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Sports in Kansas 1A-II Boys Basketball Player of the Year: Luke Albers, Cunningham

Albers led Cunningham to the state championship as a junior in averaging 21.7 points per game, 7.5 rebounds per game and 3.3 steals per game. Albers has had quite the team success as well, winning a state football championship as a sophomore in the fall of 2022, taking state runner-up this last fall in 2023 and winning the state basketball championship this month. Albers and teammate Will Wegerrer were two of the top scorers in the state this season for head coach Bob Stackhouse. It was the first ever state boys basketball title for Cunningham.

-Sports in Kansas



Sports in Kansas 1A-II Boys Coach of the Year: Bob Stackhouse, Cunningham

Stackhouse led the Cunningham boys to their first ever state title by capturing the 1A-II crown over Lebo in Great Bend, 60-55. Cunningham knocked off Dighton (61-58) in the semifinals while defeating Bucklin (70-66) in the quarterfinals. Stackhouse has been a coach since 1985 when he was the Stafford boys coach from 1985-1988. He has also been an assistant at Rose Hill (1988-1990) and Cunningham boys (1990-1999, 2004-2007). He has been the head coach of the boys program on two different occasions (2014-2016) and 2018 to present, while also serving as the girls assistant in that time frame. Cunningham has seen a lot of recent boys sports success, also winning a state title in the 2022 football season in the 6-man classification.

-Sports in Kansas

photo by Mary Stackhouse

Minutes from Kingman County Commission and Canvassing Board

Canvasser Henning called the Kingman County Canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary to order at 8:30 March 25, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Carol Noblit, County Election Officer presented 9 provisionals to the County Board of Canvassers.

Board of Canvassers reviewed the provisional ballots and decided that one out of the nine was able to be counted.

MOTION: Canvasser Elpers moved to recess the Board of Canvassers at 8:43 a.m. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Canvassers.

Canvasser Henning reconvened the Board of Canvassers at 8:48 a.m.

Ms. Noblit let the Board know that there was one more vote given to Donald J. Trump after the counting board counted the provisional accepted.

The County Canvass Totals for the March 19th, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary are as follows:

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| For President: | |
| MARIANNE WILLIAMSON (D) | 2 |
| JASON MICHAEL PALMER (D) | 2 |
| DEAN PHILLIPS (D) | 3 |
| JOSEPH R BIDEN JR (D) | 69 |
| NONE OF THE NAMES SHOWN (D) | 13 |
| DONALD J. TRUMP (R) | 328 |
| NIKKI R. HALEY (R) | 46 |
| RON DESANTIS (R) | 11 |
| RYAN L. BINKLEY (R) | 1 |
| NONE OF THE NAMES SHOWN (R) | 20 |

MOTION: Canvasser Elpers moved to approve the Canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary held March 19, 2024. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Board of County Canvassers.

MOTION: Canvasser Elpers moved to adjourn the Board of Canvassers at 8:55 a.m. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the Board of Canvassers.

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. March 25, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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 and Julie Lyon.

Online Visitors: Caller 01 and Heather.

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr wondered why the County held the Presidential Preference Primary because the turnout was so low and if the county had to pay to hold the election.

Ms. Noblit let Mr. Landwehr know that the State of Kansas Legislators decided to hold the Presidential Preference Primary this year which was the first time since 1992. The State of Kansas will be reimbursing the Counties for the election costs.

Mr. Landwehr asked who will pay for the City of Kingman special election.

Ms. Noblit let Mr. Landwehr know

that the City of Kingman will have to reimburse the County for the election costs of the Special Election on the sales tax.

Chairman recessed the Board of County Commissioners at 8:48 a.m. to reconvene the County Board of Canvassers.

Chairman Henning reconvened the Board of County Commissioners at 8:55 a.m. after the County Canvass.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the March 18, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

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

Commissioners one abatement.

ABATEMENT

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to present a quote received from the Office Plus of Kansas for a wall mounted open hutch in the amount of \$1,090.36.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a bid from Office Plus of Kansas in the amount of \$1090.36 for a hutch in the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the EMS contract that they have been working on with the City and what has all been negotiated.

Chairman Henning allowed public comment from Dale Enyart, Larry Landwehr and Bob Morris on the negotiations of the EMS contract.

MOTION: Chairman Henning moved to approve the EMS Contract with the two changes made. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved two for and one against.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to send two different contracts to the City of Kingman. Commissioner

Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved two for and one against.

Chairman Henning moved to recess the meeting at 9:56 a.m. to attend Stan's Retirement party.

Chairman Henning moved to reconvene the Commission meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Chairman Henning opened the Commissioners correspondence received.

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

Flat Ridge 4 Wind LLC-Road Crossings-Electric cables-Sections 28,34,35,36 Township 30, Range 07 (Valley) and Sections 31,32,33 Township 30, Range 6 (Canton).

Mr. Arensdorf reminded the Commissioners of the SKACE Meeting on April 4th in St. John.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the County Engineer 2023 Annual Report with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the design contracts on FAS 359 (NW 170 Ave) Hot Mix Overlay for approval by the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Schwab Eaton design contract for FAS 359 to not exceed \$63,600.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for approval by the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



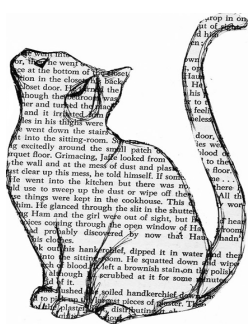
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Meanderings

Alright, then! I am having to fill a lot of space on this page this week! Yikes!

I am sure most of you will get bored, but one or two you will enjoy the history column, I'm sure.

Last week I introduced you to the Cooper family: Mason, Henry, Lottie and Dora. Now for the last two I have learned about. (Still no Earl).

In March 1915, Albert Cooper "rode the goat" on Tuesday night and became a member of the A.O.U.W. lodge.

In September, Albert left for Spickard and Trenton, Mo., where he went to be at the bedside of his brother, Howard Cooper, who underwent an operation for appendicitis. The operation was done at Trenton."

You might remember in last week's paper, Mason, Henry, and Albert's mother was married to J. T. Spickard. I guess we can all assume where the family origi-

nated from.

But I have to wonder what made the Cooper and Spickard families move to Cunningham...

Back to Albert.

He must have stayed about a month with Howard because on October 1st, it was reported that "Albert Cooper returned home last Saturday from Spickard and Trenton, Mo., where he was called to visit his brother, Howard, who was recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He was gone two weeks or longer. He left his brother doing nicely."

Nothing much about Albert for over a year. At the end of 1916, it was reported "Albert Cooper of Preston was a Holiday guest of J. M. Bainie and family, his brother Henry and other friends."

Nothing about Mr. Albert for quite awhile. At some point after 1916, he joined the Navy, and this made the newspaper: "Mr. Albert Cooper has been discharged from the Navy and arrived here last Monday night on the late passenger. He was one of the last few that were to be discharged until after the peace note had been signed. He was on the U.S.S. New Mexico which is one of the largest battleship that floats the briny deep."

Albert made the paper fairly often for everyday things. In December of 1922, this piece was in the paper:

"A wedding which is of unusual interest to a large circle of friends occurred at noon, Thanksgiving Day, at Wichita, when Miss Ethel Cooley, daughter of Mr W.M. Colley, was married to Mr. Albert Cooper of that city.

The ceremony was performed in the marriage parlors of Dr. Walter Scott Priest of the Central Christian Church. Following the ceremony a dinner was served at the home of the groom's brother, Mason Cooper of Park Place.

The bride comes from one of the most prominent families of our community, and having grown to womanhood here, has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends by her charming personality and winsome manner. She will be greatly missed in social and church activities of the community.

The groom is the son of Mrs. J. H. Spickard of Wichita, and at present is employed at the Dold Packing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper will make their home in Wichita.

The Clipper extends congratulations."

The following week,

'Gordon Talbot motored to Wichita with a truck load of Mrs. Albert Cooper's household articles."

There were several instances where the newlyweds, either together or solo, visited friends and relatives in the area.

