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South Central Community Foundation: 2024 Grant Cycle

South Central Community Foundation is excited to be celebrating our 30th anniversary in September!

With such a big anniversary, the SCCF Board and staff took an annual review of the grant cycle and we are excited to announce a big change for the 2024 Cycle (for a one-year term).

Exploring data received from our Community Listening Tours in the summer of 2022, SCCF has elected to offer one large \$15,000 grant as well as five \$1,000 grants to each of the counties in our service area. *All other grant opportunities such as Teacher's \$250 and specific county opportunities remain unchanged.

With the intent to impact a few of the areas identified by each of our communities, we hope this one-time grant cycle will offer nonprofits the opportunity to think bigger for their SCCF grant application.

The guidelines for each grant opportunity are listed online at sccfks.org and please reach out the Foundation with questions at (620) 672.7929 or holly@sccfks.org.

Grant Cycle opens June 1st with a deadline of midnight on August 31st.

\$15,000 COMMUNITY GRANT (ONE PER COUNTY):

The purpose of this grant is to allow our communities to have the opportunity for larger funding that has not previously been available through SCCF. This grant should inspire forward thinking and create a large impact in your community/county.

Requirements:

Must be a nonprofit, school, city, or church in one of the following Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, or Stafford Counties.

The budget must equal \$15,000 or over. Please address how your organization will cover any additional cost not covered by this grant.

Must impact at least 50% children (18 years or younger).

Collaboration between nonprofits/organizations is recommended but not required.

Impacting the entire county is a priority but not a requirement.

This grant CANNOT be for a one-year project/program (i.e. example: one time event, class, etc.)

Salary/grant administrative fees cannot exceed \$1,500.

\$1,000 COMMUNITY GRANTS (FIVE PER COUNTY):

These grants will be available as previous years community grants have been.

Requirements:

Must be a nonprofit, school, city, or church in Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, or Stafford Counties.

Must impact only one of the seven counties we serve (cannot be a multi-county grant).

The budget must equal at least \$1,000. Please address how your organization will cover any cost over this amount.

***THE OPPORTUNITIES BELOW WILL NOT BE CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**

TEACHER'S \$250 CLASSROOM GRANT:

This grant is available to K-12 Classroom Teachers in our seven-county service area. This grant is for \$250 for any classroom need. Budget must be for \$250 or more with overages paid by the school.

GREENSBURG FUTURE FUND GRANT:

SCCF is excited to offer the 3rd annual Greensburg Future Fund Grant! This application is available to any nonprofit, school, or church located in

Greensburg, KS.

LEADERSHIP GRANTS, BARBER, COMANCHE, AND HARPER COUNTY:

SCCF is thrilled to be offering the 2nd annual opportunity for leadership programs in Barber, Comanche, or Harper County. This grant aims to help organizations, schools, and communities with their local leadership programs or projects. The priority for this grant is to help with class member tuition, supplies, conference fees, etc. Salaries/mileage is not allowed.

MAJORIE GILLIG GRANT:

This grant will help support Pratt County or City of Kiowa, KS nonprofits with projects or programs impacting the following areas: Music and Arts, Primary Education, Senior Activities, Community Organizations, Church Programs, or Mission Trips.

PRATT COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT PLACE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT:

This grant is funded by the Pratt County Achievement Place Endowed Fund and is available to any nonprofit, school, or church located in Pratt County for projects/programs that aims to help children/youth in Pratt County.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 12, 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; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Jeff Babson, Babson Landscaping; Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance and Jamie Hower, Strong's Insurance.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Tammy; Robert Casad

Staff: Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer 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 during Stan Goetz's time.

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 was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that the Republican Committee had a meeting last Thursday and had Michael Murphy in attendance to discuss that he will be running for Senate this year and what he has been doing as current House of Representative District #114,

Commissioners discussed that previous comments made about windfarms were not totally factual and what the windfarms in Kingman County have helped the County accomplish for the taxpayers.

Dale Enyart discussed that Douglas County has set a 2500' set back on wind turbines and the County should maybe think about changing Kingman County zoning to that.

Chairman Henning discussed that he would like to change Kingman County's zoning from 1500' to 2500' set back from existing structures and remember it for any new wind farms.

Jeff Babson, Babson Landscaping and Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance were in to discuss the new sprinkler system with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like the sprinkler to be placed 8' from the sidewalks.

Mr. Babson said that there would be some tearing up of the lawn, but they will level it and re-seed it when placing the new system.

County Clerk submitted the February 5, 2024, Commission meeting minutes

for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the February 5, 2024, Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed conversations that they have had with City Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Tiffany had put together a benefits breakdown to all the employees that explained what the benefits costs are.

Mr. Goetz discussed a request for a special use permit and asked the individual to get on the Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:12 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 9:32 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve new hire for Treasurer's tag office and pay

changes for staff in Treasurer's office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss the County Tax Sale and an agreement to use KlendaAusterman.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved approve the engagement agreement for KlendaAusterman to handle the Tax Sale. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Scott Strong and Jamie Hower with Strong's Insurance were in to review and go over the County Insurance with the Commissioners.

Robert Casad called in to talk to the County Commissioners about the grant he is looking into.

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

SC Telcom-Fiber Optic Cable road crossings- Sections 34 & 35 and Harper County Line Township 30, Range 07W (Valley).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted ONYX information provided by Julio Franco to the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

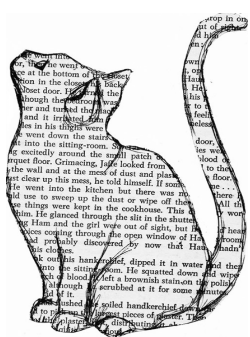
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Meanderings

A couple of weeks ago, I spent a couple of hours in the office of Dr. Arnberger, Superintendent of Schools, writing down the names, letters, cards (and one picture), from the time capsule of 1917. I figured it would take about 1/2 that long to type everything up. SIIGH. This kind of activity is not a good one for me to do. There are too many opportunities to meander down historic paths. Trust me on this. I am only about 1/2 way done and I've spent about 6 hours on this typing project. There were so many interesting bits that needed to be investigated. Mostly names.

There are a few surnames on the lists that are familiar to me and will be to many of my readers. (Harris, Rouse, Wetherall, Huffman, Yarberry, Dyche, Gibbens, Hart, Oller, Allbritten, Luce, Cooley, Lash, McPeek, Cannon, Glenn, Maxedon, and

Shelman are the ones I am somewhat familiar with.)

I came across the name of a third grader. John D. Ratcliffe. Do you remember that name? He was the young boy killed in the plane crash with Clarice Hart in March of 1920. I had a large article in the paper back in December of 2022.

I went to Newspapers.com to check my memory. I also found that he was the lead in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade Operetta in May of 1919. AND one of the 'babies' in the operetta was Frank Allbritten, Jr. (I told you I can meander down many paths....)

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The lists of names and such that were in the time capsule were, for the most part, fairly easy to read. The first and second grade list was more deteriorated than any other list. My suspicion is that the teacher (she is the one who wrote the list of names) may have had something on her hands that caused issues with the paper over time. I couldn't determine any spills, but having something on your hands could certainly lead to the damage that was done. There are few names missing from that list, and some I've researched and filled in from other bits in the newspapers of that time.

I haven't yet found all the missing names, but I've found a couple.

One of the more surprising things I learned was the ages of some of these students. I noticed one of the 7th graders was 16 years old, whereas her classmates were mostly ages 12 to 14. One eighth grader was 18 years old.

Another list that was a bit damaged was the junior class. Two names I was unsure of "Harold" and Luelma. I went to Newspapers.com and searched for "Luelma". Found her right off the bat. Luelma Cook. (I read also that she didn't finish her senior year. She dropped out "to answer the call of matrimony" to Ulysses Shelton, brother of famed basketball coach, Everett Shelton.)

Then I searched for "Harold". Found him. Harold Shidler.

Let's meander a bit with this man. I saw his name several times, but never connected to any sports, found out there was a reason for this.

Harold's name was in the paper in March of 1918. Four months after the cornerstone was laid. He contracted measles, along with several other students. His name appeared again a week later when he attended a conference in Pratt. I thought maybe Harold Shidler attending a conference

would be his dad. I researched, and there was only one Harold, and his mom was a widow. His father, William, had died in 1913 and Addie Shidler moved her two sons to Cunningham from Isabel.

In that same issue, Everett Shelton, basketball coach of the 1943 Wyoming Cowboys NCAA basketball champions of 1943, visited his alma mater. I'm not sure why it was called his alma mater, because we all learned a couple of years ago that he didn't graduate from CHS, but from Little River High School.

See... I do meander. Back to Harold. The next piece that caught my attention of Harold Shidler, C.H.S. Senior, was the notice on the front page of the December 6, 1918, issue of The Clipper.

Harold was the first person in the area to die in the flu epidemic of 1918. He passed away on November 30. Just two months shy of his birthday. His TWENTY-THIRD birthday. He would have graduated in 'the next term' when he was twenty-three years old. The article did say that 'physically he was not robust and the flu had an easy victim in this bright young man.' (This being the reason, no doubt, he never played

sports, and probably why he was still in high school.)

He was born in Isabel, Kansas and his mother had him buried in the Isabel Cemetery. (The family belonged to the Methodist Church here). From what I can piece together, they were somehow related to the Whitmores who also lived in Cunningham at the time. (Mrs. Shidler's father's name was Bourbon (!) Matthews and there were 9 girls and one boy in the family).

Do you see why I can't seem to get this done in a timely manner? There is so much history to look through and think about and investigate. I find the history of ordinary citizens who lived in this community fascinating.

I WILL get everything typed up and get this information in the paper soon. Hopefully next week.

