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Wildcats Win Sub-State Championship

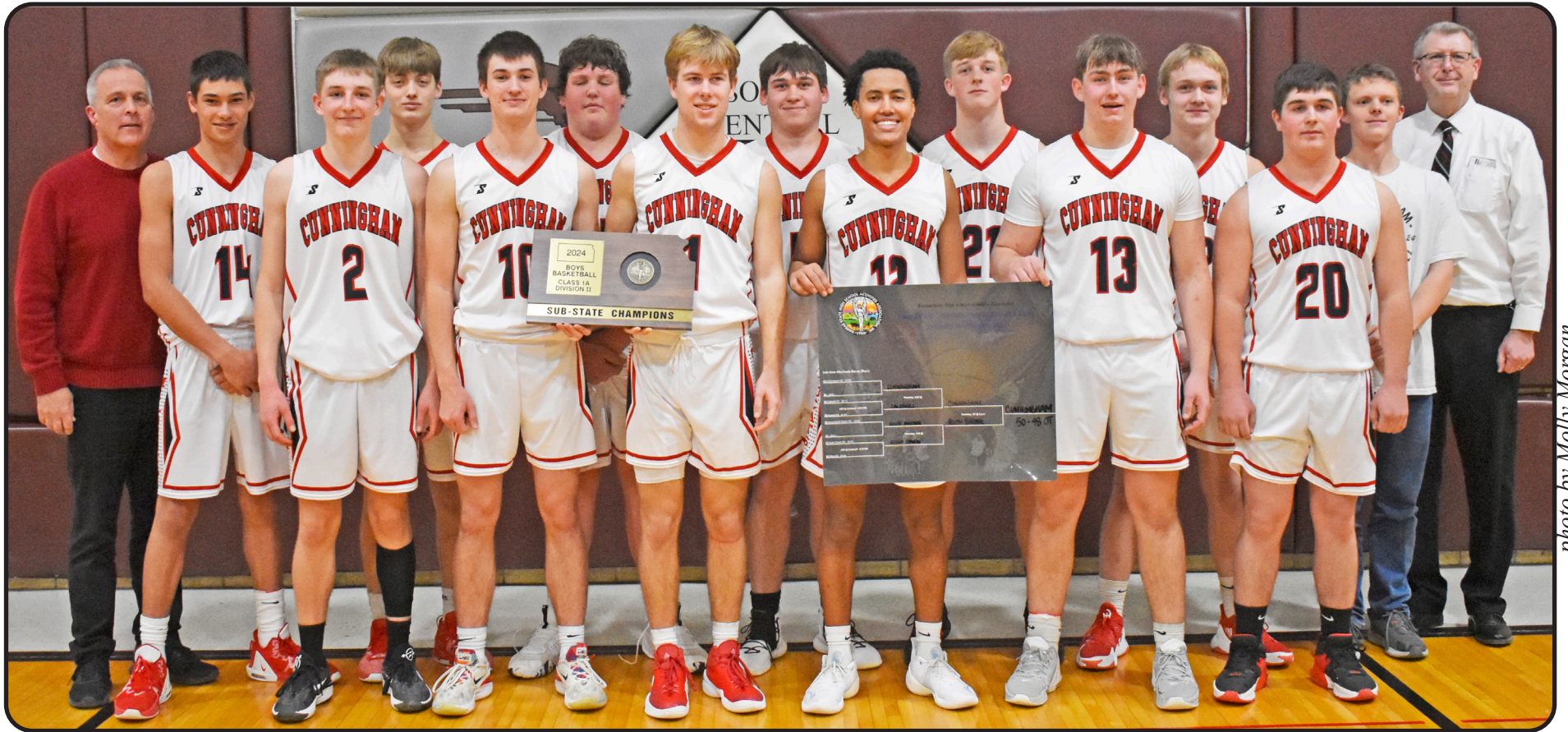


photo by Molly Morgan

Wildcats Are Headed to State

The Wildcats punched their ticket to the State Basketball Tournament with a 50 to 48 overtime win over league rival South Barber on March 2, 2024.

Cunningham had a good first quarter, scoring 12 points and holding the Chieftains to seven points. Luke Albers scored seven of his ten total points. Will Wegerer added four points and Dylan Halderson made a free throw.

The second quarter saw a switch as the Cats were whistled for 7 fouls to 2 for South Barber. The Chieftains took advantage and made seven out of eight free throws. Luke Albers picked up his third foul and had to sit for the remainder of the quarter. Wegerer led the team in scoring with four points. Nate Sterneker pitched in two points each and Dagim Reed made a free throw. South Barber scored 13 points and trailed the Cats by one, 21-20 at the

end of the half.