In May of 1923, Mr. Albert Cooper of 2059 N. Wichita became a new subscriber to The Cunningham Clipper.

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On Findagrave.com, it shows Albert and his wife, Ethel, are buried out here at Maud Cemetery. His other siblings: Dora, Rachel, Loren, Etta May, Ida Lou, Henry, Mason, Howard, and Lottie are buried either in Wichita or Mercer County, Mo.

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So NOW, I have to ask... who was Victor Cooper??? I found two mentions of him:

November 1917: Mr. Victor Cooper will hold a public sale on J. M. Ratcliff's farm 1/2 mile east of town on Thursday, November 8th. Mr. Cooper has 182 head of livestock that will be auctioned off. Roy Lynam will furnish the chin music and H.D. Doty will clerk the sale. See the add in this issue for a complete list of stuff.

A week later:

Victor Cooper's public sale last Thursday

drew one of the largest crowds that has been at a sale in this neighborhood for some time. Mr. Cooper's stuff brought fair prices and everyone was well pleased. The Ladies Aid served lunch and cleared something over \$50.

And that's what I have on the Coopers of Cunningham, Kansas.

That doesn't mean I'm done with my research.

Now... there is this other Cooper (and not D.B. Cooper).

October 12, 1920, Pratt Daily Tribune had this headline/story:

"War Romance Becomes a Shattered Tragedy

Salina, Kansas - A war romance that had its beginning in France culminated here in a domestic tragedy that leaves a French bride and her month-old baby facing the world alone in a land of strangers. Deserted by her husband, Mrs. Chester Cooper is being cared for by members of the local post of the American Legion and the Salina chapter of the Red Cross.

The Coopers made their home at Sharon Springs after their return from overseas but shortly after arriving there Cooper disappeared and

is now being sought to face a charge of desertion. Mrs. Cooper, who is unable to speak a word of English, is suing for divorce through a lawyer, who, as a member of the Legion, offered his services free of charge. She plans to return to her aged mother in France."

Then January 19, 1921, Salina, Ks:

Much Sought Wife Deserter Surrenders to the Court

Chester Cooper, former service man, for whom the local American Legion post has been searching for nearly a year, following his desertion of his French bride and their infant daughter, has given himself up to the county authorities.

Cooper agreed to pay the expenses of his wife and child back to France and to support the child until she is 21. His pledges are to be made mandatory by the district court, which has before it a divorce suit filed by Mrs. Cooper.

and...well! Shoot! I'm out of room!!! Next week, a bit more about this man.

Always reading, and currently I'm between books... WHAT do I read next??? Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Two months ago, I didn't say exactly what I was up to when I hinted I might attempt another horticultural experiment this summer (NOT in containers, mind you, but along a fence.) I wasn't specific because I wasn't sure I'd go through with it but I have. Or rather, I should say I've begun. So I may as well tell you that I'm attempting to grow luffa and giant African

wine/water bottle gourds. Both these calabash species are edible but should this venture yield a harvest, I don't plan to eat them. My hope is to have more luffa sponges and Martin bird houses than I can possibly use or give away. But now I'm getting ahead of myself because "that day" is long ways off. Transforming luffa gourds into sponges, once plucked from the vine, is one thing but the big gourds can take up to a year to dry out. Again, supposing that I manage to grow any. Two luffa seeds have sprouted

and I expect to be up to my eyeballs in seedlings within days, so I say my gourd growing is off to a great start.

Some might claim I'm crowing too soon to make such a fuss over two quarter inch shoots. But planting seeds and watching them sprout is one of my favorite things because it feels like I've performed a magic trick by doing almost nothing at all. I push a seed in a little bit of seedling mix, leave it the sun, give it a drink every now and then... I wait. And I feel like I'm five years old again,

waiting and watching for the first signs of growth in the garden my Mom, Dad, brothers and I had sowed. There's no sleight of hand involved with life emanating from a seed. Yet nature's nimble fingers always seem to push those burgeoning slips of green into the open when I'm not looking. Then Viola! There they are. The sense of wonder I feel is not diminished by my understanding of the germination process that goes unseen. Every time, it's thrilling.

And that's only the delightful beginning. Every

day for the next several weeks, ever quickening changes will be on display as each new growth stretches toward sunlight and slender stems thicken to support the plants second "true" leaves. Other than supplying water (and not drowning them when I do) my only obligation will be to witness the seedlings astonishing progress.

The only shadow that darkens my plantlet fairytale is the unsettling recollection that I had a similarly enchanted experience when 35 (or more) pumpkin seeds sprang to

life a few years ago. I am determined that my luffas and big gourds will not meet a fate, at least not at MY hand. But I even I know gardening in real life isn't what you see in a Disney movie. No matter how bibbitybobbitydo-well-intentioned I may be. my luffas and big gourds may not live happily ever after. But I'm going to do my best and I know I'll have a ball trying. I'm so excited to see how this experiment turns out.

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: One poet's journey, from library to typewriter to a trolley bench

By Eileen Spinelli

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Eileen Spinelli, who lives in Media, Pennsylvania. She tries to write most mornings. When Eileen isn't writing you might find her watching old movies with her husband, Jerry, hanging out with the grandkids, browsing thrift shops, knitting scarves or watching hummingbirds at the feeders in the back yard. Two books she especially had fun writing are "Birdie" and

"Another Day As Emily" — both novels in verse. One unique fact about Eileen is that she and Jerry have 40 grand- and great-grandchildren, including four adopted from Ukraine. ~ David L. Harrison

One poet's journey

I fell in love with poetry when I was five years old. It was a summer Saturday afternoon. My mother took me to the public library. We walked. It felt far and adventurous.

The children's section was on the second floor. I climbed the steps and into a wonderland. Books everywhere! Books about bears and bees and bunnies. Books about trees and trucks and triangles.

Books with pictures. Books with poems. I didn't know which book to grab first. It made no difference to me that I couldn't read. The librarian suggested Robert Louis Stevenson's book: "A Child's Garden of Verses." That night my mother read the poem "Bed in Summer." It begins:

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.
And oh — the joy. That year I visited the library every Saturday with my mother.

The following year I was allowed to go with my older friend, Gladys. By then I had learned to read. And I had learned something else: what I wanted most of all was to become a writer. Specifically, a poet.

My father gave me his old manual typewriter. The Z key stuck. Fine. I would not write about zebras or zippers. He made me a desk from an orange crate. My mother filled a box with paper. And that's how I began. Two-fingered typing. Letters into words. Words into poems.

In high school I nearly failed geometry. But I won first prize for my poetry — a check for \$50. I bought myself a better typewriter. I also bought myself a pair of red high heels. I won a dance contest wearing those shoes — but it was writing poems, not dancing, that stole my heart.

After graduation I got a job. Several jobs. Server. Receptionist. Secretary. I wrote poetry on my lunch breaks. And at the laundromat. And on the trolley that zipped me to and from work. I carried a loose-leaf binder filled with my poems. Ever the optimist, I wanted to be ready in case I met an editor in my day-to-day travels.

And I did.

I met Jerry Spinelli — an editor of a business magazine at Chilton Company, where we both happened to work. We were sitting on the same bench. Waiting for the same trolley. We had spoken a few times before. This time he asked what was in my binder. "My poems," I told him.

Of course the business magazine didn't publish poetry.

But I was eager for an audience. Even an audience of one. I plopped the binder of poems on Jerry's lap. And as he likes to say — they stole his heart.

Eventually we married.

Jerry went on to write and publish novels — like "Maniac Magee" and "Stargirl."

I went on to write and publish picture books (which I consider 32-page poems with illustrations) "Silly Tilly"; "When You Are Happy"; "Thankful"; many others.

Also novels in verse: "Another Day As Emily"; "The Dancing Pancake"; "Birdie."

And now ...

In winter WE get up at night and dress by yellow candle-light ...

Learn more about author Eileen Spinelli at her website, www.eileenspinelli.com.