Later this week, I am going to try and figure out how one "Earl Cooper" fits into the scenario that was Cunningham Schools in 1918. His name is on a piece of paper in blue ink in the envelope with the 7th and 8th graders. AND that same blue ink was used to write on the front of the envelope. BUT he wasn't the teacher. I'm delving into his life... I hope I can figure out how he fits in. Maybe the prin-

icipal? BUT he's not listed anywhere else....

Now, a bit about the sports of that time in Cunningham history. I know many of us found it questionable back when Everett Shelton didn't graduate from CHS, but, instead transferred to Little River High School after his senior year here.

Looking through the newspapers of 1917-1918, I found some of the older 7th and 8th graders played sports on the high school teams. Obviously, the stringent eligibility rules in place today by KSHSAA didn't exist in the early part of the last century. Obviously, NO eligibility rules existed in the early part of the last century. Very interesting.

As I'm reading back through these meanderings, I realize I've gossiped about folks who lived over 100 years ago. I guess it's better than gossiping about the folks who live now.

Just think in 100 years, we may be the item of gossip for another generation.

I'll share more bits and pieces of old history (gossip) as I come across them.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Stealing Mona Lisa" by Carson Morton, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

I have been entertained this past week by the seven ducks and a gaggle of 50-60 geese that have been visiting the farm for several hours each day. I'm confident in my duck flock number not only because there have been fewer of them but also because they glide in a serene orderly

line. The tally-defying gaggle on the other hand is a horse of another, raucous feather.

The geese do descend en masse, swooping down and alighting in such unison it looks for an instant as if a white-flecked dark winged alien spacecraft has landed on the pond. But faster than I can say "UFO" it bursts apart and the geese become so active it can be hard to see what's happening because there's so much water splashing. And what a noisy bunch. More than their distinctive and familiar foghorn-

honking reaches my ears inside the house as they appear to talk with, at, and over each other. It's what I imagine it would look and sound if you cloned Robin Williams and Billy Crystal a hundred times, then threw them in a swimming pool.

It's impossible not to laugh. However, it's also exhausting simply because there is so much to observe and hear. Long before the geese "settle down," I need a break so I try to tune them out and focus on my work. I would not say the geese wear themselves out

before I next gaze out my window, but they do calm down and spread about enough for me to think, "maybe NOW I can count them." It just never works out because they keep moving around and switching "bunches." Just when I think I've taken care of those nine foraging in the lawn for grass and worms, one runs back in the water and three pop out from behind a tree. Down by the dam, I count seven tails in the air and five swimming upright. Then a whole 'nother bunch encircles and mingles

in the mix and I get all jumbled up again trying to figure out which ones I've counted. I suspect I try to count the geese because if they numbered "52" every time, I could be sure it was the same geese returning day after day but I truly don't know why I bother. Trying does force me to focus on them one by one. Though I may know if they are the same geese or never be able to say how many there are, but I can tell you they are FASCINATING.

The real fun begins when my cats wake from

their naps. Now that's when things get silly. Of course, the presence of any fowl of any size in the yard or on the pond turns my cats into wannabe killers. They do move like leopards stalking gazelles in a National Geographic special but my cats' geese-hunting climaxes are more reminiscent of a Stooges movie. The geese fly off, leaving my one-two-three Larry, Curly and Moe sitting on the dock, empty-handed.

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

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Fresh out of ideas? Ask yourself, 'What if?'

By Matt Forrest Esenwine

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Matt Forrest Esenwine, who lives in Warner, New Hampshire. Matt is an award-winning children's author and poet who began writing poems when he was 9 years old. He says he loves writing for children about nature, families, and our connectedness. Two picture books Matt especially enjoyed working on were "Flashlight Night" (Astra Young Readers, 2017), which began as a poem, and "I Am Today," which recently received the New Hampshire State Literary Award for Outstanding Work of Children's Literature. In addition to his writing, Matt Spent twenty-five years on-air in radio doing morning shows, hosting concerts, and interviewing people as diverse as Bernie Sanders, Alice Cooper, and Jeff Foxworthy. ~ David Harrison

What if?

It's a question author/futurist Arthur C. Clarke, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and Apple co-founder Steve Jobs probably asked themselves at one point or another.

It's a question subconsciously uttered in the mind of a 2-year-old, discovering their world.

And it's a question Marvel even turned into a comic book series back in the '70s and '80s and is now a TV series.

It's a mere two words. Two words that might steel our resolve, or completely change our perspective.

What if?

How many times have you tried to get your smartphone or laptop to stop doing that annoying "thing?" You experiment, you troubleshoot. You think, "What if ... I press Shift-Alt-Ctrl-Tab-Insert?" And when that doesn't work, you think, "What if ... I just walk away and act like this never happened?" We ask ourselves, "What if?" day in and day out.

- "What if the game lasts too long?"
- "What if I take the road less traveled?"
- "What if we run out of hamburger pickles?"

But when was the last time you used these two words to help you create?

What if ... you changed your story?

Certainly, this question can be used in any environment, whether you are an inventor, politician, or salesperson. For me, it's in the realm of creative writing. Asking this question — either when brainstorming ideas or when stuck on a character, rhyme, or plot detail — opens up worlds of possibilities:

- "What if ... my main character was the opposite sex?"
- "What if ... this story was set in another time?"
- "What if ... I juxtaposed these two lines/stanzas/paragraphs?"

Several years ago I asked myself, "What if ... a frost occurred in the middle of summer?" The poem I wrote answered that question.

What if ... I could see things from a differ-

ent viewpoint?"

Come to think of it, the world would probably be a much better place if more of us asked that particular question.

But really, ask yourself all kinds of "what if" questions and write the answers down! Putting a few lines or paragraphs on paper (or computer) can help you see things from a different perspective, and that's what you want. Asking "what if" can help you critique, inspire, or edit yourself!

Even if you have no intention of turning Lucinda — your novel's half-human, half-lizard hybrid heroine — into a half-alien, half-nematode super villain, play it out and see where it goes! It may go nowhere, but there's a good chance you'll learn.

Perhaps you'll come up with a better character.

Perhaps you'll come up with an idea for an entirely different project!

But without questioning, you'll never know.

Final question:

"What if ... I gave everyone a second chance?"

Hmmm ... I'll let you think about that one on your own.

Matt Forrest Esenwine's picture books include the Kirkus-starred "Flashlight Night" (Astra Young Readers, Sept. 2017) and "Once Upon Another Time" (Beaming Books, 2021), which ALA's Booklist called "a necessary addition to picture book collections." His poetry can be found in numerous anthologies like "The National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry" (National Geographic Kids, 2015) and "Except for Love: New England Poets Inspired by Donald Hall" (Encircle, 2019). See more at MattForrest.com.

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 22 HS BB Sub-State for Boys	Thursday, February 29 HS BB Boys Sub-state tournament begins
Friday, February 23 HS BB Sub-State for Girls	Friday, March 1 HS BB Girls Class 1A Sub-state ***
Saturday, February 24 Forensics at Great Bend	3rd Quarter ends/early release
Monday February 26 Academic Olympics *** 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	Saturday, March 2 Forensics in Kingman ***
Tuesday, February 27 Forensics - Greensburg	HS BB Class Div II Sub-state Finals
Wednesday, February 28 Book Club	Monday, March 4 KAY Family Game Night ***
	BOE Meeting

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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
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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
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City Council to Meet Monday Evening

- CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.
- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
 - 2) Approval of Agenda
 - 3) Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2024 meeting
 - 4) Hearing for Special Use Application 24-01
 - 5) Public comments, concerns, & communications
 - 6) Leslie Schrag – Update on EPIC project
 - 7) Fire Department – Chief’s Report
 - 8) Revision of Personnel Policy – Holiday Schedule
 - 9) Procurement Policy Discussion
 - 10) Engineering for Leiter Avenue
 - 11) Lead Service Line Inventory
 - 12) Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
 - 13) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
 - 14) Adjourn

Hilltop Manor is Stylin'

The public is invited to another style show on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Hilltop Manor. (The last one was held in March of 2022... and it was wonderful)

Employees' children and grandchildren will model adorable pillowcase dresses lovingly made by residents of Hilltop Manor.

The dresses will later be sent to girls in need elsewhere in the world. Refreshments will be served.



Kansas 4-H Club Days Help Youth Build Communication Skills

Annual event also boosts college, career readiness

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Admit it: the thought of speaking in front of an audience makes your palms sweaty, maybe even your knees buckle.

Beth Hinshaw, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist, knows that the nerves do not necessarily go away as

we get older, but speaking in public does get easier.

“Honestly, it is all about learning how to organize information and deliver it,” she said. “Young people may have a lot of it written out the first time they give a presentation, but as they grow in that skill, they will get to where they are using an outline.”

Beginning in February and throughout March, youth are honing their public speaking skills across the state during Kansas 4-H Days. Hinshaw said the annual events challenge youth to tell about or demonstrate a 4-H project they are working on in front of a judge, who then provides feedback.

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Two Cunningham Athletes Advance to State Free-Throw Competition



These four Cunningham students placed in their respective age groups at the district Knights of Columbus free throw competition on Feb. 18th.

Casyn Miller (front left) and Nathan Ndambuki (back right) placed first and advance to the state competition. Cooper Neufeld (back left) and Bentley Strohl (front right) both placed third in their age groups.



“In 4-H, we think of these skills as necessary for college and career,” Hinshaw said. “Youth learn to organize thoughts in a logical manner; find information and research a subject; express ideas clearly and convincingly; prepare visuals to support the presentation; and accept feedback.”

Local extension units host Kansas 4-H Days for youth ages 7 to 18. “If you have friends or family who are doing presentations, there’s a good possibility that there is a video somewhere that they could share with you,” Hinshaw said.

