out the window and the wind was blowing quite a breeze. When I visit schools, I challenge

kids to come up with a second line to continue that poem. And kids who've never tried poetry think of great lines. I've heard ... "The wind is blowing quite a breeze "It's so cold that I might freeze." "The wind is blowing quite a breeze "Look out — there's a swarm of bees!" "The wind is blowing quite a breeze "I'd really like a piece of cheese." "The wind is blowing quite a breeze "I'm going back in the house." All from that one beginning line, we had the start of a winter poem, a spring garden poem, a picnic poem (or a poem written by a mouse), and a short, decisive poem. All from kids who had most likely thought that poetry wasn't for them. With that one effort, they learned (as I did) that poetry is for them. Because poetry is for everybody. By the way, here's how I finished the poem. You can read it, and 99 others, in "Oops!" The wind is blowing quite a breeze The wind is blowing on my knees. The wind is blowing its spring dance. It tells me I forgot my pants. Alan Katz focuses on writing humor for kids. Among his 50 books are picture books, song parody books, poetry books, middle grade chapter books, early readers, even a few board books and game/trivia sets. He and his wonderful wife, Rose, are now collaborating on a poetry book — their first collaboration in 34 years of marriage, if you don't include their four amazing kids (one of whom is a prolific political speechwriter).

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Community Bulletin Board

Wednesday, January 1 Happy New Year	Thursday, January 9 JH BB vs Skyline at HOME
Friday, January 3 No School: Teacher Inservice **	Friday, January 10 HS BB vs Kinsley at HOME
HS BB vs Canton- Galva at HOME	Saturday, January 10 B-Team Tournament
Monday, January 6 Back to School ***	
JH BB at Central Christian	
Tuesday, January 7 HS BB at Macksville	

Shooting 1,000!



A big shout-out to Will Wegerer who scored his 1,000th career point in Cunningham's 77-37 win over Argonia last week.



100th Birthday Card Shower is requested for Martha Rohlman!
Martha will be turning 100 on January 11, 2025 and would love it if you would help her celebrate by sending her a birthday card!!
Cards can be sent to:
Martha Rohlman
c/o Hilltop Manor
403 S. Valley Street
Cunningham, Ks. 67035
courtesy photo

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Cunningham, KS
620-298-2511

The Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

Upcoming Auctions
See You in 2025!
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

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

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lege executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote 3-0.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Dale Enyart let the Commissioners know that there is a Republican Committee Meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Kingman Expo Center.

Larry Landwehr said that Elected Officials should not lie and Kingman City lied about the pool not being able to be repaired.

Commissioners discussed taxes and sales tax.

Ashley Keimig, Waste Water Director Administrator and Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in with updates on the waste water permits that have been issued.

Ms. Keimig discussed possibly attending some soil classification training if classes become available.

Commissioners agreed that training would be good to have.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in for evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to go into

executive session at 9:08 a.m. with Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters, and they will return to open session in the Board Meeting room at 9:14 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:14 a.m.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in with an update on his department.

Shriff Wood discussed the training he attended the past few weeks.

Sheriff Wood discussed purchasing new dash cameras for the patrol vehicles.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the insurance check received from a wrecked sheriff vehicle.

Ms. Stegman discussed starting to purchase computers for the Windows 11 upgrades.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of 20 computers to start the Windows 11 upgrades.

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

Ms. Stegman discussed the monies that are distributed to the

Council on Aging and that the 5.2 million received for the 10 districts was for Triple A charges and not to be distributed.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he has been talking to representatives at the state and asking them why they are not disbursing funds to the Council on Aging.

Commissioners discussed the Computers and asked Ms. Stegman to check with departments to make sure the Computers being purchased will meet their needs.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a department update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch made a motion to go

into executive session at 10:34 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor 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 10:39 a.m.

Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was passed upon the unanimous vote of 3-0.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:39 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the November financial report to the County Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FF.7-6.0 (Old Hwy 54) to the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the Kingman County Commissioners Meeting minutes from December 9, 2024, for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve December 9, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Ms. Noblit presented a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Roadside Inn to the County Commissioners for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage license for Roadside Inn. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

Commissioners approved abatements, additions and escape taxes

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the solar wind farm meeting that he attended last week.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:44 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners 3-0.

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 27 -29
Mufasa: The Lion King
Rated PG

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

Lois Gray

Pratt - Lois E. Gray, 86, passed away December 23, 2024 at Grand Plains in Pratt. She was born June 23, 1938 in Ottawa to Lloyd and Agnes (Baker) Schweitzer. Lois married Howard Gray on August 30, 1958 in Ottawa, Kansas. They were married for 66 years.



Lois graduated from Williamsburg High school in 1956. She then went on to graduate from Emporia State University with her Bachelor's Degree and Wichita State with her Master's degree. She was a teacher for many years and taught at Plains and Pratt Elementary Schools. She was a recipient of The Kansas Master Teachers Award.