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Community Bulletin Board

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| Thursday, April 4 JH Track at Pretty Prairie *** HS Track at Pretty Prairie | Thursday, April 11 JH Track at South Barber *** JH Track at Stafford |
| Friday, April 5 JH and HS Cheer Tryouts | Friday, April 12 CHS Community Service Day *** FFA Banquet |
| Monday, April 8 JH Scholar's Bowl at Stafford *** BOE Meeting | Saturday, April 13 HS Regional Music |
| Tuesday, April 9 HS Track at South Barber | Monday, April 15 Taxes are due! *** No School, Teacher In-service *** JH Scholar's Bowl Final at Skyline |



The Community Calendar is sponsored by

School Board to Meet Monday Evening

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024
7:00 p.m.
104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2024 regular meeting and March 21, 2024 Special Meeting (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
Reports
Superintendent Report – Kelly Amberger
Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
Special Education Report – Bjorn Halderson
Old business
Construction
New Business
Executive session for personnel
Executive session for Negotiations
Accept resignation(s)
Adjournment

ESU to Provide Live Stream of Total Eclipse

EMPORIA, KS (03/28/2024) Emporia State University is offering the opportunity to view a total solar eclipse via live stream when the Earth's moon moves in front of the sun on Monday, April 8. Viewers can watch by visiting emporia.link/eclipse. The live stream begins at 12:40 p.m. CDT with an introductory video, followed by the eclipse, which will last until 3:25 p.m. CDT. Totality, or the mid-eclipse point, will occur at 2:08 p.m. CDT.

The event is made possible by ESU instructor and Peterson Planetarium director Mark Brown, who will travel to Indianapolis. This is necessary because the total eclipse won't be visible from Emporia. Those in Emporia, however, will be able to see a partial eclipse beginning at 12:34 p.m.

"This event is unique because the moon's shadow will be about 45 miles wider than it was in 2017 and will touch more populated areas than it did in 2017," Brown said. "Also, this is the last total solar eclipse that will cross the United States until Aug. 12, 2045."

C.H.S. Community Service Day
Friday, April 12, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Please call the school office if you have jobs the students to help you with.
620-298-2473

The CHS KAY club would like to invite all women and girls of the community to the Women's Banquet.

Please bring a covered dish to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

This year's banquet will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham.

*Wednesday
April 24
6:30 P.M.
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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

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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
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Kingman Historic Theatre
Friday, April 12
Remembering Ricky Nelson
with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson
7:30 p.m.
<http://www.outhousetickets.com>

Kingman Historic Theatre
Saturday, April 13
Asleep at the Wheel
7:30 p.m.
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Red John's Leah: The Rumspringen Summer

By Dee Yoder

The night air grew heavy with promised rain as Red John's Leah waited for her friends. It was her rumspringen, or running around, summer and Leah never missed an opportunity to leave the stifling confines of her parent's home when Matthew, Henry, and Rachel came for her. After supper every evening, Leah watched for Matthew's dark blue Chevy to pull into the lane. Her parents, Red John and Ruth Yoder, kept their heads turned as Leah gathered her things and went out the door.

Since the day she turned 14, she longed for her turn at rumspringen. Her parent's disapproval had held her back three years, but this summer, she hadn't hesitated. She'd known that Matthew would soon be ready to settle down

and join the church. They'd get married and her days to taste freedom from the Ordnung, the church's laws, would be over. Day after day in the store where she worked, she'd silently watched the Englisher girls shopping, laughing; wearing their make-up and pretty clothes and her heart grew restless. Their lives seemed easy and most of all, free. But this summer, each evening after work, Leah had her turn to do what the other girls did. She rode in a car with the windows down through the hot summer nights; she cranked up the music as she laughed and danced with her friends the way the Englisher's did.

She wished her parents wouldn't look so hurt every time she went out with her friends. They didn't understand that she wasn't like her sister, Mary. When the time came for Mary to decide about the church, she never hesitated. No thought of rumspringen entered Mary's head; she

joined her parents in the church without question.

Leah felt sure that the taste she would get of the Englisher's world would not cause her to turn her back on her Old Order Amish family and its ways. Her parents, however, were not. None of their other children had felt the need for it until Leah, and she knew they worried about her.

"Hey, girl, join the world," said Rachel, interrupting Leah's thoughts.

"I'm thinking, Ok?"

Henry laughed. "Leah's thinking of you, Matthew, and the day you two get settled down."

Matthew's smile was shy and embarrassed as he nodded firmly. "Jah, Leah and I

will have a gut life together, won't we?" he asked Leah.

"Do you think the hohtzich will be this fall?" probed Rachel.

Leah glanced at Matthew from the corner of her eye and waited for his response. Rachel was always trying to

get them to talk about their wedding, but they wanted to keep it a secret. Besides, Matthew hadn't officially asked her yet. Also, though she was positive her parents would agree to the marriage, Leah knew they blamed Matthew for the rumspringen. She and Matthew would have to join the church and smooth things over with her family before further talk of marriage.

Leah and Rachel changed their clothes in the bathroom of the local fast food place before re-joining Matthew and Henry in the car. They drove a few blocks to the theater.

As Leah sat in the darkened room with her friends, she was conscious of the feel of the denim jeans against her skin, her hair loose on her neck, and guilt that crept into her heart each time she came here. The growing guilt made her wonder if she was closer to accepting a lifetime of commitment to the Ordnung.

After they dropped Rachel and Henry off at their houses, Leah and Matthew sat in the car which he'd parked in the over-grown farmer's road near his Daet's barn. He'd hidden it there all summer so his parents and their Amish neighbors couldn't see it.

They talked about their future together, but finally, Matthew told her he was ready to join the church.

"I've had fun, Leah, but I'm tired of rumspringen. It's time for me to grow up. What do you think?"

Leah looked out the window. She listened to the music playing softly on the radio and thought of Maem and Daet. The commitment to her church and family still felt heavy sometimes, but she sensed her heart needed the ties. She was no longer a little girl and the Englisher life didn't tug at her spirit as much now.

Yes, it was time to grow up. She looked at Matthew and nodded.

He grinned. "Gut! I'll sell the car to Henry in the morning."

Author's note: In some Amish communities, teens nearing adulthood can "sow their wild oats", called rumspringen in Pennsylvania Deitch. They may be allowed to drive cars, wear modern clothing and do other things English (non-Amish) teens might do. Hiding the car or parking it in an inconspicuous place is a way for teens to own it without offending their parents. After a season of rumspringen, most Amish teens will choose to join the church. In Amish families, because of the many common names, the wife and children of an Amish man will often have their husband's or father's first name placed before their first name to identify which family they belong to. For example, a wife might be known as John Ruth.

Embracing A Fresh Start

By Donna Martelli

"How can I make up for my failures in life? My soul is downcast, and I feel there is no way to

better myself."

I am a believer in Jesus, and I trust Him to forgive me and heal me. Even so, these thoughts sometimes haunt me, echoing the regrets of my past decisions and ac-

tions. I don't understand why I don't experience the victory He purchased for me.

Everyone makes mistakes and sins against the God they love. I am glad I am not the only one with

this problem! As always, His Word guides us into the paths of righteousness. We know that:

"Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23 (NLT)

In my journey, I have learned some basic principles that have helped me mend my ways and fend off the enemy's fiery darts. I pray that my findings will spare you some of the misery I experienced before I learned them. You will undoubtedly experience the same or similar accusations and the accompanying discouragement they bring you, so prayerfully consider these.

1. Face Them.

Acknowledge your past mistakes and their consequences. Understand that it's perfectly human to err, and your past doesn't define your future. Confronting and confessing your failures will pave the way for positive change.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (MEV)

2. Change Your Mind.

You have to become forward-thinking rather than constantly reliving your sins.

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those

things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13,14 (NKJV)

3. Learn from Your Mistakes.

Mistakes are valuable life lessons. Instead of dwelling on them, analyze what went wrong and extract lessons from each experience. Use this knowledge to avoid making the same errors in the future. Past failures can be your most excellent teachers, helping you become wiser and more resilient. Additionally, the wisdom you gain can be a source of strength for others who will experience the same issues.