Most talks are given individually, though a few are demonstrations by teams of youth. Some youth also give illustrated talks, while others give talks that persuade, inform, entertain or inspire, according to

Hinshaw. “A lot of people will tell us they would not have had the communication skills and abilities (later in life) that they have if not for their 4-H background,” Hinshaw said.

“Ultimately, the goal in any presentation experience is for members to complete the presentation with a good feeling about themselves and what they have accomplished and learned.”

Communication is one of nearly three dozen project areas offered by the Kansas 4-H program. More information about the state’s largest youth organization also is available at its website.

For more information, visit www.ksre.ksu.edu. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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1929

March 1— Jim Luce, carrier on route two, got in off his route Wednesday about five o'clock, walking the last three miles and leaving his car stuck in the ditch out by H. S Bonar's. The roads are in the worst condition of many years. Some of them are impassable if thawed out.

Last Friday the first and second boys basketball teams journeyed to Belmont where they split a double-header, the second string winning 21-14 and the first team losing 27-5. Almost all of Belmont's points were gained by making long shots, while the Cunningham boys passed up a number of opportunities to score.

Chas. Lakin, C. O. Franks, W. A. Lash, and Nick Weber motored to Wichita, Thursday, to attend the tractor show.

Special: 220-weight Blue Denim half-back overalls, \$1.29 pair. Wetherall Brothers.

Wear-Ever value continues until March 9th. Four sauce pans at \$1.98 — Here's a saving of \$1.37. Cannon Hardware Co.

For Sale — Wheat straw and cane hay. Call or see Frank Renner.

George Hart, Leo and Raymond Zrubeck flew to Wichita Wednesday to attend the tractor show.

J. M. Ratcliff has purchased a big farm just on the outskirts of Hugoton, and shipped a carload of livestock out there this week.

1934

March 2— The thermometer went down below zero here Monday morning. And with a covering of snow and a little breeze moving, it was really cold.

1939

Feb. 24 — The Cunningham Wildcatters won the Kingman County League Tournament last Saturday night by defeating Zenda high school before a frenzied crowd by a narrow margin of 31 to 29. This marks the second time Cunningham has taken the League tournament in the last five years. The Redskins, as they were known then, won the tournament in 1935.

Donald Huhman and Delbert Schwartz provided the spark for the team and then their "fire department offense" ran and put the fire out. They tied for high point with 10 counters apiece. Heibsch, lanky center of the blue and white garnered eight of his team's points for high score.

A small sized blizzard and snow storm struck this community last Monday morning, missing the anniversary of the February blizzard of a year ago by only 48 hours. The storm of last year which was the worst for a period of several years, struck on February 18, and virtually isolated this entire section for three days.

Monday's storm was intense while it lasted and the thermometer struck a new low, of 3 degrees below zero.

The snow which fell Monday was not of any great depth except as it drifted in many places.

1944

Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

Feb. 25—Funeral services were held Monday morning for Corporal Norbert Theis at the Sacred Heart church with Father Lampe, Celebrant, Father O'Leary of Kingman, Sub-Deacon, and Father Esswein of St. Leo, Deacon, conducting the Solemn Requiem High Mass.

Father Phirman assisted with the choir.

Corporal Theis, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Theis, was a victim of a plane crash in England, January 7th. The remains were accompanied from New York City by Sgt. Matthew Vierthaler, cousin of the deceased.

Norbert, an ever good-natured and jovial boy, and one always thoughtful of his parents, had been in the Army Air Corps three years, one of which had been overseas duty. When his death occurred, he was a radio operator on a U. S. C-54 Skymaster transport plane which was engage in flying the Berlin air-lift.

Burial was made in the St. Leo cemetery with the Kingman American Legion and V. F. W. posts, and the Livingston Mortuary, all of that city, in charge of arrangements.

1954

Feb. 25 — Blizzard conditions prevailed in this area Friday evening, with U. S. Highway 54 becoming snow-blocked, and with traffic coming to an absolute standstill. It was reported that almost one hundred cars were stranded between Cunningham and Pratt Friday evening, and the local Lodge Hall accommodated about thirty persons throughout the night. The highway was cleared by Saturday noon, and once again traffic was able to move normally.

Many motorists were forced to stop because of the zero visibility caused by the drifting snow, and this factor caused a fatal accident three miles west of Cunningham Friday afternoon. Hugh Duncan, 27, of Wichita was killed almost instantly when his car collided head-on with one driven by John Kilgore, 32, of Mullinville.

The Cunningham High School Wildcats traveled to St. John last Saturday night, where they dropped a "questionable" 67-66 decision to that Class A school.

Billy DeWeese scored twenty points to pace the Wildcat scoring attack, and was aided in this cause by Ronnie Adelhardt's fourteen points, Wilbur Tarrant's thirteen scores, and Victor Becker's twelve points.

1959

Feb. 26— Cunningham walloped Norwich by an 84 to 38 score here last Friday night in the school's annual Homecoming Game.

Audrey Lagree was crowned "Basketball Queen of 1958-1959" in an impressive ceremony between games. Her attendants were Anita Millsap, Sherry Baber, Jean Neises, and Karen Wilson.

Cunningham had four players scoring in double figures for the game. Richard Kerschen scored 22 points, Bill Ridge 20, Tony Hartle 19, and Gary Raney 14.

The first annual "Blue and Gold" Banquet of Cub Scout Pack No. 759 will be held in the High School Gym-Auditorium, Saturday evening, Feb. 28, at 6:15 o'clock.

The "Mardi Gras" and "Carnival of Colors" will be the banquet theme.

A parade and skits will precede the banquet and, following dinner, a ceremony award will be held by Cubmaster Floren Rose.

1964

Feb. 27 — Twenty-five students made the Honor Roll for the first semester of the 1963-1964 school term at Cunningham Rural High School, according to the office of Supt. of Schools Will Seacat.

The 25 Honor Roll students are:

Seniors: Kay Kaster, Mary Bridges, Linda Schnittker, Sherill Hutchinson, Tim Cain, Lowell Gridley,

Juniors: Margie Jarmer, Vicky DeLaRosa, Gerald Schnittker, Carol Strohl, Charles Dafforn

Sophomores: Jim Cain, Mary Cusenbary, Mary Thimesch, Lloyd Gridley, Joyce Malan, Shirley Lubbers, Norman Patton,

Freshmen: Sue Graves, Charles Ridge, Carolyn Witt, Gladys Voss, Duane Schnittker, Donna Lacy,

A public meeting was conducted in Cunningham, Monday evening, by the Kingman County Planning Board on School Unification.

The meeting was held to inform and acquaint school patrons of the proposed two-district plan for the county.

About 200 patrons from the western one-third of the county, known as District No. 2, heard the planning board members describe the advantages and disadvantages of the district.

Patrons in the audience represented each school district in District No. 2, including both Cunningham schools, both Nashville schools, both Zenda schools, St. Leo, Willowdale, and Penalosa.

1964

Feb. 27 — Basketball is a game played with a ball about 12 inches in diameter and containing 8-10 pounds of air pressure, but the game itself offers contrasting styles.

These contrasting styles were aptly demonstrated in the first-round games at the Class 1A District Tournament in Cunningham, Tuesday night.

In the opening game, Pretty Prairie bombed hapless Partridge, 85 to 17, in a game that featured lots of up and down the court action and shooting. The second game, by contrast, was a deliberate game, particularly on the part of Sylvia, as Cunningham edged past the Mustangs in overtime, 46 to 44.

With a half-second of play remaining in the regulation game, John McCune sank two free throws, enabling Cunningham to tie Sylvia, 44-up, and send the game into overtime. McCune made a short jump at the opening of the three-minute overtime period, and the Wildcats made that two points stand up the remainder of the period to gain a miraculous 46-44 victory.

The "Katz Meow," Cunningham's rock and soul music group, will participate in a "Battle of the Bands" at the Cotillion Ballroom in Wichita, Sunday afternoon and evening.

Members of the group are Chief Kaster, Mike Cunningham, Curtis Kitson, Wayne Jarmer, Phil Theis, and Danny Theis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill attended a K-T Oil Corporation Awards Banquet in Dodge City, Tuesday evening. Dallas received an award for the most outstanding salesman in the district.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

February 28 — Did you know we have a skunk slinger in town? Well, we do.

Last week one day your reporter was typing clipper news when I happened to glance out the window and saw a skunk meandering from our house to the garage I watched him slowly trot over to Ada Roses yard and out of sight.

After lunch, city man Don Becker told me he was turning off our water to put in a new water meter. While he was changing the meter I decided to go out and feed our feline friends and started visiting with Don about the skunk I had seen out in daylight that morning. About that time I glanced around and to my amazement there went a skunk not from from us. I could hardly get the words to come out tha there was a skunk going by us.

Don said he would get his gun.

When Don returned with the gun, the skunk was behind Dave Willingers house. Don said he'd try to chase him over to the park before he shot. I decided to get into the house out of the way.

I peeked out the back door just in time to see Dave Willinger reaching behind Ada Roses air conditioning unit where he caught the skunk by the tail and threw him out. Don finished the skunk right then and there.

(Marie Ann Mantooth)

The Cunningham Wildcats presented their homecoming court with a victory over Sharon of 79-56, Friday night, Feb. 22. The crowning of King Jim Schaller and Queen Kathy Fischer took place between the A and B team games. Attendants were Jane Simonson, Delores Mertens, Reta Ratcliff, Debbie Theis, Kent Scripsick, Ted Holdcomb, Kevin Rohr, and Rod Berkamp. The little flower girl was Rhonda Freund and the crown bearer was Roger Lackey. Narrators were Linda Cunningham and Randy Fischer.

1979

March 1- Inez M. Lewis, 81, died Saturday morning at the Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was a homemaker.