She was a member of The First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women/ Sarah Guild and Wednesday morning bible study. Lois was also a member of Laureate Chi Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, P.E.O. and the Pratt Country Club. Lois was active and enjoyed her UMC bible study, and many years of golf.

Lois is survived by her husband, Howard; daughter, Vicki (Mick) Parvin of Mansfield, Texas; brother, Gerald (Marguerite) Schweitzer of McPherson, Kansas; grandchildren, Candis Parvin, Crystal (Michael) Brown, Brenna Parvin, Channa Parvin, Noah Parvin all of Texas, Kyle (Danielle) Bloom of Colorado and Lundra (Daniel) Crow of Texas; great-grandchildren, Madison, Dakota, Caleb, Wyatt, Parker, Paisley and Peyton.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Kim Bloom and two sisters Jeanne Sackman and Joyce Green.

Friends may sign the register book from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 County Club Road, Pratt. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2025 at The First United Methodist Church in Pratt with Reverend Tim Bever presiding.

Memorials may be made to PRMC Health Foundation, The Pratt County Food Bank, Special Olympics and USD 382 Public School Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Hank Perrin

James Henry "Hank" Perrin, 76, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 in Wichita, Kansas.

He was born Feb. 10, 1948, in Valentine, Nebraska, the son of Vergil Albert and Eva Laura Trunnell Perrin. A longtime resident of Kansas, previously of Nebraska, he was a carpenter and ranch hand.

Hank was preceded in death by his wife Linda on Oct 21, 2018. They were married at Bonner Springs, Kansas in 1983. Survivors include sister Edie "Cookie" Everson; and nieces Lonna Walker and Lisa (Kent) Ferguson. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

The Christmas Truce

"All through the long night those big guns flashed and growled just like the lightning and thunder when it storms in the mountains at home. And, oh my, we had to pass the wounded. And some of them were on stretchers going back to the dressing stations. And some of them were lying around, moaning and twitching. And the dead were all along the road. And it was wet and cold. And it all made me think of the Bible and the story of the Antichrist and Armageddon."

Sergeant Alvin C. York - Company G, 328th Infantry, 82nd Division, U.S. Army, on fighting in the Argonne Forest, France, in WW I.

War is hell. Ask anyone who has survived it. They will tell you this, if they can speak about it at all. The Great War, now we call it World War I, was one of the deadliest conflicts in human history. Between July of 1914 and November of 1918 more than 16 million lives were lost.

This was our first "modern" war, where we used machine guns, mechanized tanks, improved artillery, even airplanes and poison gas. Much of the fighting involved trench warfare, with troops dug in and living in muddy, disease-ridden ditches carved from the ground. Between opposing trenches was a

"No Man's Land" - littered with barbed wire, dead soldiers, and the refuse of war. In the midst of this hell on Earth, one cold December night, something astonishing happened. This is the stuff of legend.

On Christmas Eve, 1914, in the area of Flanders, Belgium, along the Western Front, an unlikely miracle took place. Hunkered down in their trenches, British and French troops faced German soldiers on the other side. All was quiet, until one soldier started to sing.

Softly at first, then louder, these words could be heard, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht..." Recognizing the carol's tune, the British and French troops responded, singing "Silent Night, Holy Night..."

With binoculars in hand, a British soldier peering over the parapet spotted twinkling candles in the branches of a small fir tree. The German troops were celebrating Christmas. As the singing continued, shouting began on either side. One British soldier interviewed years later, said he heard the voice of an enemy soldier, speaking in English with a strong German accent. He was saying, "Come over here." Over the top of their trench, another soldier raised a crudely written sign which read: "YOU NO SHOOT, WE NO SHOOT." In response,

**Nashville - St John Lutheran Church
Holiday Schedule
New Year's Eve Service -
Tuesday, Dec 31, 6:00 pm**

French and British soldiers waved a ragged banner on which they had scrawled "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Cautiously and nervously the unarmed soldiers rose from their trenches. They crossed "No Man's Land" meeting face-to-face in the frosty cold. Awkwardly, they shook hands and clapped shoulders. Some embraced. Some made an effort to hide their tears. For the rest of the night, and throughout Christmas Day, they sang carols and exchanged gifts. Chocolate, biscuits, coffee, canned meat, jam, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, pie, and wine were traded back and forth. From somewhere a ball appeared and soon a lively game of football ensued (soccer to us Americans). One German Lieutenant who was there wrote, "How marvelously wonderful, yet how strange it was. The English officers felt the same way about it. Thus Christmas, the celebration of Love, managed to bring mortal enemies together as friends

for a time."

But not everyone was happy about the Christmas Truce. Soon strict orders came down from the high command on both sides. Soldiers were ordered back to their trenches, and all too soon the fighting resumed.

News of this Christmas miracle did make it back to England, France, and Germany. Soldiers began sending letters and photos home to their families. Some of these letters and photos were featured in newspapers of the day. This sparked debate about whether or not the truce had impacted morale in the ranks and was actually a good thing.

I would maintain that the Christmas Truce of 1914 was profound evidence of God's supernatural love poured out upon the hearts of men. We all need that. Merry Christmas!