4. Seek Support If You Need To.

It's okay to seek support from Christian friends, family, or even a therapist if necessary. Surrounding yourself with a support network can provide encouragement, advice, and a sense of belonging during your journey.

"Without counsel, purposes are disappointed. But in the multitude of counselors, they are established." Proverbs 15:22 (MEV)

5. Embrace Change.

Amending your mistakes often involves embracing change in your life. What boundaries

do you need to establish to prevent the same mistakes?

5. Cultivate Resilience.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity and setbacks. Life will always throw challenges your way, but your focus must be elsewhere.

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)

6. Take Action.

Accept His forgiveness and endeavor to live in His peace. Stick to your boundaries and concentrate on helping others. Ultimately, do not forget:

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NKJV)

And finally, never forget this: always, our answer is Jesus! He has given us the only offensive weapon against the adversary's lies: the Word of God. We have to pick it up and use it! Blessings!



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Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



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

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

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1929

April 5– Thirty-one ballots were cast by citizens of Cunningham in the city election, Monday. City officials elected included Frank Doty, Mayor; J. W. Jennings, Police Judge; and Charles Lakin, Carl Poland, Oliver Baber, Charles Fee, and Carlos Cannon, Councilmen.

Forty-five individuals of the community have signed up to take up the art of “Cow Pasture Pool” at the newly-organized and nearly completed Cunningham Golf Club, located three miles north of town.

1934

April 6– A report from the Skelly Oil Company concerning the Cunningham Oil and Gas Field, states that it is now producing between fifteen hundred and two thousand barrels of oil daily. The Leisman No. 1 was given a potential of fifty-three million cubic feet of gas during the past week, and four wells, North Ratcliff No. 2, South Rouse No. 1, Ratcliff No. 4, and the Leisman No. 4 are in the process of drilling.

1939

April 7- The city election was a very quiet affair in Cunningham Tuesday, with 29 citizens casting ballots. Officials elected were A. I. Jones, Mayor; Mason Wetherall, Police Judge; and Carde Cannon, Bedford Taylor, Frank Doty, Glenn Patton, and Sherman Kincheloe, Councilmen. “Petticoat Rule” again applies in Nashville’s city election in that city, with Mrs. Frank Townsend, Mayor, heading a list of officials comprised of a woman Police Judge, and five Councilwomen.

The Miller Grocery and Dew Drop Inn moved across the street from their present location this week into the premises formerly occupied by the Voss and Son Grocery.

1949

April 8 – 190 voters cast ballots in the city election Tuesday. Dr. D. E. Thompson was elected Mayor. W. H. “Buck” Patterson, a write-in candidate, was elected Police Judge. Mark White, Carlos Cannon, Floren Rose, Elmer Steffen, and Glenn Patton were elected Councilmen. The retiring Mayor, Frank Doty, has completed his twentieth year of public service to the City of Cunningham, both as Mayor and Councilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Helen Mae, Wednesday, March 30, at the Nashville Hospital.

1954

April 8– Billy Huffman, Gale Harris, Richard Hazlett, Barbara Weir, June Cooley, and Ila Graves, students at the University of Kansas, and Beverly Weir, student at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, are home this week enjoying the schools’ spring vacation.

1959

April 9 – Despite chilly, windy weather, 60 citizens of Cunningham trekked to the polls and cast ballots in the City Election, Tuesday.

D. E. Thompson was elected Mayor with 15 votes, trailed closely by Bedford Taylor who got 13 votes.

The incumbent City Council, Harry Nossaman, Roy Lewis, Eddie Steffen, Herman Hayes, and Glenn Patton, were reelected.

1964

April 9, 1964 – Advertisement – Public Auction. Brick Residence and All Household Goods. Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. Sharp. Two Blocks South of Depot in Cunningham, Kansas. Mrs. W. W. Doty, Owner. Sale Conducted by Davenport Auction Company, Hutchinson.

1969

April 10, – Mrs. Everett C. (Bess) Hauser has given the former Hauser Market building to the City of Cunningham for the benefit of the city and the community, according to Mayor Francis Dafforn.

The building gift is a result of the long-time interest the late Mr. Hauser and Mrs. Hauser have had in the community and its development. Mrs. Hauser is particularly interested in the younger people and their affairs, and is interested in the conversion of the building for use as a youth center.

Mrs. Hauser had previously offered the building to the Cunningham Masonic Lodge for use as a lodge hall, but the offer was refused by a vote of the membership.

The City Planning Commission, along with the City Council, is currently considering the many uses the building can be put to for the benefit of the community.

This week’s weather during the past week “in a word” – wonderful.

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1974

April 11– Marilyn Albers, a Cunningham High School junior, has been selected by the American Legion and Auxiliary Unit of Cunningham as their delegate to 1974 Sunflower Girls State.

Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Albers of rural Cunningham. She is active in Kayettes, a B-Team cheerleader, is in Mixed Chorus, Girls’ Glee, and Secretary of the Junior class.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wegerer and family of East Moline, Ill., came Saturday to spend Easter week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer and Mr. and Mrs. Chet Davidson.

Wichita State University has announced that Victoria Ann Kinchloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kinchloe of Cunningham, has been awarded a teaching fellowship in France for the 1974-75 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Raney has as their recent Thursday evening guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goff of Kingman.

Mrs. Margaret Kimminau and Marjorie, Dodge City, and Brad Mantooth, Cunningham, were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spade celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family basket dinner at St. Leo Sunday, April 7, 1974.

Leo Spade and Rose Koehler of Manchester, Oklahoma were married on April 11, 1934. They have lived near St. Leo since their marriage.

1979

April 12 – The public is invited to hear and see the “Hoots & Toots Band” from Turon on the 18th of April at 3 p.m. at Hilltop Manor.

Edna Ida Freund, 66, died Tuesday, at Pratt Regional Medical Center. Born Edna Ida Kampling, December 14, 1912, at St. Leo, she married Walter Freund on Nov. 11, 1936 at Wichita. She was a lifetime area resident.

Five students from Cunningham High School recently participated in the Brown Mackie College Invitational Skills contest on Wednesday, April 4.

Participating were Karen Simon – English, Terri Dupee – English and Typing II, Pat Freund- typing II, Janice Stillwell – Typing I, and Scott Long, Accounting.

The Kingman County Spelling Bee took place on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. The winner is Lori Jarmer, grade 7, of St. Leo School. Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alios Jarmer.

Runner up is John Brummer, grade 8 of Zenda Grade School. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brummer, Zenda.

1984

April 12– Three high school seniors, Jeanette Fischer, Diane Sant, and Sherry Simon, along with their school counselor, Gloria Enns, gained great experience last week when they traveled to Topeka to act as pages for Senator Fred Kerr.

The students were chosen from the top students of the Government class.

Saturday, April 7, 1984, the junior class hosted a dinner and dance honoring the seniors, faculty and members of the Board of Education.

Toastmistress for the evening was Deanna FitzSimmons, president of the junior class. Dean FitzSimmons gave the welcome. Deb Beat, Presdients of the senior class gave an acceptance speech thanking the juniors for the prom.

The Cunningham Special Education School of Cunningham with teacher sponsors Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Haneke participated in the run, dribble, shoot event at the Basketball Special Olympics March 22 to 24 at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Pratt.

Angela Gae Williams, four months, Littleton, Co. died April 5, 1984, at Denver, Colorado. Survivors are Judy and John Williams, Littleton, Co., maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Huffman, Cunningham, Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

lifetime, this was his only TV appearance.

Growing up as a farm boy in Idaho, Philo showed signs of genius, becoming an amateur scientist early in life. He developed an interest in electricity after his first telephone conversation with a relative. At the age of 12, he amazed his parents by fixing an old Delco electrical generator on their farm and converting appliances in their home to electric power. He later built an electronic laboratory in the attic where he conducted experiments. After finding a cache of technical magazines and science journals, he began setting his alarm for 4 a.m. so that he could get up and read for an

hour before beginning his morning chores. He even won a \$25 magazine contest for inventing a magnetized car lock.