Born October 10, 1897, in Reno County, she married Earl C. Long in 1915 at Hutchinson. He preceded her in death in 1937. She remarried Roy G. Lewis on Sept. 5, 1941 in Mexico. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1966.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Joy M. Long.

She live din Cunningham since 1946 after living in Hutchinson and Medora.

Survivors include son, Bob G. Long, Cunningham, one granddaughter, whom she raised, Mrs. Bill (Vicki) Freund, Mansfield, La.

N-Z News: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Westerman spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Elfredia Lampe. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robrt Scheib, Dighton, and Mrs. Walter Scheib, Stafford.

The Cunningham Wildcats ended its regular season last Friday night with a resounding 72-52 victory over the Sharon Cardinals. The game was never in doubt as we took command of the game early and built it steadily throughout the first half.

A petition for a request to place the question of licensing the retail sale of alcoholic liquors by the package on the ballot at the next general election was approved.

1984

March 1 — A stenciling class will be held March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of the Cunningham Methodist Church. Participants will learn to make stencils and apply them to fabric and wood. The class is given by Marilyn S. Glenn, Kingman County Extension Home Economist.

The Lady Cats took on the Protection Panthers in the semi-finals of the Regional Tournament and were defeated 32-50.

The Ladies and Panthers both were tight the first quarter as the score was 6-6 at the end. Then Protection started to go to work defensively and forced the Lady Cats into numerous turnover which kept us from running our offense to the point that we didn't score but 4 points to their 15.

The girls finished the season with a 14-7 record. We were Tri-champs in the Great Golden Plains Leaguer and we were Skyline Invitational Tournament champions.

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Atomic Habits – A Practical Way to Change

Most of us desire some form of change in our lives. We aspire to get in shape, lose weight, read more, learn to play an instrument, or speak a new language. Maybe we want to earn more money, or succeed in a new profession. The possibilities for growth and improvement are endless. Often times we put our aspirations in writing, setting goals and deciding to make serious changes. But how often do we succeed? The truth

is, often times we fail. But does it have to be that way? Can anything make a difference? Might we be able to increase our chances of personal success? Perhaps...

I recently discovered a book, *Atomic Habits* by James Clear. This is one of the best and most valuable books that I have ever read. The author describes his work as an easy and proven way to build good habits and break bad ones, and promises that with tiny changes you can achieve remarkable results.

The primary point of this book is that very small (atomic) habits (routines or practices performed regularly or automatically) can produce profound change in our lives. These habits can compound over time, bringing great results.

The author gives the example of the British Cycling team to prove

his point. Since 1908, British riders had won only a single gold medal at the Olympic Games, and they had never won the prestigious Tour de France. All that began to change in 2003 with the hiring of Dave Brailsford as their new performance director. He adopted a strategy that required searching for ways to make tiny improvements in everything the riders did. They redesigned bike seats for greater comfort. They put alcohol on their tires for improved road grip. They tested various fabrics to make lighter and more aerodynamic racing suits. They tried different massage oils to improve muscle recovery. They changed pillows and mattresses to improve the rider's sleep. They even hired a surgeon to teach the riders how to better wash their hands to reduce the chances of

illness. These and hundreds of other small improvements accumulated and produced results over time.

In this book the author shows you how to

simply implement a system to foster these small habits. Especially interesting is his emphasis on identity-based habits as compared to outcome-based habits. Outcome-based habits focus on the result we want. Identity-based habits focus on who we want to become. True behavior change only comes with true identity change. He gives these examples to help clarify this point. Your goal should not be to simply read a book. Make it your goal to become a reader. Your goal should not be to run a marathon. Instead make it your goal to become a runner. Don't make it your goal to learn an instrument. Make it your goal to become a musician. Behavior that does not fit with your identity will not last. When a habit becomes a part of your identity, it will last. True behavior change is

At the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing the team won 60% of the gold medals available. Four years later in London, they set seven world records and nine Olympic records. British cyclists went on to win the Tour de France in 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2017. From 2007 to 2017 British cyclists won 178 world championships and 66 Olympic and Paralympic gold medals, and claimed five Tour de France victories in what is regarded as the most successful run in cycling history. How did they do this? They did it by cultivating small, atomic habits that incrementally improved and compounded their success.

So I decided to wear this lovely outfit to work. But when I was getting dressed, the first of the three snaps wouldn't snap. Well, I still had two. So I snapped those, pulled up the hip-huggers, and left for school.

I was at my desk while the students were watching a movie about nouns, when I felt a strange sensation in my...in the area of the snaps. Number Two had come undone. I was down to one working snap."

CoCo was stealing spoonfuls of my tiramisu now, and I'm sure I heard her snort. I continued my story.

"About the time the movie ended, my supervising professor walked in to evaluate me. He took a seat and nodded for me to continue the lesson. I dreaded standing up... what if the snap came undone? But I couldn't teach from my desk, so I stood up and started talking about the wonders of nouns. Miraculously, the snap held. I was walking around the room, having students call out nouns, making a game of it...I knew I'd get a great evaluation. Toward the end of class, I went to the blackboard to write the homework assignment. I reached toward the top of

the board—and the snap gave way."

"Oh no! Aunt Jo, what did you do?"

"It's not what I did, it's what that shirt did. It flew out of my slacks and rolled up like a scroll. Oh, did I mention...my panties were not hip-huggers? A full three inches of white cotton was exposed. Kids were laughing, I was standing there with my shirt flapping, wishing for Death's Carriage to stop by—that's Dickenson, CoCo—and then my professor ran up and draped me with his jacket and said he'd stay with the class if I needed to leave to make...adjustments."

CoCo grinned, then thought for a moment. Finally—"Aunt Jo, why did you tell me that story?"

I took a deep breath and picked my way carefully through my next words. "It was a mistake to wear that shirt—I knew something bad could happen, and it did. But it was covered quickly—by grace—and I never, ever wore it again."

Did I mention how smart my niece is? She got it—right away. "Aunt Jo, you rock. Hey—can I have a chocolate croissant?"

The Suit Jacket of Grace

By Jan Ackerson
I have lunch with CoCo every Saturday at the Chocolate Café. My niece's real name is Courtney, but when I discovered our mutual love for chocolate during her precocious toddlerhood, our Saturday afternoons became inviolable aunty/niece time, and she acquired her sweet-toothy nickname. We've been doing this for thirteen years now.

We go slightly insane on our lunch dates: turtle cheesecake drizzled in fudge, dark-chocolate covered cashews, triple-mocha cappuccinos. We're veritable chocolate fiends, making "mmm-mmm" and "ahhhhhh" sounds that sometimes draw the attention of other diners. CoCo's prissy mother—my sister Tessa—would shush us, blushing, if she were here. But CoCo and I are uninhibited in our adoration of milk, semisweet, dark.

Last Saturday, CoCo plopped down without her usual "Hey, Aunt Jo." When she listlessly selected only one chocolate chip cookie, I hooked her chin with a finger and said, "Okay, something's very wrong. One cookie? C'mon, kiddo...spill."

CoCo picked her cookie apart until her plate was covered with pea-sized crumbs. "Aunt Jo," she said, "I made a huge mistake. With Trevor." She smushed a chip with her thumb.

I knew why CoCo

Catholic Churches

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

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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



Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Cunningham Downs Trojans for the Third Time

The Wildcats traveled to Stafford on February 13, 2024, and came away with the third win against the Trojans by a score of 76 to 40.

The rim must have looked like a large basket to the players as they combined for 18 two point baskets and 13 three point baskets for the game. Luke McGuire scored eight points to

lead the Cats in the first quarter. Luke Albers made five points and Will Wegerer scored four points. Cunningham led 17 to 10 after one quarter.

Cunningham lit it up in the second quarter scoring 28 points to 14 for Stafford. Albers had 15 points along with Wegerer's eight points. Dagim Reed and Nate Sterneker scored three and two points, respectively. The half ended with a score of 45 to 24.

The Cat defense held Stafford to nine points in the third quar-

ter. McGuire and Albers scored six points each. Reed made a three basket and Sterneker added two points. The score was 66 to 33 entering the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter had a running for most of the quarter. The Wildcats still managed 14 points to seven for the Trojans. Albers had five points. Wegerer scored five points. Stephen Kerschen and Kendall Rogers scored two and three points, respectively.

By Coach Stackhouse



Luke Albers



Will Wegerer

Molly Morgan photos

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	4		14	1	7	3	
Wegerer	5	2		16	10	3	1	
Albers	9	4	1/3	31	7	7	5	
Sterneker	2			4	4	1	2	
Reed		2		6	4	1		
Morgan					3		1	
Rogers		1		3	2	1		
Kinsler							1	
Kerschen	1			2				
Green						1		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	17	28	17	14	76
Stafford	10	14	9	7	40

Lady Wildcats vs. Lady Trojans



Ellie McGuire



Macy Neufeld



Maranda Lohrke



Ava Bock

Molly Morgan photos

Lady Wildcats vs. Lady Bulldogs



Matilyn Jump



Emily Ogg



Rylee Miller

Cunningham Defeat the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs

The Wildcats found the comforts of home after two games on the road with a 71 to 43 win over the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs on February 16, 2024.

The Wildcats continued their hot shooting from their previous game and put 17 on the board in the first quarter. The man defense held the Bulldogs to 7 points. Will Wegerer and Luke Albers scored six points

each with Luke McGuire and Nate Sterneker adding three and two points, respectively.

Cunningham added six more points to their lead in the second quarter with 18 points. The Bulldogs made three three-point baskets with three free throws for 12 second quarter points. The half ended with Cunningham leading 35 to 19.