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

**Free Groceries at the Cunningham Methodist Church
2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays
Holiday Hours:
December 31: 1:00 - 3:00**



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 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**
- 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

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| 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 |

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



Lutheran Churches

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| St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m. | Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m. |
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Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

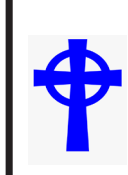
Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.



Zenda Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

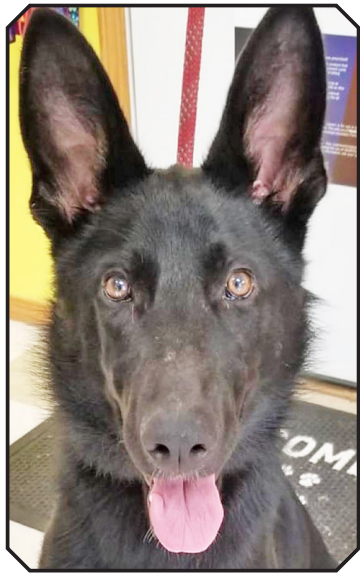
Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953



KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

Juliette

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Juliette is a beautiful German Shepherd. She weighs about 65 pounds and is 4 to 5 years old. She gets along with cats and other dogs. She's gorgeous. She's smart-smart enough that she would like to go to doggy training school. She is high-energy and ready to go. Get in shape

after the holidays with this lovely girl.

She has been at the shelter since Thanksgiving. Her adoption price is \$180.00

S'more

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Who doesn't love a Siamese? And S'more definitely has some of the famous breed in her genes. She is a lovely cat. She is 1 to 2 years old and weighs about 6 pounds. She and her kittens have been at the shelter since October 18th. Her kittens are weaned now, and she is ready for a new home in the new year.

Her adoption fee is only \$40.00.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30
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on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
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KCHS Donation Wish List

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

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



Rejoicing and Reflecting

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

My mom called just before dinner on a recent Sunday despite my visit the day before. That meant she likely had an emergent question if not a true emergency. Thankfully it turned out to be the former and the pressing issue was how many people from my household would be attending Christmas dinner.

Everyone needed to be counted so she could purchase the appropriately sized standing rib roast. I got off relatively easy since all I had to do was give an answer. My brother will be tasked with cooking the roast.

Rest assured I'll be there in time to supervise and offer my expert opinion on the process.

Rare to medium is my preferred temperature for prime rib. Just a shade darker than bright pink is the best way to maximize the savory taste. But growing up it was mostly cooked to medium or beyond with the heels well done. The center of the roast was the only portion that still held any flavor.

Yes, I still hold a small grudge against family members who insisted on spoiling a great cut of beef by cooking it too long. Thankfully, food was merely a conduit for conversation during the holidays.

Circumstances rather than whatever dish is served make the meal. And Christmas dinner is no exception. I'd eat cold bologna sandwiches if it meant enjoying the company of family members no longer with us.

However, that tradeoff isn't in the cards, so I

guess I'll settle for some prime rib and tell stories about the past to those who weren't around to experience it.

Reminiscing has always been part of holiday festivities, whether it's over drinks or at the dinner table.

It was in these storytelling sessions I first learned my parents were kids once, and maybe they weren't perfect angels either.

Sometimes the tales were tall and others devolved into history lessons on how rough life used to be when coal ash had to be shoveled out of the basement stove or the lengths people went to staying cool prior to air conditioning.

These memories are still fresh in my mind despite being decades old now. I can see the drop-leaf maple table we sat around at my grandparents' house and feel the warmth of the crowded living room.

More of these impressions will be made over the coming days with my family as life briefly slows down to allowing us to enjoy each other's company. I hope the same is true for you, as well.

And I should note there was plenty of stress and hard work that went into making these childhood holidays carefree. Trees, lights, presents and food don't one day magically appear. I know not everyone is as fortunate to just be a kid around the holidays.

So, in this season make time for rejoicing and reflecting, whether it's just a day or a whole week. There's plenty of merriment to be had long after the presents are unwrapped or dinner is over.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

2025 Ambassador Chili and Bingo Night

Join the Kingman County 4-H Ambassadors on January 12 for a fun evening of Chili and Bingo at the Hanger in Kingman (former VFW Hall). For \$10 adults can eat all the chili they would like and have one bingo card. Kids 12 and under are \$5 for all-you-can-eat chili and one bingo card. Additional bingo cards can be purchased for \$2 each. All the proceeds from this event will go to the Kingman County Humane Society. This will be the second year for this event to benefit the Kingman County Humane Society.



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Cunningham,
KS 67035
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NEW Fall / Winter Hours
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Closed Wednesday and Sunday



While I was out photographing the winning Christmas lights, I saw this photo opportunity. The tree, the church in the background, and the simplicity of the nativity, seems to embody the true meaning of Christmas. - Roberta



"Even in winter, the cold isn't always bitter, and not every day is cruel." — Jim Butcher, Changes

photo by Mary Stackhouse



"Sundown, and the bellies of the clouds flush pink. Renton reflecting that no matter how early you rise or how late you turn in, you never see that point where light begins or the first bruise of darkness bleeds in under its fragile skin; the beauty, and the scary, unfathomable wisdom of transition."