During the summer of 1921, when he was 14 years old, Philo was contemplating the prospect of transmitting moving pictures through the air. This idea was fermenting in his mind when, as he was plowing a field with a team of horses, he had an epiphany. As he turned his horses to plow another row, he noticed the furrows behind him. Looking at the marks in the freshly turned soil, he realized that light could be converted into streams of electrons and scanned electronically, line by line. He immediately began designing what would later be called a

cathode-ray tube. He drew his design on paper, and shared this with his high school chemistry teacher. It would be several years before he could produce a working model of his invention however.

After a short stint in the Navy, and one year of college at the University of Utah, Philo moved to San Francisco to continue his work.

Philo first demonstrated his invention to the press on September 3, 1928. He had designed and built the first working all-electronic television system, using electronic scanning in both pickup and display devices.

During this same time, big companies like RCA were spending large amounts of money working on what later would

be called television. Most of their research focused on mechanical methods of scanning and transmitting pictures. RCA became interested in Philo’s efforts and after allegedly copying his work, offered to buy his patent for \$100,000. When Philo refused the money, RCA sued him. Legal wranglings continued for years. Philo eventually earned some royalties from his invention, but he never became wealthy.

During his lifetime, Philo Farnsworth held over 300 U.S. and international patents. Besides electronic television, among his many inventions were the Farnsworth-Hirsch fusor (a machine designed to create nuclear fusion), an infrared telescope and night vision devices, the electron microscope, the gastroscope, the astronomical telescope, a baby incubator, a machine used to sterilize milk using radio waves, and various inventions that contributed to the development of radar.

For a time, it is

said that Philo regretted his primary invention. He realized that TV had impacted the way families related to one another, and saw that people wasted unfathomable amounts of time watching his invention. However, his wife Pem recounted that as she and her husband watched the televised broadcast of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, he turned to her and said, “This has made it all worthwhile.” Perhaps he changed his mind.

Philo T. Farnsworth died in 1971. Few people today recognize the name of the man primarily responsible for the big-screened electronic contraction present in almost every home. I think he is worth remembering...

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The Boy Who Invented TV

On July 3, 1957, Philo T. Farnsworth appeared as a guest on the popular game show I’ve Got a Secret. As none of the panelists guessed Philo’s secret, he won the game, taking home \$80 cash and a carton of Winston cigarettes. What was Philo’s secret? At the age of 14, he invented television. During his



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Staying Safe on the Farm

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We have crossed the invisible threshold into spring. While Mother Nature may not be as sure, and we will have some days that feel like winter, we are in the home stretch of the wintry weather and warmer days are ahead.

Those of us in agriculture know that those warmer days mean lon-

ger days. Our busy days are just ahead of us, and they come with long hours. Let us face it, our workload is grueling in the spring. I know it is what we all live for but that does not make it any less demanding.

We have also all heard that farming and ranching are among the most dangerous professions in the world, right after coal mining. We all know someone who has been the victim of a farm accident, and if it has not been us, we have all had those instances when we had a near miss.

I do not care how careful you are – all it takes is a split second for

an accident to happen. Now mix in long hours, fatigue and being in a rush to get ahead in the weather and the chances of an accident increase dramatically. I know because I was involved in an accident this winter.

I do not want to get into the details, I relive them often enough as it is. No permanent injury occurred, but it could have been much worse. That is what haunts me yet. It was a split second. My brain was screaming at me that the situation was bad, but I could not do anything about it.

Like most accidents this one was preventable and should never

have happened. I like to think I am a safe operator. I taught tractor safety for years. I know better. None of that matters in the instant an accident happens.

Can we prevent all accidents? That answer, unfortunately, is no. Parts break, unexpected things happen but we can do our best to make sure that we are as prepared as we can be. Remember to rest. I would guess fatigue causes a significant percentage of all farm accidents. We all think we are superhuman and we can just push through when the reality is just a few minutes of rest can be a life saver.

The other factor is being in a rush. So much of what we do is dependent on the weather and timing. We always feel rushed to plant, work ground, bale hay, harvest, the list goes on. Being in a hurry is the hardest thing to correct. That clock in our brain is telling us to hurry up, and that is when the accident happens. Take a deep breath and slow down. Those extra moments will not make a significant difference on the crop, but they could save your life.

I am grateful the accident I was involved in was not as bad as it could have been, and I send up

a prayer of thanks every day for that. It was a warning. One I'm sharing with all my fellow farmers and ranchers. So, this spring, slow down, rest when you need to and, please, stay safe.

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March Into Good Nutrition!

March into good nutrition any time! It's easy to learn about the food groups and how you can choose fresh foods to get vitamins, minerals and other nutrients your body needs to grow and be healthy.

Fun Dinner Idea Yum!
Whole wheat spaghetti or spaghetti squash with turkey meatballs and chunky tomato sauce.

Give peas a chance... then find and circle at least 10 words that have a long "e" sound as in the word 'peas.'

I'm baaaaack...and I'm showing people that the area for 'vegetables' is the largest!

• Plate based on USDA source.

MyPlate

vegetables 8 fiber 4
sugar 6 5 fruits 4
11 oils 9 grains
1 Plate
nutrients 3 dairy 7
12 groups energy
2 protein 10

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- the food _____ help us to choose different kinds of foods every day: vegetable and fruit, grain, meat and bean, dairy
- "My _____" is a tool to help you see at a glance what and how much you are eating of each food group at a meal
- _____ and vegetables are loaded with vitamins A and C for good skin, eyes and healing
- the largest area of "MyPlate" is for _____: carrots, lettuce, squash, asparagus, tomatoes, green beans, broccoli, peas, cauliflower, celery...
- fruits have lots of vitamins, but may have a lot of _____ too
- it's better to eat fruits than to drink their juice: when you eat an apple instead of drinking its juice, you get _____ too
- foods in the grains group have carbohydrates that give you _____
- whole _____ have more fiber, so try whole wheat noodles or pizza crust
- _____ to build muscles comes from meat, fish, beans and nuts
- foods in the milk or _____ group have calcium to build strong bones and teeth
- some fat is needed for your body and brain to run well; choose _____ over fats that are solid
- eat foods of all colors from all the different food groups and you will get lots of _____ for good health

Swing Into Fun, Healthful Habits!

Remember that everyone is different – and that is O.K!
So, feel good. Be happy. Work on reaching your own goals.

My puzzle has 2 parts!

1. Read the clues to fill in the crossword.
2. Then, find and circle the answers in the word search.

1. Start your "engine" in the morning with a healthy _____.

2. _____ can be included in breakfast, as in an omelet (broccoli, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes), and are great for snacks in between meals.

3. Choose snacks that have less fat or _____ and cereals with less sugar.

4. When you eat out, choose items that are fun, but also more _____, such as a baked sweet potato instead of french fries, etc.

5. Help to _____ for and choose vegetables and fruits that everyone likes!

6. Help to plan and _____ meals that are more healthful for everyone.

7. _____ every day for at least 30 minutes.

8. Keep a good _____. Your family doctor can help you to decide what is healthy for your size and activities.

9. Brush your _____ twice a day and floss once too.

10. Get enough _____ so you wake up ready to take on the day!

Vegetables 4 breakfast 7
2 shop
Exercise 9 10 6
salt healthful 3
1 teeth weight
cook

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At the End of the Day

Forest has been to soccer practice, helped with dinner and finished his homework. Now, he has 30 minutes before bedtime to play video games with his brother. **Help him get to the game console.**

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 24

Traffic Stop 5
 Check Tag E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
 Check Tag N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Return Property 1700 Blk SE 90 St, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 5000 Blk SE 70 St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, March 25

Traffic Stop 7
 Theft 500 Blk NE 20 Ave, Kingman
 Trespassing 8700 Blk SE Burns Ave, Belmont
 Theft 2000 Blk NE Waterloo Ave, Murdock
 Medical 4000 Blk SE 10 Ave, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 100 Blk N Main St, Cunningham
 Suspicious Activity 2600 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock

Tuesday, March 26

Traffic Stop 7
 Fire / Structure 2100 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney
 VIN Inspection 200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Check Welfare 12000 Blk SE 170 St, Norwich
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Wednesday, March 27