Dagim Reed led the way in the third quarter with two three-point baskets. Wegerer, Dylan Halderson, and Kendall Rogers each scored

two points for a 12 quarter. The Bulldogs kept pace with ten points giving Cunningham an 18 point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

They continued to open up their lead with ten more points from Albers. Stephen Kerschen added four points with Wegerer putting in a three point basket. Rogers made his second basket and Kory Morgan went four for four from the free throw line. Sterneker also added a free throw to make the final 71 to 43.

By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1		3	6	3	1	
Wegerer	3	3		15	12	9	1	
Albers	12	2	0/1	30	7	3	4	
Sterneker	1		1/4	3	4	2	1	
Reed		2		6		1	1	
Halderson	1			2	1			
Morgan			4/4	4				
Rogers	2			4	2	2		
Kinsler					5		2	
Kerschen	2			4				
Swope						1		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	17	18	12	24	71
Pretty Prairie	7	12	10	14	43



Layne Green



Dagim Reed



Dylan Halderson



Luke McGuire

Molly Morgan photos



Powerlifting Team Does Well in Meet



Photo by Molly Morgan



The High School Powerlifting team traveled to Larned Saturday and performed some impressive lifts. The team this year is really coming along well and the kids are really starting to feel the confidence and get excited to perform at a high level. The athletes and their gains the last

few weeks have been impressive! It is amazing what the body and mind can do when they are focused and intentional.

Some highlights: The boys team of 8 lifters competed against 11 other teams and placed 2nd! Other teams present were Liberal, Larned, Rose Hill, Pratt, Sterling,

Hodgeman, Deerfield, Burton, Lyons, Hoisington and Skyline. We had some champions this time around on the boys side.

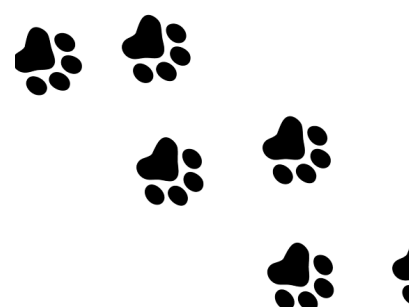
Jack Ruckle 198, Stephen Kerschen 181 and Lucas Hageman 156. Something special that Jack Ruckle was able to accomplish during the

meet was break each record in his weight class and posting a 35lb max increase on his best ever total. Congratulations Jack!

The girls teams of 4 lifters competed against 9 other teams and placed 3rd! Of the 5 girls that participated 4 were new to the sport and this was

their 1st live in person meet experience. What a difference they made in the success of the team. Each of the girls placed overall in the top 3 in their weight classes! Kyra Morgan was the champion in the girls PWT class.

- Coach Kerschen



Farmer-Backed Heartland Plant Innovations Helps Unlock Wheat's Genetic Potential

Six sets of seven chromosomes make the wheat genome five times larger than the human genome. This complexity makes wheat breeding even more difficult, but technology like double haploid breeding has helped public and private researchers unlock potential agronomic, quality and even nutritional traits.

Key to this work is a farmer-backed, for-profit plant services company housed at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center — Heartland Plant Innovations (HPI). Dusti Gallagher, HPI president/CEO, recently sat down with Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations, on the “Wheat’s on Your Mind” podcast to walk through the formation of HPI and how the company is accelerating and improving the wheat breeding pipeline.

Starting with Synergy Technology for crop improvement experienced a boom in the early 2000s, but applying those techniques was focused on corn and soybeans. The push to start HPI was the result of the industry’s recognition that wheat was being left behind when it came to applying innovative breeding tools.

“We were just trying to bring the message that we needed to make sure that wheat stayed relevant in the United States compared to other crops,” Gallagher said. “We wanted to let them know producers, specifically in Kansas and HRW (hard red winter wheat) producers, were really interested in bringing innovations and technology to the forefront with wheat because, at the time, we were losing a little ground to other crops.”

The industry faced another significant challenge at the time — a lack of synergy and collective focus. As a result, a core group brought together representatives from across the industry, including producers representing the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas State University, the University of Kansas and private companies.

“It started with communication. At that time, there was very little communication between the public and private sectors on wheat breeding; everybody was doing their own thing,” Gallagher said. “So, it started with bringing everybody to the same table to talk about what our common interests were. And once we did that, it started falling into place.”

HPI was officially formed in 2009. Kansas farmers, through state organizations, have majority ownership in HPI,

and other members include private companies, universities and individual shareholders. The company started in Throckmorton Hall but quickly recognized that their work to amp up breeding technology required lab space, growth rooms, greenhouse space and other spaces to mix soil, plant pots, thresh heads and more. As a result, the early success of HPI helped provide the spark that led to the construction of the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, where the company is now housed.

Today, HPI has seven full-time staff drawn from all over the world for their unique expertise, including agronomy, molecular biology, botany and biotechnology. In addition, two to three part-time students gain hands-on experience by assisting with harvesting, threshing, caring for plants and more.

Doubling Down on Double Haploids

Instead of competing with public and private wheat breeding programs, HPI was built around the idea of providing additional bandwidth and applying very specific technologies to assist those programs. The first — and still primary — of these tools is the production of double haploids, which essentially cuts half the time out of the wheat breeding process.

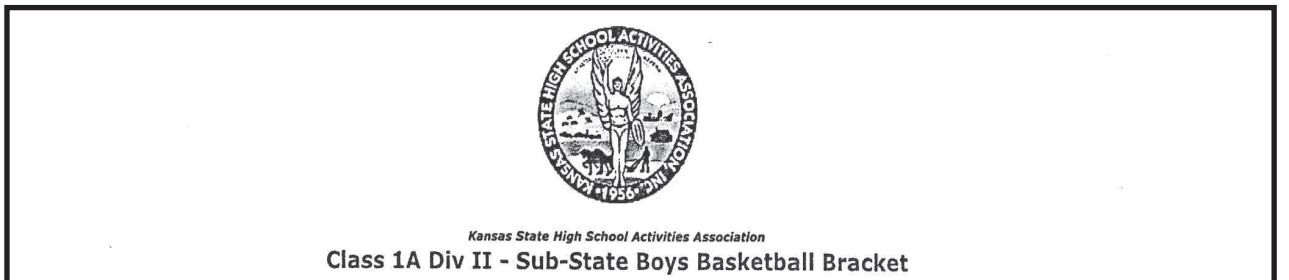
“We’re basically taking only the genetic material from one of the parents, the female parent, and we’re keeping those genetics and rebuilding that plant to where it can be a mature seed-producing plant,” Gallagher said. “And so, there’s a lot of steps along the way.”

The goal of the double haploid process is to create a population of plants that all have the same genetics across all their chromosomes, something that takes generations of traditional breeding to achieve but can be accomplished in a single year with the double haploid process.

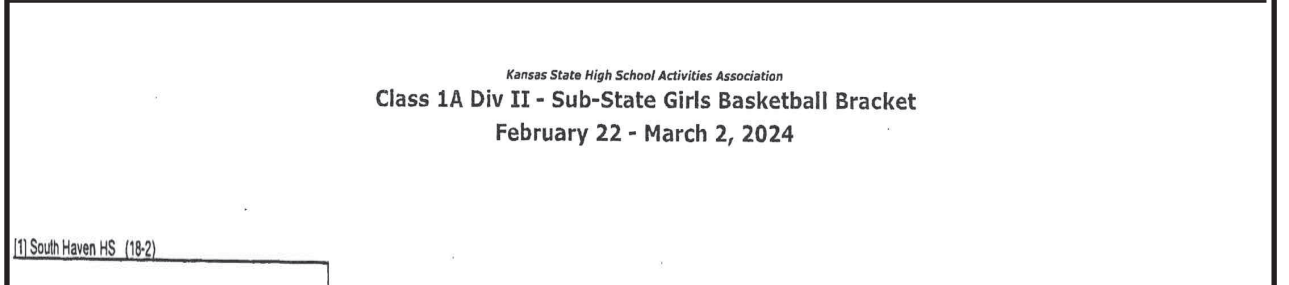
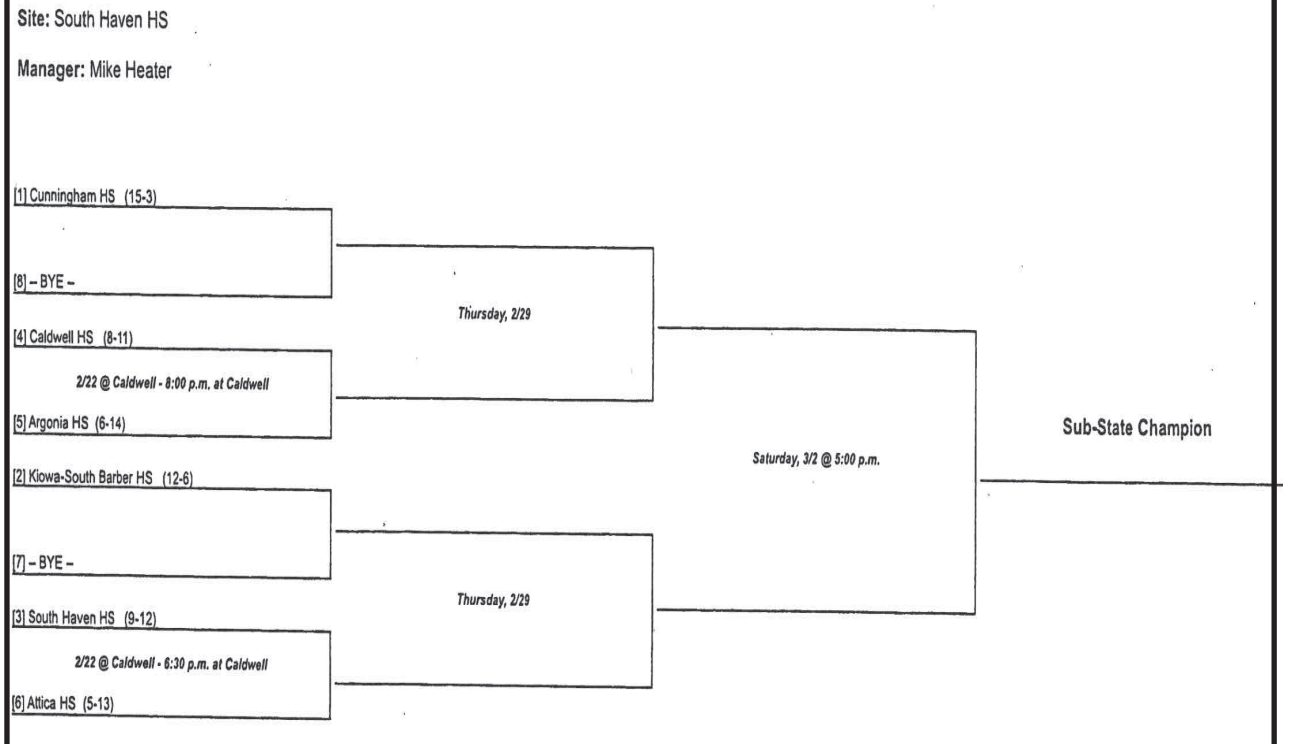
“We’re basically rescuing a very tender, very delicate haploid embryo and culturing it and taking care of it until it becomes a viable seedling,” Gallagher said. “Then we double its chromosomes through a process that we’ve created and that we’ve refined here at HPI. And that doubling process then creates a double haploid plant.”