— Irvine Welsh, Skagboys

photo by Teresa McClendon

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1934

Dec. 21, 1934 - Santa Claus will pay our city his annual visit on next Saturday afternoon, arriving in town promptly at 2:00 o'clock.

The merchants of Cunningham are well stocked with holiday merchandise, so that you may find plenty of gifts to select from to finish your Christmas shopping.

Approximately 1500 sacks of the Christmas treats will be distributed in Cunningham next Saturday. Come and get yours!

Cunningham and Kingman County lost one of their most valued pioneer citizens when W. T. (Todd) Cannon, 80 years, passed away at his home in this city last Saturday afternoon, after a very short illness.

"Uncle Todd" will be greatly missed by all those accustomed to seeing him in his daily trips up town, for despite his age, he was one of the most familiar personages upon our streets, and he derived so much pleasure from a game of checkers or dominoes with the younger men about town.

1939

Dec. 22, 1939 - Santa Claus arrived in Cunningham Saturday afternoon, and found hundreds waiting eagerly for him. A fine crowd thronged the streets and stores throughout the afternoon and crowded the theatre to overflowing at both the free shows given during the afternoon.

Cunningham won its third straight league basketball game from Belmont Tuesday night.

1949

Dec. 23, 1949 - The first day of winter ushered itself in with a befitting and authoritative manner, by giving us a three-inch snowfall with a bit of drifting.

The locals schools were dismissed early in the afternoon, as there were only 16 students left in school, the buses having taken the country students home in the morning.

William Becker, 52, owner and proprietor of the Brunswick Smoker of this city, passed away at his home here last Saturday morning.

1954

Dec. 23, 1954 - The contract for building the new auditorium-gymnasium at the local high school is being drawn up this week, and school board members and the three contractors are expected to sign the necessary papers at a meeting next Monday evening.

Santa Claus made his annual visit to Cunningham last Saturday, and received a fine reception. A crowd, not as large as in past years due to the cold, breezy weather, welcomed the bewhiskered gent and enjoyed the best parade and program presented in recent years.

Seven floats were included in the parade, accompanied by both school bands under the direction of Music Supervisor Frank Moses. Prize winners in this division were the Kay Club, Christian Church, and Sacred Heart School.

Winners in the horse division were Richard Baker, Monte Miles, and Mickey Miles. Other entries included Lynn Fitzsimmons, Wesley Hendricks Jr., Larry Shaffer, Alvin Kinsall, Doyle Buntmeyer, Homie Rowe, and Victor Miles.

Carolyn Witt was the only entry in the doll buggy division. Curtis Kitson, Charles Dafforn, and Randy Sheldon, were 1-2-3 winners in the wagon division. Other entries were Kenneth Garrigues and Kathy Wesbrooks.

The turkey chase provided several minutes of excitement, when five turkeys were turned loose from atop Cannon's Store. We failed to get the names of the lucky winners.

Santa Claus helped distribute treats to everyone, and greeted all children, after which the kids were admitted to a free show at the Cunningham Theatre.

Businessmen and firms whose Christmas Greetings appear in this issue include the First National Bank of Cunningham, Hoagland Market, Buntmeyer Electric, J. B. Houston & Son Lumber Co., Inc., Hauser's Market, Patton's Service Station, Rose Garage, Vera's Cafe, Bob's Repair Shop, Knotty Pine Motel, Dafforn Motor and Appliance Co., Kincheloe Implement Co., Ellis Derby Station, Viola's Beauty Shop, McCool's Radio and TV Sales and Service, Cunningham Repair

Shop, Cozy Cafe, Vern's Mobil Service, The Cottage Nursing Home, Taylor Barber Shop, Huhman's Motel, McNamar's Standard Service, The Cunningham Clipper, Jones Cafe, Bowersock Mills and Power Co., Cannon's Store, Hi-Way Cafe, Kansas Power & Light Co., and The Western Light & Telephone Co.

1959

Dec. 24, 1959 - The Cunningham Wildcats won their third game of the current season here last Friday evening, downing Fairfield North (Plevna-Abbyville), 51 to 44.

A big first quarter splurge of 17 points carried the Wildcats to victory. Fairfield North scored only five points in the first period. Cunningham was ahead 29-23 at half-time, and 42-29 at the end of the third quarter.

Duane Wegerer paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 19 points. Bobby Meyers racked up 15 points.

Den 1 of the Cub Scouts held their regular meeting and Christmas party at the home of Den Mother Mrs. Floren Rose, Monday after school. Assistant Den Mother Mrs. Albert Harris assisted. The members finished making Christmas presents for their parents and enjoyed a gift exchange, after which they had a taffy pull and ate popcorn balls.