South Barber played inspired ball in the third quarter and scored their highest total of the night with 15 points. The foul table turned in the third quarter and Cunningham kept pace with six for eight shooting from the free throw line. Albers also made a three point shot and Sterneker added a two point basket. Cunningham trailed 32 to 35 going into the fourth quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Albers picked up his fifth foul and had to sit the remainder of the game. This could have been a game threatening blow but the Cats did not quit. Wegerer took on the majority of the scoring with ten points. Halderson added four points before he fouled out. The other team members did their part on the defensive end holding South Barber to 11 points. Cunningham had a two point lead but fouled with five seconds left in the game and the Chieftain player made both free throws to tie the game at 46 apiece. Wegerer

was able to take the inbound pass and got to the rim but his momentum caused the ball to bounce off and we went to overtime.

Both teams played their hardest during the overtime period. After getting the tip, South Barber missed their first opportunity to score and fouled. Both free throws were missed by Cunningham but Luke McGuire got the offensive board. Wegerer drove to the basket but his shot bounced out and South Barber regained possession. Cunningham fouled and the Chieftain made the first and missed the second free throw. Cunningham came up empty on their possession and South Barber got the ball back. After running some time off of the clock, A Chieftain was fouled and made one of two. South Barber got the offensive rebound but Cunningham tied them up and took possession of the ball. After Wegerer was tripped, the officials called a jump ball. Possession, South Barber. Dagim Reed

stole the inbounds pass and McGuire attempted a three point shot. He followed his shot and the miss came right back to him and he was fouled on his second attempt, sending him to the line for two free throws. He made both free throws tying up the game at 48 each. South Barber turned the ball over on a long pass. Wegerer attempted a three point shot that bounced long. South Barber got the rebound and the player was fouled. He missed both free throws and Cunningham got the rebound. Wegerer took the ball inside and made a ten foot shot that put Cunningham up 50 to 48 with five seconds left. After a South Barber time out, they took the ball to the top of the circle and missed the shot giving Cunningham its first trip to the state basketball tournament since 2013.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

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Minutes from BOE February Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

Present: President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Vicki Oldham, Jason Osner and Abby Bock; Superintendent, Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Shawna Sterneker, Taylor Robertson, Mike McBee, Sarah Sipe, Sebastian Huelskamp, Sheena Albers, and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Mr. Dunlap gave special recognition to Becky and Sebastian Huelskamp for the many ways they are involved in programs and activities within the school and things they do for USD 332 students.

Sebastian thanked the board for their support of his shop programs and gave an update on plans for the new shop space.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Jason Osner, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Arnberger discussed with the board the strategic survey and current legislation being considered.

Principal Dunlap shared winter ELA and Math test data and discussed upcoming parent teacher conferences which will include preliminary enrollment information.

New Board representative Bjorn Halderson has not had a chance to go to a meeting yet. No report.

Representatives from McCown Gordon and Landmark were on hand to discuss the status of the construction project including parking options, phase C timelines and budget status.

Superintendent Arnberger asked for a 5 min break at 8:23 p.m.

Guests Taylor Robertson, Mike McBee, Sarah Sipe, and Sebastian Huelskamp left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Superintendent Arnberger addressed the new board members asking what information would be helpful for them to prepare for a meeting and what questions, if any, do they have.

Superintendent Arnberger gave a report from Site council and an update from the Curtain committee.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the KASB polies as recommended by Dr. Arnberger. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Jason Osner, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap at 8:45 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session in the board room at 8:50 p.m.. Motion carried 5-0.

Guests Sheena Albers and Shawna Sterneker left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to open session in the board room at 9:20 p.m. Yeas: Miller, Halderson, Oldham, Osner, Bock. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

Guest Roberta Kobbe left the meet-

ing at 8:53 p.m.

The board invited Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap into the executive session at 8:59 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion made by Abby Bock, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap to discuss personnel matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to open session in the board room at 9:30 p.m. Yeas: Miller, Halderson, Oldham, Osner, Bock. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve Lynnea Johnson as Math teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

The School Board Retreat was discussed. No date decided.

The next meeting was discussed and the consensus was to move the March regular meeting to Monday March 4th at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education Office.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Abby Bock, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. YMotion carried 5-0.

If you were born this year, you now qualify for a Colonoscopy Screening!

1979

March is National Colorectal/Colon Cancer Awareness Month. If you are 45 years or older, regular colonoscopies are recommended for preventive measures.