The seeds from these plants then go back to wheat breeding programs, where breeders know the exact genetic material and can more efficiently evaluate lines in their programs.

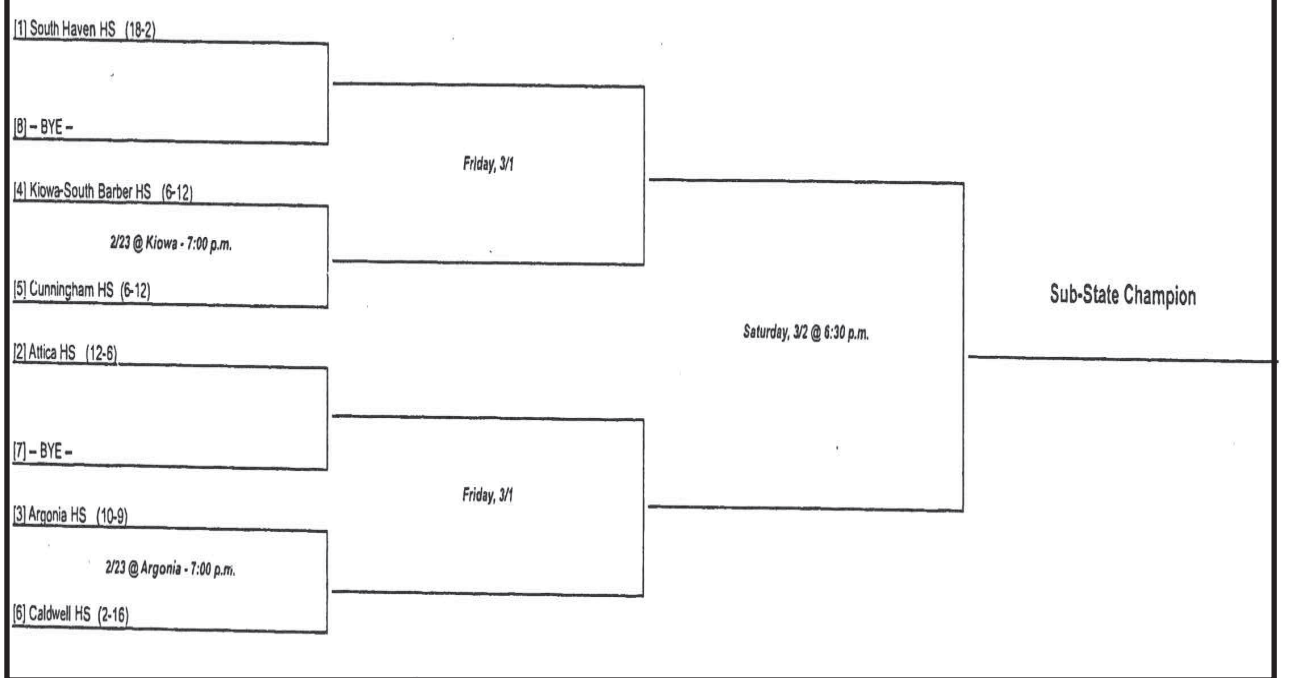
“When they take it to the field, and they grow it, and they start evaluating it, they know its genotype, then they can make better decisions, and they can either advance that line quickly through their program, or they can make a decision that they need to do more crossing with it,” Gallagher said. “So, the



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double haploid process is a tool that allows a better-quality line to go through the process, and breeders can advance it quickly, and they can make better decisions based on that very pure genetic line that we provide to them.”

HPI has capacity to produce 20,000 double haploids a year and works with customers from all over the United States, from wheat breeders to public and private crop improvement programs. The process is fee-for-service, so it is open to the entirety of the wheat breeding pipeline.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve seen the first seeds that have gone through our program,” Gallagher said. “They’ve been released to producers, and so they’ve been very good, healthy varieties that have prov-

en to be profitable for producers.”

In addition to double haploid production, HPI also provides technical expertise using other advanced plant breeding tools, including genotyping and marker-assisted selection as well as supporting traditional wheat breeding programs and proprietary projects. Every piece of the business, however, is built on partnerships.

“The producers are really the foundation for all of this,” Gallagher said. “Everything that we do is driven toward making a better opportunity for those producers to have better varieties to be able to improve their bottom lines.”

Still More to Come From uncovering the dense nutrients for improving wheat as a food

crop to bringing in trails from wheat’s wild relatives or improving agronomic traits, Gallagher told Harries there is still more to unlock in the wheat genome.

“I really don’t believe that we have tapped the genetic potential of wheat,” Gallagher said. “We’re just now getting to the point where we’ve mapped the wheat genome, and there’s still so much in there that we need to help discover, and that takes time.”

Ultimately, Gallagher encouraged wheat producers to continue investing in the research process — both in private companies like HPI and public breeding programs like that at K-State.

“Investment in wheat research is critical to us continuing to uncover the

vast benefits wheat has to offer,” Gallagher said. “It takes a long time. Investment in wheat research is the long game; it’s not the short game. Continue to support universities and checkoffs because it’s those wheat research dollars that are really going to make an impact. We just need to keep doing what we’re doing, but also looking at new opportunities and new technologies — and that’s what we’re here to do at HPI.”

Listen to the full discussion on HPI’s positive impact on the wheat breeding pipeline or check out other episodes of “Wheat’s on Your Mind” at kswheat.com/podcast.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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Traffic Stop	3
911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial	1
Public Service	2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Domestic Disturbance	400 Blk E Grant Ave, Kingman

Monday, February 12

Traffic Stop	3
911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial	1
Public Service	2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Domestic Disturbance	400 Blk E Grant Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, February 13

Traffic Stop	2
Dog Bite	Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Wednesday, February 14

Civil Paper Service	1
Warrant Service	400 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 50 St & 80 Ave, Pretty Prairie
Suspicious Vehicle	9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock
Miscellaneous	300 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
Disturbance	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	N Hwy 11 & NW 20 St, Kingman

Thursday, February 15

Traffic Stop	4
Theft	400 Blk S Wilmot St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Check Welfare	13000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Suspicious Person	12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	2000 Blk SW Viney Ave, Murdock

Friday, February 16

Traffic Stops	2
Civil Papers	3
Disturbance	300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman

Saturday, February 17

Traffic Stops	7
Control Burns	1
Civil Papers	1
Follow Up	1800 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NW 50 Ave and W Hwy 54 Area, Kingman
911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial	4000 Blk SW 120 Ave, Cunningham
Trespassing	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
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Why are there 29 days in February?

Because 2024 is a Leap Year!

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Kids: color stuff in!

It's time to get the grandfather clock checked and oiled. It's a beautiful way to tell **time**, but most of the day I use a wristwatch or cell phone.

Sunrises and sunsets are natural ways to mark time.

It's About Time!

2024 is a Leap Year!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- one hundred years
- common way to tell time
- shows events in order of when they happened
- tool to keep track of activities, days and months
- fun way to capture a moment in time (item is dug up later)
- Baby _____ Year is full of energy to start the year
- there are 24 time _____ throughout the world
- _____ clock shows what time it is anywhere on the planet – often shown by a series of clocks on a panel
- something that isn't affected by the passage of time
- _____ Father Time is tired after working all year; he is often shown with a long beard, sundial and sickle
- the start of each morning, dawn
- time that has yet to pass
- period of time marked by important events
- parts of the year that mark temperature and weather
- twenty-four hours

What is Leap Year?

Our calendar is based on the time it takes our planet, Earth, to **orbit** or travel around the sun. But, our calendar is not perfect.

Every year our calendar ends the year *a bit ahead* of Earth's trip around the sun. To keep it lined up with the actual timing of Earth's orbit we add *one extra day* to the calendar in February *every four years*.

Clocks and Watches

Many kinds of clocks and watches have been invented through the years. A watch was even made for engineers to help them run the trains on time.

- _____ clock, tall standing clock with swinging pendulum
- _____ watch, timepiece you can wear to school
- _____ watch, great for measuring races
- _____ watch, can be underwater without being damaged
- _____ clock, hangs on the wall and sings a song every hour
- _____ watch, often on a chain and kept in a small pouch on vest

Clues for Across:

- 1. timeless
- 2. New
- 3. calendar
- 4. Old
- 5. future
- 6. day
- 7. world
- 8. sunrise
- 9. timeline
- 10. clock
- 11. century
- 12. zones
- 13. seasons

Clues for Down:

- 1. pocket
- 2. diving
- 3. grandfather
- 4. wrist
- 5. cuckoo
- 6. stop

A Race Against Time!