1964

Dec. 24, 1964 - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crick announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Pratt County Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds, one ounce, and has been named Brenda Kay.

Maternal grandparents are MR. and Mrs. E. R. Morisse of Nashville, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dalmer Crick of Cunningham.

A fire in the Skelly Oil Company's Production Department storehouse at Skellyville, Saturday, destroyed much clothing of department employees, and burned up a car belonging to Delbert Grossman. A pick-up truck, belonging to Willis Welch, was driven to safety by Harold Piepmeyer.

Frank J. Theis, 62, of St. Leo, died at his home in St. Leo, Sunday morning.

1969

Dec. 25, 1969 - The Cunningham Wildcats won their second game in six outings here last Friday night, trouncing Partridge, 63 to 43.

Eddie Panek paced the Wildcat scoring with 20 points; Mike Schrant had 14; Curtis Kitson, 10; Mike Cunningham and Gene Albers, 8 each; and Marvin Oller, 3.

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 55 met at the United Methodist Church, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. We went caroling from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock, and from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock we had our Christmas party and gift exchange.

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1974

December 27, 1974 - A family New Years Eve Party will be held at the Wildcat den New Years eve, December 31, starting at 8 p.m.

There will be a worship service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan G. Cain of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debr, to Eugene Beat, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A Beat of St. Leo.

The Bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Cunningham High School and is present attending Pratt Community Junior College.

Mr. Beat is a 1971 Cunningham High School graduate and is now employed by the City of Cunningham. A June 7, 1975 wedding is now being planned.

Those dismissed from area hospitals during the past week are Leola Hageman, Gladys Krug, Dallas Thornhill, and Dawn Lynn Adelhardt.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Rose Pelzl were her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelzl and Beth of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pelzl and family of Leavenworth and Mrs. Marie Sterneker and Mr. and Mrs. John Sterneker of Breckenridge, Missouri.

Zenda News: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Oeding and Danny were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller and Kevin.

Mrs. Rose Cunningham spent a month at LaCrosse helping care for Mrs. Larry Schenkel who had bad (sic) surgery and visited Mr. Schenkel and daughters.

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1979

December 27, 1979 - Debbie and Renea Park were hostesses to a Christmas dinner. Guests were Shirley and Casey Jones, Steve Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shafer.

Janice L Carpenter and James J. Thome would like to announce their engagement. The couple plans to wed April 26 in St. Agnes Church in Kansas City.

Miss Carpenter is the daughter of Mrs. L. B. Carpenter, Oklahoma City, and the late Mr. Carpenter. The future bride is a graduate of Edmond High School, Edmond, Okla., and received a degree from Oklahoma State University in business administration where she was also a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Son and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome, Cunningham, the future groom graduated from Cunningham High School and Pittsburg State University in building design. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, he has also served as Alumni President. Mr. Thome is employed by Standard Havens Corp. of Kansas City as a Division Manager in Chicago.

Nine agronomy students at Kansas State University in Manhattan, have been awarded scholarships by the Kansas Fertilizer and Chemical Institute. Among them is Berry Bortz, Cunningham.

The Varsity Wildcats were able to hold off a very stiff challenge from the Haviland Dragons Friday night to up our record to 3-2. Haviland gave us all we wanted until the final seconds as Randy Hageman made his two pressure free throws with six seconds left to make the final 50-46.

1984

December 27, 1984 - The Cunningham Eighth Grade class was well represented in the recent Kingma County Conservation Contest as three students placed in the essay portion of the program.

John Meyers placed first in the division with an article called "Conserving Water." Kelli Liebl placed second with her entry entitled "Conserving Our Wildlife." Mike Hansen placed third with his piece called "All for One and One for All" to round out the sweep of the first three places.

Two students from the area were among 341 Emporia State University students who received degrees during E-State's fall commencement exercises Dec. 22.

Included in the 341 degrees awarded were four associate degrees, 268 bachelor's degrees and 69 master's degrees.

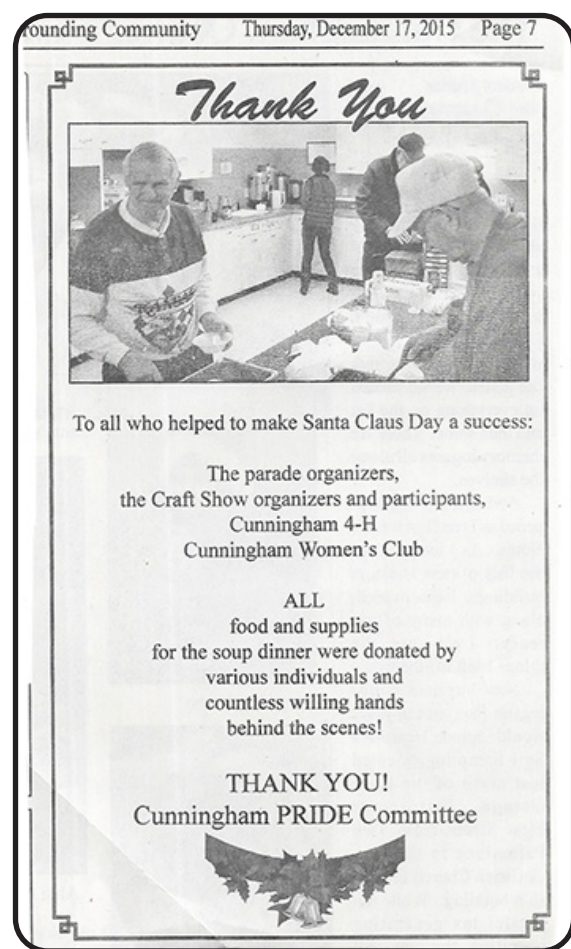
The area graduates and degrees they received include from Cunningham, Vanessa Marie (McCreath) DeWeese, B.S.B. degree and from Kingman, Lori Danielle Frye, B.S.E. degree.