Traffic Stop 2
 Traffic Complaint SE 100 Ave & SE 80 St, Norwich
 Check Welfare 100 Blk N Douglas St, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Medical 200 S Main St, Norwich
 Trespassing 300 Blk E C Ave, Kingman

Thursday, March 28

Traffic Stop 2
 Civil Paper Service 3
 Non-Injury Accident 9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Check Tag 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
 Fraud 200 Blk E 4th St, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Burglary 300 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock

Friday, March 29

Agency Assist 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Disturbance 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Damage to Property 200 Blk W Sherman, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 200 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 700 Blk N Cedar St, Kingman
 Disturbance 100 Blk N Main St, Kingman
 Suspicious Person / Arrest 4300 Blk NE 170 Ave, Cheney

Saturday, March 30

Traffic Stop 1
 Follow Up 12000 Blk SE 170 St, Norwich
 Suspicious Vehicle 1100 E Burns Ave Hanger, Norwich
 Disabled Vehicle 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Disabled Vehicle 11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 911 Accidental Dial 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Suspicious Vehicle E Bluff ST & SE 100 Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 4600 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month:

Texting while driving is illegal

The Drive To Zero Coalition, along with the Kansas Department of Transportation, urges drivers to always put

safety first and ditch distractions, as inattention is the main cause of motor vehicle crashes.

Preliminary 2023 data for Kansas shows 102 people died and more than 450 people were injured in crashes due to distracted driving.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which takes place in April, focuses on raising awareness and educating mo-

torists to increase safety on roadways. During April, Kansas motorists will hear and see more distracted driving safety messages. Increased law enforcement will remind drivers any distraction, including texting, is unsafe, unnecessary and illegal.

"Distracted driving for any reason is dangerous and puts others at risk," said Gary Herman, KDOT Behavior Safety Manager. "As soon as

your eyes leave the road and your hands leave the steering wheel, focus on driving is gone. This results in no time to safely react to traffic hazards."

Herman said distractions include eating, sipping a beverage, turning attention to a child in the backseat and texting.

Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows drivers ages 18-34 represent the most distracted drivers,

namely due to cell phone use. In addition, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports mental distractions can last up to 27 seconds after using voice commands on cars, changing music or using phones.

Drivers are encouraged to develop safe driving habits and:

- Put the phone away and out of reach.
- Activate the phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature.

• Avoid adjusting the radio, handling food and other items that take your hands off the wheel.

• Have passengers oversee navigation information and all phones.

• If needed, pull over at a safe location to handle things.

For more information about the distracted driving, go to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures-that-work/distracted-driving>.

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Governor Announces March Total Tax Collections \$7M More than Estimate

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that total tax collections in March were \$760.4 million. That is \$7.0 million, or 0.9%, more than the monthly estimate. Total tax collections are up 0.3% from March 2023.

"As we continue to work toward cutting taxes, the Legislature must be mindful that any tax relief must be fiscally

sustainable," Governor Laura Kelly said. "The bipartisan tax cuts plan I introduced in January, among other things, eliminates all state income tax on Social Security benefits and provides about \$100 million in property tax relief for Kansas homeowners every year. It is a fiscally responsible plan that puts money back into every Kansan's pocket while enabling us to continue to fully fund schools and invest in our infrastructure and other critical areas."

Individual income tax collections were \$364.9 million. That is \$29.9 million, or 8.9%, more

than the month's estimate and up 16.0% from March 2023. Corporate income tax collections were \$77.1 million. That is \$7.9 million, or 9.3%, less than the estimate, and down 24.8% from March 2023.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$261.2 million, which is \$8.8 million, or 3.2%, less than the estimate. Those collections are \$14.2 million, or 5.1%, less than March 2023.

The Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CRE), comprised of the Department of Revenue, Division

of Budget, Legislative Research Department, and economists from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, and Wichita State University, will meet on April 19, 2024, to review the fall estimate and make any revisions it may consider necessary.

To view the March 2024 revenue numbers, visit: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KSOG/2024/04/01/file_attachments/2832377/09_March_Revenue_FY2024_04-01-2024_Final.pdf

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- Broadcasting acronym
- Taj Mahal city
- Ernest, to mommy
- "Fat chance!"
- Fits of shivering
- Rundown
- Historical period
- "___ its weight in gold"
- *Namesake of famous pact signed in 1955
- *"The City of a Hundred Spires"
- Financial assistance
- Bird's groomer
- Pod nugget
- Fountain order
- Duck dish a certain way
- Picture on a coat
- Feline vibration
- Stocking fiber
- Stink to high heaven
- Cocoyam, pl.
- Pelvic bones
- Frost over (2 words)
- Stew bean
- Sleeveless garment
- Predicament
- Snakelike fish
- Hi-___ monitor
- Toothy wheel
- *Street, in capital city in #38 Down
- *On the Danube
- *On the Thames
- Virtue, in Italian
- *Street, in capital city in #25 Down

- Dashboard instruments
- Beside, archaic
- Geological Society of America
- Type of heron
- Parks or Luxemburg
- Pecking mother
- Like oboe's sound
- DOWN
- "___ the land of the free ..."
- Cold one
- Peruvian Empire
- Miss America topper
- Blood infection
- Prepare to swallow
- *Dublin's cultural quarter neighborhood, "Temple ___"
- Parallelogram, e.g.
- All excited
- Spiritual leader
- Network of nerves
- Certain something in a tray
- Rouse
- Take puppy from a pound
- "Hamilton: An American Musical" singing style
- Great ___ Reef
- *On the Seine
- Not slouching
- Arabian chieftain
- Like Roman god Janus
- *Also the most populous city in Ukraine
- More ill
- Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ___"
- Annoying tiny biters
- Arctic jaeger
- *Located in boot-shaped country

- Sound of artillery
- Kind of hickory nut
- Jack's inferior
- Like a Grammy nominee
- Frustration, in print
- "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush," e.g.
- Source of veritas
- Wraths
- Volcano in Sicily
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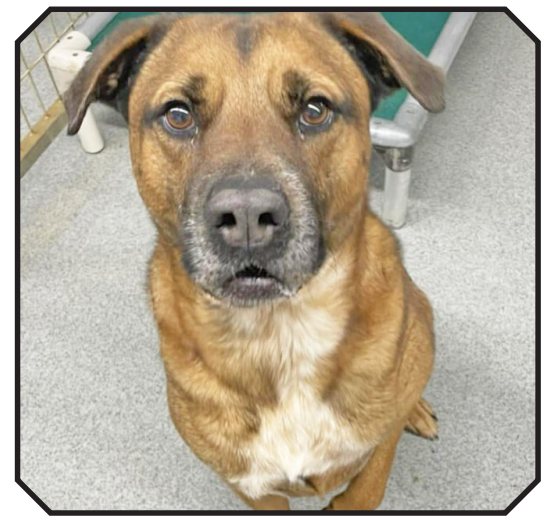
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Checkers arrived at the shelter on March 6, 2024. He is a handsome male long-haired cat who is about 7 years old. He weighs about 9 pounds and his adoption fee is \$25.00. He looks like he needs some love.



Trooper is a Boxer/Hound Mix He weighs about 55 pounds and is about 6 years old. He was brought to the shelter on October 16, 2023. His adoption fee is \$180.00. Trooper gets along with other dogs, and is people friendly. Trooper is a KCHS staff favorite. He walks well on a leash and loves to talk. Everyone's best friend.



How to Hypnotize a Chicken

When I was thirteen years old, my dad taught me how to hypnotize a chicken. We had just finished a 4-H meeting at our house. As we chatted in the yard, I noticed a couple of my mom's laying hens nearby. My dad casually grabbed one hen by the legs and remarked to me, "Did I ever teach you how to hypnotize a chicken?" I replied that I'd never heard of such a thing. Dad then proceeded to show me, and those watching, how to hypnotize a chicken. It was an amazing thing to see. Here's how it is done.

First, obtain a small stick or twig. Then, if you have access to poultry, gently, and without too much excitement, snag a chicken. Hens are preferable.