Every day is packed with chores, activities and fun. Can you find the shortest way through this maze from morning wake-up to bedtime?

- Start at the star ★ wake up to a new day!
- Next, find your way to the *morning activity*.
- Then, go to the *afternoon activity*.
- Travel along to your *evening activity*.
- Finally, end your day at *bedtime*!

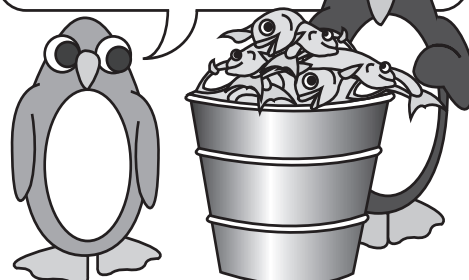
Time Talk

Match up each saying about time to its meaning:

- A. a race against time
- B. all the time in the world
- C. waste of time
- D. time flies
- E. time out
- F. it's feeding time at the zoo
- G. a stitch in time saves nine

- not worth the effort
- a break in the action
- doing a task well now can save effort later
- group of people eating in a noisy, untidy way
- life moves quickly
- rush to beat a deadline
- plenty of time

Geesh! Please tell me that they aren't talking about us when they say "feeding time at the zoo!" We are so nice and neat.



- A. there's no time to lose
- B. time is up
- C. pressed for time
- D. not given the time of day
- E. give a hard time
- F. time to call it a day
- G. have a whale of a time

- cause someone trouble
- no time left
- stop working on something
- enjoy yourself
- be rushed to do something
- you need every moment
- not getting attention

(Answers on page 10)



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February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Dash

Sponsored by Kathy and Alan Albers



Dash has been at the shelter since September 20, 2023. He weighs about 4 pounds and is about 4 months old.

His adoption fee is \$75.00

He is a very very handsome cat with gray/black markings. He is always ready for play time with his sibs and loves his toys. Loads of fun!

Latte

Sponsored by Cunningham Courier



Latte is a female hound / terrier mix, She weighs about 45 pounds and is about 2 years old.

She has been at the shelter for quite sometime... since November 29, 2022, so over a year.

Her adoption fee is \$150.00.

She is people-friendly, but should be an only dog. She's a high energy pup looking for an active, on the go family.

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

- 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
- 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

Letters TO THE Editor

Does Cunningham deserve the new businesses that we have now?

Young people have invested to start or restart businesses in our town. My question is do we deserve them?

Leah at South Fork Bar and Grill, Teralyn at the barbershop "Chop Shop", and Alesha with the "Rusty Rose" flower shop are all giving us

stores we've had but lost once. If we don't reward these young people for their investments in us by giving them our business, they will fail. If we don't give them our business, we don't deserve to have nice things in town. So please do business locally!

Alan Albers



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When we speak about time we talk about the past, present or the future.

A Race Against Time!

Clocks and Watches

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Time Talk

Set #1 A. 6, B. 7, C. 1, D. 5, E. 2, F. 4, G. 3

Set #2 A. 6, B. 2, C. 5, D. 7, E. 1, F. 3, G. 4

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The Value of a Voice

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Even though I officially aged out of Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers (YFR) program, I still get to attend the annual conference with my Collegiate Farm Bureau students. One of my favorite parts of the weekend is the competitive events that recognize skills and accomplishments of both students and active farmers and ranchers 35 and younger from across the state.

I have been on all sides of these events, as a competitor, judge and coach. My favorite role is

coaching because I have been fortunate to work with many talented college students who have found success in the discussion meet.

Discussion meet is my favorite contest because it poses a challenging issue in the agriculture industry as a topic for participants to work through like they are having a committee meeting or panel discussion. Participants are judges on their understanding of the problem, ability to offer potential solutions and effectiveness as a cooperater.

This competition is one of the best ways to prepare for real-world situations. It requires learning about the causes and challenges of complex issues. Proposing solutions, listening to all perspectives and seeking

common ground are vital to keeping the conversation moving forward. Through it all the competitors who can both articulate their ideas and bring everyone's ideas together will emerge as the leaders. The competition is rarely won by the person who speaks the most.

The skills developed in this competition are some of the most universally important things we can be teaching young leaders. Leaders who we hope will be involved in their communities on boards and in elected positions. Every organization needs people with the ability to work through complex issues, engage multiple ideas and move toward solutions.

Public speaking continues to be one of the most feared activities.

This competition does require speaking in public, but I often tell students that it is the best kind of speaking — where you are just having a conversation with other people.

Ensuring agriculture has people willing and able to engage in important public conversations is vital to the future of our industry. In addition to the collegiate and YFR discussion meets, Kansas Farm Bureau has invested in a high school level competition for FFA members. Win or lose, these competitions are challenging young leaders to be informed, share their opinions, and cooperate with others.

During the YFR event, I was reminded of the importance of having a voice because I lost mine. There is a certain level of irony that comes from

losing your voice while trying to teach others to use theirs. I was in a constant state of frustration because people either didn't know or forgot I couldn't talk and kept asking me questions. I had so many things to say but was only capable of silence.

Fortunately, my silence was temporary, but it made me think about how many people in agriculture are silent by choice. Choosing not to give public comment about important tools like pesticides when they are being threatened. Not contacting elected representative to urge them to pass a farm bill to keep important programs in place. Not showing up in your community to advocate when vital infrastructure is being ignored.

There has never been a time that being vocal about the needs of our industry and communities has been more important than today. The life we live in farming and rural communities is completely unfamiliar to so many of the people who are making decisions for us. We need to realize the value of having a voice and take the initiative to use it.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Spring Cleaning: Don't Toss That 'Junk,' It May Be Valuable!

(StatePoint) From baseball cards and sports

equipment to postcards and photographs, is that "junk" in your attic or basement dusty treasure or just dusty? We've all heard of families getting rich from the sale of rare memorabilia they found when spring cleaning.

A little time spent de-

termining if items are valuable and where to sell them can pay off in the long run.

"The sale of older sports cards, postcards and photographs can yield thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands or more for the right ones," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports auction house that helps families identify and sell valuable sports cards and memorabilia.

Crisafulli has assisted people in selling tens of millions of dollars of baseball card collections, autographs, sports equipment and more. Such sales can be life changing. In one instance, he researched a family's old baseball bat and proved it was game used by Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. His Love of the Game Auctions sold it for almost half a million dollars, a figure which would top a million dollars today.

Here are some of his tips to determine if your sports collectibles are

valuable:

The Older, the Better with Cards

Vintage sports cards from the early periods of sports are collectible, especially Hall of Famers. Do you have stars from the 1960s, 1950s or earlier? Look for names like Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner or Ty Cobb. Even non-star cards can be valuable, especially in nice condition with sharp corners and no creases.

Really early cards from the 1880s through the 1930s are particularly desirable, such as those by tobacco, gum and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal, American Caramel, Goudey or Diamond Stars.

When determining where to sell cards and memorabilia, focus on a specialty auction house, such as Love of the Game, which employs trained experts in researching sports ephemera, and maintains bidder lists of sports collectors. More information is available

at loveofthegameauctions.com.

Don't Overlook Memorabilia and Equipment

Cards aren't the only potentially valuable things. Look for older promotional and advertising ephemera spotlighting sports stars, especially items that promote sporting goods, food or tobacco brands. Ads from magazines aren't valuable, but store displays, signs and premiums can be pricey.

Old sporting goods and equipment, such as balls, bats, gloves and uniforms, can also be valuable, especially if you had a family member who played minor or major league sports. Note that items from before the 1960s are highly collected. Also look for equipment endorsed by star players. Condition matters, but game-used equipment from professionals can be valuable in almost any condition.

Save Postcards and Photographs

If you have old photographs, cabinet cards or

postcards of sports stars or ballparks, they should be evaluated. Those from pre-1960 can be expensive. Look for early "real photo" postcards from the 1900s through the 1940s, which are photographs printed on postcard backs.

Popular stars are key, meaning original images like Babe Ruth or early ballparks can be valuable, as opposed to images of your family members playing sports or of popular vacation destinations. When examining photographs, look for markings on the back, such as photographer, publication and date stamps. Also set aside cabinet cards, which are photographs from the 1880s through the 1930s adhered to cardboard stock.

"A good rule of thumb is that the older a sports item is, the more valuable it might be, especially from before the 1950s going back to the 1880s," says Crisafulli.

This spring cleaning season, don't rush to haul "junk" to the curb. Examine it first.