As 1985 is the year in which the City of Cunningham will celebrate their Centennial, the Cunningham Clipper wishes to contribute to this worthwhile effort, therefore family and business histories and especially old photos are needed to use in each edition throughout the coming year.

Miss Marie Sterneker was a Christmas Day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Albright and family in Kingman.

Cunningham basketball boys met 2A south Barber in a hard-fought game, the first on their home court and came out defeated by a score of 59-67.

Rob Sterneker and Matt Oller shared 13 fielders and ended with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Greg Hageman also made it in the double figures with 12 points, all shot from the field.



submitted by Jane Meyers

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, December 15

Table with 2 columns: Incident Type and Location/Details. Includes Traffic Stops (3), Civil Paper Service (2), Traffic Complaint (NE 50 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie, Ks), etc.

Monday, December 16

Table with 2 columns: Incident Type and Location/Details. Includes Traffic Stop (2), Alarm (4800 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago), Non-Injury Accident (SE 40 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock), etc.

Tuesday, December 17

Table with 2 columns: Incident Type and Location/Details. Includes Traffic Stops (4), Disabled Vehicle (NE 50 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney), Transport Prisoner to Court (130 N Spruce St, Kingman), etc.

Wednesday, December 18

Table with 2 columns: Incident Type and Location/Details. Includes Traffic Stops (5), Court (130 N Spruce St, Kingman), Court / Arrest (130 N Spruce St, Kingman), Warrant Service (120 N Spruce St, Kingman)



Continuation of Sheriff's Report for Thursday, December 19; Friday, December 20; and Saturday, December 21. Includes incident types like Traffic Complaint, Medical, Agency Assist, etc.

New Exhibition Opening

Hansen Museum is honored to be chosen as the debut venue for the exhibition, Kansas from 400' or Less. This exhibition features a collection of photographs by Thomas Zimmerman (formerly known as the Farmin' Artist) that have never been seen by the public before.

Diving into a new arena, Thomas has taken his photography to new heights—literally—as the entire exhibition is shot using drones. Known for his stunning Kansas landscapes, Zimmerman recognized that employing a drone would provide perspectives unmatched by ground-based photography.

tors will remember Zimmerman's gorgeous Kansas skies from his first exhibition entitled the Farmin' Artist exhibited at the Museum in late 2019.

In the world of art photography, perspective is everything, and drones offer a vantage point that transforms ordinary scenes into extraordinary works of art. From the sky, Zimmerman captures landscapes in a way that ground-based photography simply cannot match.

While capturing vivid and colorful scenes

presents its own challenges, using a drone has elevated Zimmerman's skills to new heights—literally and figuratively. He reflects on this journey, stating, "Initially, I was skeptical about the potential of a smaller, more mobile camera. However, navigating the Kansas wind while mastering drone photography has forced me to adapt and refine my techniques."

Kansas From 400' Or

Less invites you to explore the stunning landscapes of Kansas through the innovative lens of Thomas Zimmerman's drone photography. This exhibition highlights not only the breathtaking beauty of the region but also Zimmerman's artistic evolution as he navigates the challenges and rewards of aerial photography.

ebrating art, nature, and the transformative power of perspective.

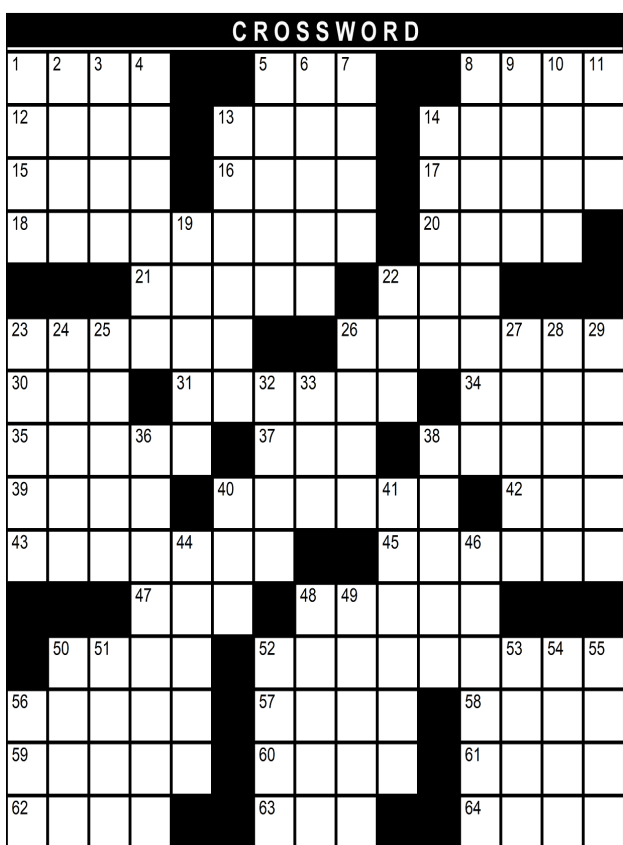
The Museum is open Monday through Friday 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New