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Meanderings

I decided I needed a bit of a break, so, I'm just taking a week off of writing the column. I'll be back next week. Always reading, and currently reading, "You Can Run", by Karen Cleveland, Roberta "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read." — Mark Twain

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I know we're not out of the winter-woods just yet. But one silver lining on that January snowstorm/polar apocalypse we all survived is that a couple of cold days and chilly nights here and there seem like NOTHING in comparison. And with bright sunshiny afternoons where the temperatures climb surprisingly high for this time of year, I've been finding reasons I need to be outdoors instead of working at my

desk. Though it's still way to early for me to start planting flowers, the daffodils and iris planted by the former owner in two concrete plots on either side of the gazebo by the pond provide an outlet for my horticultural urges. The 8 inch high dark green daffodils tips call for daily inspection, though I'm not sure what action I think I'd take other than scold them, should it appear they're budding too soon. I do fret over the younger, wider and pale emerald iris shoots when the cold nights yellow their tops but the internet says these flowers know better than I what overnight low temperatures they can tolerate. The only thing

I've found I can to in tending to these flowers is rake the beds free of debris, leaves, and withered black walnuts. And then, battle the invasive vines. So far, the vines have emerged victorious from each skirmish. Yet, I am determined to win the war. The internet made removing invasive vines sound easy. And the first step it recommended, "cut 'em low to the ground," wasn't all that difficult. I expected the next and final task to take a little elbow grease, the obvious and common sense advice the internet said was the way to get rid of them for good—dig out the roots—but I didn't expect it to be

such a brass knuckle fist-fight or outright brawl. Thus far these muley vine roots remain intact. In fact I've not moved or "bloodied" a single one, though I have led my useless company of cats on numerous root raids. I've attacked by rake, spade, spear and shovel. Yet each time I've been forced to retreat empty-handed and my feline platoon stays behind, chummily sunning themselves alongside the enemy. I am plotting an ambush, courtesy of the internet, which claims I can vanquish my foe with a combination of boiling water and vinegar. I have the vinegar. But I don't want to make a bunch

of trips up and down the yard so I'm trying to figure out how I can cart just one huge caldron of boiling water out there... I haven't perfected my medieval plot yet but I'll let you know how it turns out. And if that doesn't work, I may go "nuclear" and buy a bottle of one of those herbicides that promises to be a vine-killer. I just have make sure if I go that route, that my hit-man doesn't take out the daffodils and iris, too. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Ode to an Extra Day

You remember that old poem? Thirty days hath September, April, June and November All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone And that has twenty-eight days clear And twenty-nine in each leap year In honor of Leap Year, I'm adding a few verses This ditty's stood the test of time, Though 'alone' and 'one' don't even rhyme. And February, feeling left out Every four years gets a little more clout. An extra day, but I'd like to know Why put it in a month with snow? And another thing: what's the reason We add it during campaign season? Leap day wasn't ac-

tually created to give presidential candidates one more day to campaign, but that is one of its drawbacks. We actually have it because the solar year, the time required for the sun to make one complete cycle of the seasons, is 365 days, five hours, forty-eight minutes and forty-six seconds. In other words we start every year almost six hours too early because no one wants to stay up until 6 a.m. to see in the new year. Without leap day to make up for it, we'd be a full twenty-four days ahead of the seasons a hundred years from now. We wouldn't even have our leaves raked and the calendar would be calling for snow shovels—just like now. The Roman dictator Julius Caesar, who is considered the father of leap year, added an extra day to keep the calendar year synchronized with the seasons. I imagine he was trying to save snowbirds from leaving Arizona during the spring blizzards up north. How thoughtful. No wonder they named a salad after

him. Oh wait. I think that was a different Caesar. And Julius didn't have it quite right anyway. Five hours, forty-eight minutes and forty-six seconds multiplied by four equals...well, I don't know what it equals, but it doesn't equal a full day so further adjustments were necessary. This is too complicated for me to get into, mainly because I don't understand it. Suffice it to say 2100, 2200 and 2300 will not be leap years, even though they're divisible by four. Lucky! No extra day of campaigning in those years. An astronomer named Aloysius Lilius came up with our modern calendar. He was so accurate that whoever's responsible for such things these days only has to add a leap second to the clock every few years and I'm glad they do it. I always appreciate the extra sleep. Unfortunately Mr. Lilius died in 1576, six years before Pope Gregory XIII officially introduced his calendar, which may be why