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- Anti-seniors sentiment
- ____ Pérignon, Champagne
- Big Bang's original matter
- Prefix for earliest
- Call to Maria
- Bob and ____
- "Peter, Peter Pumpkin ____"
- "Le ____ des cygnes"
- Like yesteryear
- *Greta Gerwig's Oscar nominated movie
- *He's nominated for playing Leonard Bernstein
- Nothing
- White ____ shopping event
- Federal food safety agency, acr.
- It ran away with the spoon
- ROTC happenings
- Figure skating jump
- Grad
- Arrogant one
- Archaic preposition
- Passé
- Scrubbed
- Sugarcoating
- Money in Mexico City
- What DJs do
- Trickery
- Swerves
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- *Typical number of nominations in one Oscar category
- Emergency responder, acr.
- *"Nyad" nominee
- *What kind of moon?
- "Finnegan's Wake" author
- Mother load offering

- Java cotton tree
- Artemis' companion
- Fat of olives
- *What actors do
- Spinner's product
- Wisecrack
- Like Phoenix

DOWN

- Cornelius of the movies
- Snap up
- 'I' in Greek alphabet
- Howard of radio fame
- Death-related
- One of the Earnhardts
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Muhammad's birthplace
- Review service, with .com
- Use a ladle
- At any time
- *"No Country for Old ____"
- multi Oscar winner
- Suitors
- Trojan War story
- "Just an ____-fashioned love song"
- Slumber
- Fl., as in fl. oz.
- "A Confederacy of ____," sing.
- Place above a ceiling
- Dueler's strike
- Overnight lodgings
- Shoelace bunny ears
- Divine saying
- *Producer and star of "Poor Things"
- *"The ____ of Interest"
- Table hill

42. Wooden pin

- *Like nominated ones
- Love-love, e.g.
- Meat-cooking contraption
- Roaring of an engine
- Hindu religious teacher
- Forum, pl.
- Deed hearing
- Medical diagnostic test
- Abe Lincoln's hat material
- #20 Down, e.g.
- Traditional learning method
- *Da'Vine ____ Randolph
- Orinoco or Grande
- *Ryan Gosling's character

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Proposing Policy

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

In the next couple of weeks each of Kansas Farm Bureau's 10 districts will be holding their issue surfacing meetings. I am a little late with this for a couple of districts, and I apologize to the 2nd and 4th districts. Good timing has never been my thing. This is the beginning of our policy development process and something I would hope

each member is involved in.

The fact that Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) policy is completely developed from members bringing their issues forward is what gives our organization its influence. Legislators know each of our policy items were important enough to an individual to speak up and a majority of all our members felt it was worth addressing through policy.

If you are not familiar with our issue surfacing meeting, it is an opportunity for members to bring issues and concerns to KFB's Resolutions Committee for further discussion and study. Often the committee

members, district board member and KFB staff will have speakers to provide timely education.

The best part about this process is it often sparks a discussion by other members at the meeting which can awareness of an issue. It also is a time when we can see if the issue is one of greater concern or more localized in nature.

I would encourage you to find out when and where your district's issue surfacing meeting is. They are all scheduled for the next month. If you are in a district that has already met, or you will not be able to attend your district's meeting you can submit an issue at www.kfb.org/advocacy.

Issues raised will be considered by the resolutions committee at its spring meeting. That topic will be discussed and, depending on committee action, preliminary policy may be developed throughout the spring and summer.

Other issues may be referred to the board of directors or sent to staff for further study. The results of the committee's work will be the subject of our Listening Post meetings in every district this fall. Based on the results of those discussions the final policy recommendations will be made.

Then in December at Kansas Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting the delegates will discuss and

vote on the final policy recommendations that will go into our policy book and will be the road map for our time working with legislators in Topeka and Washington D.C.

This is a long and sometimes tedious process, but it does result in policy that is relevant and well thought out. Each and every policy begins with members across Kansas bringing an issue forward and having it supported by their peers. This system powers KFB's advocacy in Topeka, which has led to many, many beneficial laws like our use-value property tax, protecting property rights and even the creation of KFB Health Plans.

I hope you will find out when your issue surfacing meeting is in your district and take the time to attend. I know everyone is busy, but I promise this will be time well spent.

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Governor Kelly Directs Flags be Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Rally Shooting Victim

TOPEKA— Today, Governor Laura Kelly directed flags to be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Saturday, February 24, 2024, in honor of Elizabeth "Lisa" Lopez-Galvan, a Kansan who died in the shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl Parade and Rally, and the 22 other victims injured

on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

"This senseless violence turned a day that should have been filled with joyous celebration into a tragedy," said Governor Laura Kelly. "Kansans and the entire Kansas City community are mourning the loss of Lisa Lopez-Galvan, a DJ and mother of two from Shawnee. I'm grieving for her family and for all the victims and their loved ones."

To receive email alerts when the governor orders flags to half-staff, please visit <https://governor.kansas.gov/newsroom/kansas-flag-honors>.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



It's Oscar time!

B-29 Museum

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

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

Public Notice

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CASE NO. KM-2023-PR-000008
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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You are hereby notified that on February 12, 2024, a petition was filed in this Court by Edward P. Dick and Gregory M. Dick, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Mary Aurora Dick," deceased, dated August 17, 2007, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's

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Andy Miller

Andrew (Andy) P. Miller, of Kingman, Kansas passed away on February 1, 2024. He was born on February 5, 1979, in Wichita, Kansas and is the son of Nancy and Jeff Miller, Kingman and father of the late Kyle Miller.



He is survived by his sister Kim Mies (Don), Kingman, niece Elizabeth Ammon (Steven), Sylvan Grove, and Grandmother Mary Lou Miller, Wichita.

Andy was active in retail sales. He was an outstanding soccer player and loved to coach youth soccer and football in Kingman.

Family graveside service was held at Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Mario Tursini

Mario Joseph Tursini, 75, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on February 6, 1949 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Mario Joseph, Sr. and Ruth (Newton) Tursini. Mario starting dating Mona (Barnes) Tursini in 1992 and married on September 30, 2006 in Pratt. They were married for 17 years.

Mario graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School in 1967. He went on to serve in the United States Army during Vietnam. He earned his Associate Degree from Barton County Community College. He worked for the Garden City Police Department, Finney County Sheriff Department and Pratt County Sheriff Department and most recently was a Security Officer for Pratt Community College. He was a member of NRA and National Order of Police. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, shooting and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Mona; daughter, Adriana (Nicholas) Gelwix of St. Peters, Missouri; sons, Khris (Sarah) Staton of Kearney, Nebraska and Cory Tursini of Denver, Colorado; sister, Terri Trimboli of Silver Spring, Maryland; and grandchildren, Aidan and Parker Gelwix, Aliyah and Ryker Staton and Corlynn Tursini.

Mario is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wayne Watkins; and sisters, Deanna Oliver and Loretta Tursini.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Memorial service with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Pratt Community College Auditorium with Pastor Tom Walters presiding.

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Bob Wedgewood

Robert G. "Bob" Wedgewood, 77, died Feb. 15, 2024 at his home in Kingman.

He was born July 29, 1946 in Wichita the son of Cecil and Lois (Dunkin) Wedgewood. A Kingman resident since 2022, previously of the Great Bend and Ellinwood communities, he was a retired carpenter having worked for Southard Corp. of Great Bend.

Bob was a member of the VFW; the Ellinwood American Legion; and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

On June 4, 2017, he married Bette Bohrer at Great Bend. Other survivors include two sons and their wives, Jeffrey and Heather Wedgewood and Michael and Amanda Wedgewood; step-children Brigitte Baird, Brenda Cannon, Tina Robertson, Darla Sporn and Lonnie Marquis; brother Milton Wedgewood; sister Barbara Joseph; and numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Ron and Chuck.

Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Family graveside services will be announced at a later date.

Memorials have been suggested to Angels Hospice and the Kingman County Humane Society, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Mary Potter

Marietta "Mary" Virginia Potter, 75, passed away Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. She was born on July 12, 1948 in Kaneohe, Hawaii to Clifford and Delphine (Thone) James.

Mary graduated from Castle High in Kaneohe, Hawaii in 1966. She attended college at the University of Hawaii for 3 years before moving to Boston. She then moved to Hardtner and later to Pratt and attended Pratt Community College where she earned her Associate Degree. She worked as a registered nurse at PRMC for 10 years and Hutchinson Regional for 10 years. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She enjoyed watching sports, specifically the New England Patriots, KU Basketball, and all Football. She loved following her granddaughter in her sporting endeavors, doing sudoku puzzles, brain games and reading.

She is survived by her children, Kimberly (Andy) Katzenmeier of Pratt, Scott Potter of Manchester, New Hampshire and Carol Jean (Mike) Wild of Langdon, North Dakota; grandchildren, Kelsey Smith, Sean (Karrah) Potter, Tanner Potter, Brianna Wild and Jenna Wild; and great-grandchildren, Eli and Gemma Potter.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents; four siblings; and her beloved pug, KC.

Cremation has taken place. Per Mary wishes there will be no service.

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



Bickley Foster

April 26, 1928 - December 23, 2023

Wichita, Kansas - C. Bickley Foster, 95, passed away Saturday, December 23, 2023. He was born in New York City, NY. U. S. Navy Veteran.

Married to G. Valerie Ladd, his beloved wife of 65 years.

The family came to Wichita where Bickley served as Planning Director for Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department. He was Director of Land Use Planning at WSU before starting Foster & Associates, Planning Consultants in 1972. He conducted his consulting business for 51 years until his death. In 2010, he received the Kansas Ad Astra Award and was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows for contributions to planning.

Survivors: Sister, Nancy Foster Carroll (St. Petersburg, FL); daughter, Carol J.; sons, Mark F., David W. (Elena) and John D. Foster, all of Wichita; grandchildren, Holly (John), Heidi and Andrea (Trevin); and great-grandchildren, Ashton, Jillian and Violet.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday February 29, 2024 at the First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, followed by reception. Memorial established with the First United Methodist Church General Fund.

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Leslie Markwell

Leslie A. "Smack" Markwell, 67, died Feb. 13, 2024 in Wichita.

He was born July 7, 1956, in Kingman the son of Delmar and Helen Hoffine Markwell. A lifetime resident of Kingman, he was a former painter, oil field worker and former school bus driver.

Leslie attended the Kingman Christian Church; and was a 1975 graduate of Kingman High School.

Survivors include two daughters, Shyla Baldwin and Mandy Crosby and husband Alex; his mother Helen Markwell-Melton; brother Terry; sisters Delia Swingle and Tammy Patterson; and grandchildren Teegyn, Laykin, Jensyn and Cooper. He was preceded in death by a daughter Kacie; and his father Delmar.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

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