Year's Day. We are handicapped accessible, and admission is always free thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at 785-689-4846.

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- ACROSS: 1. Le Corbusier's art, 5. *The Matrix* protagonist, 8. Captures, 12. Funkiness in the air, 13. Vegetative state, 14. Capital of Vietnam, 15. Fairy tale villain, 16. Beware of these in March, 17. Spiker and Sponge of "James and the Giant Peach", 18. *Bioengineered humanoid in "Blade Runner", 20. The Beehive State, 21. Burn with coffee, e.g., 22. Tire meas., 23. Sea nymph, 26. Salad dressing option, 30. *Pierre Boulle's Cornelius, 31. Hoity-toity, 34. Back arrow key, 35. Covered with sphagnum, 37. Tiny Tim's guitar, 38. Allegro ____, in music, 39. Sign of escape, 40. Apprehension, 42. Emergency responder, acr., 43. Neuron junction, 45. Sleeping sickness vector, 47. *Katniss Everdeen's sister, 48. Hammerin' Hank, 50. Tennis "innings", 52. *2010 film starring DiCaprio, 56. Meat of coconut, 57. Desperate, 58. Karl of politics, 59. *1979 film starring Sigourney Weaver, 60. Fail to mention, 61. Bo Peep's females, 62. *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep* author, DOWN: 1. Point of entry, 2. Side of a ruler, e.g., 3. S or C follower, in business, 4. Two-word threat, 5. Relating to node, 6. Make corrections, 7. Kiln for hops, 8. *Captain Nemo's submarine, 9. Tolstoy's Karenina, 10. This and that, 11. Bro's sibling, 13. Droning insect, 14. Niger and Nigeria language, 19. In an unfriendly manner, 22. Parent org., 23. "He named ____", 24. Strong adhesive, 25. Pine juice, 26. Original thought, 27. Garment enlarger, 28. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* author, 29. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful __", 32. *Frank Herbert's famous novel, 33. "I Like ____" 1950s campaign slogan, 36. *Where no man has gone before" TV series, 38. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author, 40. "It's no ____!"

3x3 grid puzzle with numbers 1-9.

Large crossword puzzle grid.

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Help Wanted

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Closed for the Holiday

Beat Repair, LLC will be closing Monday, December 23rd thru Friday, December 27th to spend time with family for the Christmas Holiday! We will also be closed Wednesday January 1st for New Years!

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, December 19, 2024 (3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

LINDA BENNETT, Plaintiff,

vs.

2007 JEEP PATRIOT 4X4, VIN #1J8FF28W67D303843, ALIESHAHELM a/k/a ALIESHA SHEARY, and ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WITH AN INTEREST IN OR TO THE ABOVE VEHICLE, and KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

Case No. KM 2024 CV 000022 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS TO:

Any and all other persons who

are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of

Kingman County, Kansas, by Linda Bennett praying for title to be quieted and given to

the Plaintiff regarding a 2007 Jeep Patriot 4x4, VIN# 1J8FF28W67D303843.

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before January 29th,

2025, in said court, at the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course on said petition.

Linda Bennett, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

Attorney at Law, LLC

349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068

(620) 532-3103

Attorney for Plaintiff

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

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 58a-818 TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that Betty Ann Halderman died on September 13, 2024. The decedent was the Settlor of the Revocable Trust Agreement of Betty A Halderman dated October 11, 2022. James D Holt of Valley Center, Kansas serves as agent for the Successor Trustee, the Kansas Nebraska Southern Baptist Foundation. The Successor Trustee has the power to pay the outstanding debts of the decedent from the trust property upon receipt of proper proof of the debts. In accordance with K.S.A. 58a-818, creditors of the decedent must present claims for such debts

to the trustee in writing within the later of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of notice, or thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable by the Successor Trustee. If a creditor fails to present such claims to the Successor Trustee within such prescribed time period, the creditor will be forever barred as against the Successor Trustee and the trust property.

James D Holt, Agent for the Successor Trustee

Revocable Trust Agreement of Francis Marion Shrode and Eva Mae Shrode

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Duane Wegerer

Duane E. Wegerer, 82, of Burlington, died Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Bickford of Burlington Assisted Living.