Once said chicken is captured, hold her gently and find a clear space of open dirt.

Gently place the chicken on the ground, feet behind her with neck stretched flat (as if you are getting her ready for the axe at butchering time). With your chicken in place, take the stick and draw a line in the

dirt beginning at the tip of her beak and extending straight out approx. six inches. Re-trace this line four or five times, while continuing to hold the chicken in place. After drawing your last line, carefully and calmly remove your hands from the chicken. If all has been done correctly, said chicken will lie still in that position, appearing to watch the line, for several minutes. When my dad did this, I thought it was about the coolest thing I'd ever seen (I grew up in the country, so we didn't have much in the way of entertainment). Fast forward to today...

I have this rowdy friend named Colby. Evidently Colby once heard me mention something about hypnotizing chickens and made a mental note for future reference.

Sometime later we had a social gathering at our church. As part of the festivities, there was a talent show. Talent was in short supply that night, which contributed to the following spectacle.

Colby had noticed that there were three black hens in a small cage just outside the front door of the church. A quick enquiry revealed that said hens were a gift for our pastor. Pastor Perry had been on a chicken raising binge of late, much to the chagrin of his cheerful wife (she was heard wailing "but we're not farmers" as she admired their new charges that evening).

Anyway, Colby, with chickens at the ready, confronted me with the following challenge - "prove to us that you can hypnotize a chicken." I was taken aback at first. I had no intention of displaying my husbandry skills in front of the entire church that evening. But Colby uttered those dreaded words - "I double-dog dare you." With that, I was committed.

We had one major problem, however. These chickens were not inclined to succumb to my charms on carpet, or I should say old, used, blue church carpet that was installed in 1968. So, we went in search of something more appropriate. We soon found the right article, a plastic storage lid that we filled with dirt from the church playground.

Since our "stunt" (as many later referred to this incident in our church history) required some degree of calm and silence, we were assigned to go first in the order of entertainment before the crowd became rambunctious.

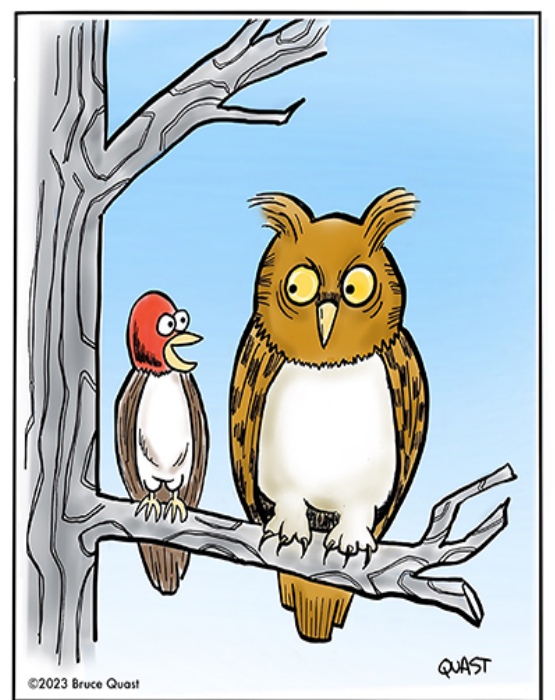
Colby took over the job of MC as I slowly dragged our pastor's poultry cage to the front of the sanctuary. We placed our dirt filled plastic lid on stage, and I calmly removed one hen from her cage. Colby gave the crowd one last warning to be quiet, and I was up.

To make a long story short, the chicken cooperated satisfactorily.

She was "hypnotized" for almost a full minute. The crowed sat in awe, mouths agape, soundly impressed. Too soon, a child squealed in excitement, and our bird was jolted awake. A quick grab insured that she would not run wild in the church (I was afraid of folks having to clean their shoes after Sunday service the next day). We returned our hen to her cage, and the talent show continued. I have relayed this story a time or two to some of my strait-laced friends, and they never seem to quite believe me. Their puckered lips seem ready to scream - "what is wrong with you people - hypnotizing chickens in church!"

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Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast

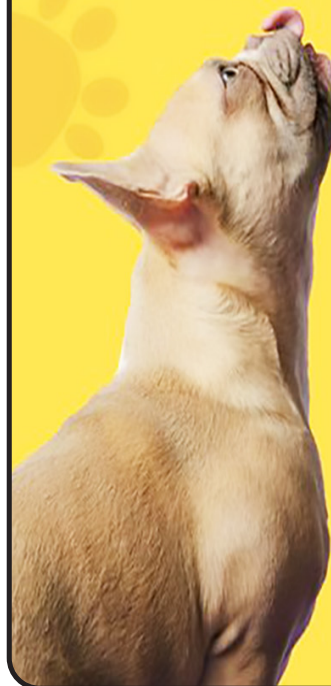


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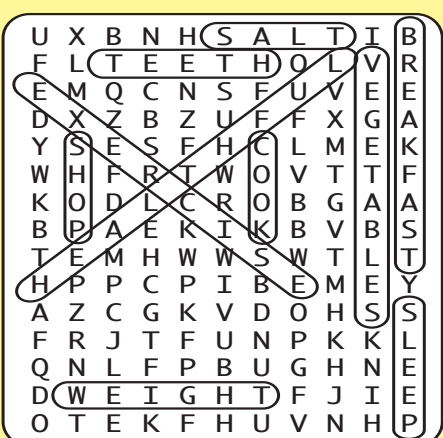
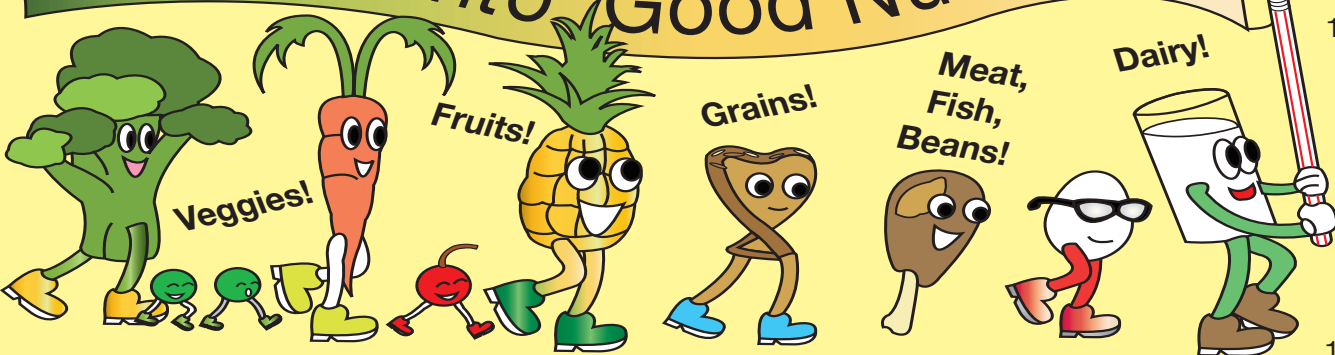


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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Nate Humble was in attendance.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development, reported Pratt Area Economic Development met last Wednesday, they were notified that Whole Waste Solutions did sign the agreement and will be receiving the funding. The daycare committee is checking into bids for their facility. She reported the committee concerning the gas issue at the city of Sawyer has met. She is assured they will receive funding to assist them. Also, the Senate did pass many tax bills last week. A few are single rate social security and property tax relief. They are still working on getting it through the house and senate and on to the governor. She stated there were two bills affecting property taxes being assessed each year. There are some façade grants still available.

Chairman Shriver asked if a citizen from Coats had contacted her about ARPA funds and she stated yes, she has

been contacted.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, brought in the KDOT contract. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:07 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning the KDOT contract. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:12 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported they had started spraying.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a quote from Integreen to add outlets and replace the breaker box in the clerk's office. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the quotes from Integreen for outlets approximately \$2500-\$3000, and replacing the Federal Pacific breaker box approximately \$3500-\$4000 to be paid out of election special equipment. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Aimee Norris, Family Crisis Center Program Director and Kendra Packard, asked Pratt County to adopt a Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness for the month of April. Commissioner Adams made a motion to proclaim the month of

April Sexual Assault Awareness month. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Salmen Reif, Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Director. They are asking the month of

April be Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Commissioner Adams made a motion that Pratt County proclaim the month of April Child Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

They reported on Sexual Assault Awareness Month Battle of the Badge and the Denim Day donation drive.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for March 18, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road/lake, needs to discuss the ne 30th Street contract. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:40 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter concerning contracts. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:50 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at

2:51 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning contracts. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess until Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. for the presidential preference primary canvass. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

The canvass for the presidential preference primary was held. There were no Provisionals and no changes to the election night results. Chairman Shriver read the official results. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the certified official results for the presidential preference primary on March 19, 2024.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 1:03 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

"The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician thinks about the next election while the statesman think about the next generation."

— James Freeman Clarke

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DOUGLAS W. HENSIEK, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2023 PR 20 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Steven V. Hensiek, Administrator of the Estate of Douglas W. Hensiek, deceased, praying that: the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Kingman County, Kansas be sold. The real estate is

described as:

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E/2 SE/4) of Section Twenty

(20), Township Thirty (30) South, Range Ten (10) West of the 6th P.M.,

Kingman County, Kansas.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Steven V. Hensiek, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke
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Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BRUCE TIMMONS, Deceased. CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-000014 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 22, 2024, a petition was filed in this Court by Dustin Goetz, a devisee, legatee and Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Bruce Timmons," deceased, dated March 17, 2014, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Audrey Adelhardt

Audrey Kay Adelhardt, 82, passed away March 29, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born June 15, 1941 in Hutchinson, KS to Max Lagree and Reva (Stalcup) Lagree. Audrey married Fredrick Adolf Adelhardt on April 15, 1961. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1997.



Audrey was a homemaker and bookkeeper and graduated from Cunningham High School. She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt, KS and the Women of Sacred Heart (Altar Society).

She is survived by four children, Curtis (Annette) Adelhardt of Pratt, KS, Renee (Michael) Brubaker of Fort Worth, TX, Roger (Kris) Adelhardt of Pratt, KS, and Michael (Brandi) Adelhardt of Mesquite, TX; Nine grandchildren, Kimberly (Casey) Pritchett, Kaylee (Ross) Schifflbein, Krystal (Tyler) Beat, Kai (Kelsie) Brubaker, Lexi (Cameron) Epperson, Ashton (Chris) Cain, Lyndzie Adelhardt, Mikinzie Adelhardt, and Storm Adelhardt; Seven great-grandchildren, Logan Pritchett, Casen Pritchett, Kambry Pritchett, Brantley Schifflbein, Wyatt Schifflbein, Kinlee Beat, and Olivia Brubaker; two sisters, Maxine McMillan of Stafford, KS and Nancy (Dean) Banz of Sierra Vista, AZ.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and one brother, Bernal Lagree.

Mass of Christian Burial service was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt, KS with Father Ted Skalsky presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS.

Memorials may be made to the Pratt Area Humane Society or to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund, in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Jim Roberts

James A. "Jim" Roberts, 93, died April 1, 2024 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.



He was born Nov. 17, 1930, at Longview, Texas the son of Thomas A. and Alta Josephine Turner Roberts.

A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a retired oil field worker.

Jim as a member of the First Baptist Church where he previously served as Deacon; and he was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp and the U.S. Air Force serving during the Korean War.

On Jan. 2, 1954, he married Peggy Thompson at Elk City, Oklahoma; she died Aug. 8, 2021. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Roberts and his wife Karlene, and Terry Roberts; daughter-in-law Betty Roberts; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was also preceded in death by a son Jim Roberts; a sister Alta Anita Wright; and a brother Thomas.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2024, at the First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Rivercross Hospice and First Baptist Church, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

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Jerry Meyers

Jerome "Jerry" George Meyers, 84, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Wesley Medical Center. He was born on December 13, 1939 in Altoona, Kansas to August and Francis (Vierthaler) Meyers.

Jerry graduated from Cunningham High School in 1961. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and formerly in Lion's Club. He enjoyed playing softball, reading and fishing.

He is survived by his brothers, Kenneth Meyers of Pratt and Danny (Connie) Meyers of Pratt; sister, Kathy Plummer of Hutchinson; sisters-in-law, Charlene Meyers, Helen Meyers, and Jane Meyers; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack Meyers, Leroy Meyers, and Robert "Bob" Meyers; sister, Carolyn Corkery; and brother-in-law, Jim Plummer.

Cremation has taken place. Vigil Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, April 8, 2024 at Cunningham Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Roger Lumbre presiding. Inurnment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to Cunningham Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Ed Markel

Edward A. "Ed" Markel, 83, died March 29, 2024, at his home in Pretty Prairie.

He was born Nov. 17, 1940, in Hoisington, Kansas the son of Earl and Doris Knight Markel. A longtime Pretty Prairie resident, he was a former President of Master Machine and was a former partner of Percision Pattern.

Ed was a member of the Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church; and was an alumnus of Kansas University.

On May 14, 1976, he married Judith K. "Judy" Bolinger; she died April 15, 2022. Survivors include son Daryl Markel and his wife Lynette; daughters Aimee Jones, Connie Vogt and Liz Shepherd; sister Vicki Michel; grandchildren Travis (Julie) Vogt, Justin (Rita) Vogt, Kacie (Brady) Herman, Connor (Cass) Owen, Hunter (Wren) Owen, Stefanie Markel, Zac Mitchell, Jimmy (Tina) Mitchell, Raven (TJ) Lane, Tony (Julie) Markel, Andrea (Cody) Hastings; great-grandchildren Taylor and Tannon Vogt, Carson and Caden Herman, Shooter and Piper Vogt, Duncan Owen, Lucas and Elyna Mitchell, Avrey, Jesse and Jaxon Mitchell, Leslie and Warren Lane, Kenna and Kimber Markel, Eli and Ezra Hastings.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the Lone Star Cemetery.

Memorials have been established with the Ed and Judy Markel High School Scholarship or the Pretty Prairie Community Scholarship, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Barb Blankenship

Barbara "Barb" Ann Blankenship, 60, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on March 26, 1964 in Medicine Lodge to Donal Patrick and Carol Sue (Keller) Blankenship.

Barb graduated from Pratt High School in 1982. She earned her Bachelor Degree from Fort Hays State University and was a few hours short of receiving her Masters Degree. She worked as a Registered Nurse at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was a member of American Legion and Emergency Nurses Association. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, drawing, painting and traveling.

She is survived by her children, Gentry (Nathan) Schmeidler, Wyatt (Brooke Pickens) Freeman and Wayde (Adison Hampton) Freeman; parents, Donal and Carol Blankenship; brother, Steve (Kirsten) Blankenship; grandchildren, Koe and Chet Schmeidler and Lilith Freeman; bonus grandchildren, Addicus and Adrion Wells and David Wright; companion, Fred Nye; niece, Courtney Blankenship of Washington DC; nephew, Caden Blankenship of Pratt; and furry companion, Owynn Blankenship.

Barb is preceded in death by her companion, Ernie Swartz.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Inurnment followed at Sunnyside Cemetery, Sun City.

The family would like to extend a huge Thank You to the staff of PRMC for the care that they took of Barb.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Health Foundation or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Larry McMillian

Larry G. McMillian, 74, died March 30, 2024 at Hospice House of Reno County.

He was born Oct. 13, 1949, in Eureka, Kansas the son of Lewis and Ollie Scott McMillian.

A longtime resident of the Pretty Prairie community, he was in retired sales and design for Prairie Rollers.

On Oct. 21, 1972, he married Diane Henning; she died Nov. 24, 2022. Survivors include two sons and their wives, Alex and Melissa McMillian and Jared and Jordyn McMillian; a brother Jerry; and grandchildren Maverick, Laykin, Blakeley, Reese and Jensen. He was also preceded in death by brothers Jack and William "Bud"; and sisters Shirley and Sheila.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Family committal services will be held at a later date.

Memorials have been suggested to the St. Patrick Grade School or Hospice House of Reno County, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



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