Born on April 2, 1942, in Nashville, Kansas, he was the son of Matt and Madalene Wegerer. On August 4, 1973, in Lewistown, Illinois he married Karen Keeler. She preceded him in death on April 16, 2021.

Duane was a graduate of Cunningham High School in Cunningham, Kansas. After high school, Duane received his Associates of Arts from Pratt Junior College, a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University, and a Master's Degree in Engineering Administration from Bradley University. In July 1965, he went to work for International Harvester in Canton, Illinois, and transferred to International Harvester in Memphis, Tennessee in 1983. In 1985, he went to work for J.I. Case in Burlington, where he retired from after 37 years in 2002.

He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish, Knights of Columbus 3rd degree, board member for Des Moines County Red Cross and volunteered for the American Cancer Society and the Paint-A-Thon. Duane was a handyman that could repair and build just about anything. He was very talented in woodworking building furniture, doll cradles, step stools, monster trucks, rocking horses, doll houses, doll furniture and toy cars, trucks and farm equipment. He built cardboard creations for the Cotillion Club and Steamboat Days Parades. Duane always enjoyed working on new projects, even mastering the craft of quilting by hand and using a sewing machine. Most of all Duane loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his two children: Erick (Jennifer) Wegerer of Vancouver, Washington and Kimberly (Kevin) Klein of Danville, Iowa; four grandchildren: Connor, Adrienne and Alex Wegerer and Kaleb Klein; three siblings: Vernon (Loma) Wegerer of Moline, IL, Gary (Diana) Wegerer of Cunningham, KS, and Vivian Hensiek of Bartlesville, OK. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Karen, and brother-in-law Duane Hensiek.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted and accorded to the care of Lunning Chapel.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Lunning Chapel with Father Dominic Nguyen officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. where the family will receive friends. Burial will be held in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Divine Mercy Parish.

More Life Celebrations can be found on page 4



June Gawith

Pratt - June Annette Gawith, 80, passed away Friday, December 20, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family in Pratt. She was born on February 12, 1944 in Concordia to Lester L. and Jennie R. (Hurtig) Smith. June married Kenneth Gawith on May 26, 1966 in Delphos, Kansas. They were married for 58 years.

June graduated from Delphos High School in 1962. She then attended Brown Mackie Business School where she graduated with an associates degree. She owned a Home Daycare where she loved taking care of the children. She attended the Pratt Friends Church. Her greatest joy in life were her husband, children and grandchildren, going on picnics whether it was rain, snow or shine. She was an amazing cook, she loved reading, vegetable gardening, taking care of her day care children, going camping and playing the piano.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Gawith; daughters, Jennifer (Dave) Inslee, Kimberly (Shaphan) Staats and Sheila (Wes Wright) Gawith all of Pratt, Kansas; sisters, Joanne Fitzgerald of Boscobel, Wisconsin and Deanna Wier of Mapleton, Kansas; grandchildren, Justin (Rickele) Gilmore, Jarod (Katy) Gilmore, Dominique (Kyle) Pfizenmaier, Danielle (Caleb) Lambert, Kenneth Elisha Staats, Ty Staats, Noah Staats, Kamry (Cody) Hoy, Kyra Johnson and J'air Johnson; great grandchildren, Amylia, Lakynn, Baley, Blakely, Charlotte, Asher, Abram, Jake, Ryan, Nicole, Koda, and Kenna.

June is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Wayne Smith; sister, Virginia Helget and step-mother, Thaddie Smith.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 29 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:00 - 7:00 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 30, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary with pastor Mike Neifert presiding. A graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2024 at Delphos Cemetery, Delphos, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Bob Whaley

Pratt - Robert "Bob" Duane Whaley, 88, passed away Monday, December 16, 2024 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing. He was born on May 17, 1936 in Pratt to Herbert and Fern (Humble) Whaley. Bob married Carolyn June (Wilt) Whaley on May 28, 1955 in Pratt. They were married for 69 years.

Bob graduated from Sawyer High School in 1954. He worked as a manager for Pratt Equity Exchange, currently known as Ampride. He previously worked for Pratt Interiors, Ninnescah Electric, owned Bob's Honda Shop, and cleaned The Peoples Bank and Trust Department. Bob was a member of Pratt Elks for nearly 50 years and was a volunteer fireman for the City of Pratt for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting pheasant in Western Kansas and riding motorcycles with many of his friends. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching KU, WSU, Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughters, Bonnie Whaley, Connie Whaley and Janell (Richard) Hearn all of Pratt; grandchildren, Jamie (Matt) Agan of Andover and Jeremy Hearn of Pratt; great-grandchildren, Leighton and Jaxon Agan; and special family friend, Kyra Dauner of Pratt.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; brother, William "Bill" Whaley; and sister, Betty Copenhagen.

Funeral service was Friday, December 20, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to City of Pratt Fire Department or Lemon Park Lights in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



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