it's called the Gregorian calendar and not the Liliusian calendar. That doesn't seem fair to Lilius. Maybe we should name a salad after him. Anyway, he's long gone, and I want to know who's responsible for making sure those extra days and seconds keep getting added because I have some suggestions for them. For starters, if you're going to add an extra day to the calendar, why do it during a presidential election year? And in February? Nobody wants more February except ski resort operators and people in the southern hemisphere. And another thing. According to my extensive research, February 29 occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays more often than on other days. What kind of person arranges the calendar to have more Mondays? I'd like my extra days, and for that matter my extra seconds, on Saturdays in the spring and not during election years. It's no wonder some superstitious types think the whole year is cursed

and that we'd be wise to put off weddings, new jobs and large purchases until it's over. But I think their luck would go downhill fast if they told their new boss they couldn't start until the following year. And if everyone avoided home and car purchases every four years, leap years would be terribly unlucky for realtors and car dealers. Some people think February 29 is a terrible day for a birthday too, but I disagree. I'd go so far as to say people who have birthdays on Leap Day are special. You have a one in 1,461 chance of being born a leapling, as they're called. Also, leapster or leaper, not to be confused with leper which is something else entirely and it's not lucky at all. Less than .07 percent of the world's population were born on leap day which makes them rare and exotic, like white buffalo, blue moons and affordable health insurance. Personally I love leap day. It's a perfect day for putting my old photos into albums, organizing

the filing cabinet and cleaning that layer of greasy dust off the top of my kitchen cupboards. Those are the kinds of things I never get done in 365 days. And if I don't get them done on leap day, they're the kinds of things I can put off for another four years. Still, I realize that an extra day isn't helpful for everyone so I'd like to dedicate the final verse of my updated poem to those who don't benefit from it. It's no help to have an added day If you're a salaried worker with no extra pay, Or a prisoner spending leap year in jail, Or a presidential candidate who'll fail. Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand now available at Mitzi's Books in Rapid City and on Amazon in both print and e-book versions.

Poetry From Daily Life edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate Poetry from Daily Life: Pick a beat, pick a rhyme, then stick with it By David L. Harrison Since Poetry from Daily Life began Nov. 5, you've met poets from Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Alabama, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. We began in one paper — the Springfield News-Leader — now we're in at least four. I started with 36 poets and proponents standing by to contribute experience, wit, wisdom, and examples to the fledgling column, now I have more than 60, in the U.S., Canada,

and England. We're building a list of university leaders in schools of Education and English who will receive a link each week to the newest addition to Poetry from Daily Life and share it with their faculty and students. That's encouraging growth in nine weeks. We've appreciated help from readers and contributors in finding papers to carry the column and college deans to share them on campus. Today I want to talk about a form of verse (poetry with structure and usually rhyme) called a ballad stanza. A ballad tells a story in four lines or multiple stanzas of four lines each. Probably the most popular ballad form rhymes in lines two and four. In shorthand, it looks like this: abcb. Here's an example from The Mouse was Out at Recess, Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 2003. "Mystery Lunch" has four accented syllables in lines one and three, and three accented syllables in lines two and four. In shorthand, it looks like this: 4/3/4/3. Mystery Lunch Brother fixed my lunch today, I've no idea what's in it, But if he fixes it again, Next time I hope he'll skin it. "Death of a Wasp" from The Alligator in the Closet, Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 2003, has four beats (accented syllables) per line, expressed as 4/4/4/4, and since lines one and four and lines two and three rhyme, it looks like this: abba. This is the first in a four-stanza ballad poem.

Death of a Wasp Bumping at the windowpane, She fought against the solid air That held her as a prisoner there, But all her struggles were in vain. This next example has five beats per line (5/5/5/5). Lines one and four and lines two and three rhyme so it's another abba rhyme scheme. "Things We Prize" is from Connecting Dots, Poems of My Journey, Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 2004. Here are the first two of a five-stanza ballad poem: Things We Prize Hidden in the mountains, fed by snow, The lake was small. We stayed there every year And got to know our neighbors camping near In tents like toadstools growing in a row. I found a secret pool, a little nook Where I could lie and watch the fish below But no amount of coaxing made them go For worms, or bits of bacon on my hook. If you decide to write some ballad stories, too, the main thing to remember is that once you pick a format — number of beats per line and which lines will rhyme — stick with them for each stanza in that poem. David L. Harrison is the current Missouri Poet Laureate as well as Drury University Poet Laureate. His awards include the Christopher Medal and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Children's Literature Award. To learn more, visit his website at davidlharrison.com.

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Community Bulletin Board

Friday, March 8 HS BB State semi-finals	Thursday, March 21 Forensics at St. John
Saturday, March 9 HS BB State finals	Friday, March 22 Junior High Play
Sunday, March 10 2:00 Style Show at Hilltop Manor	Saturday, March 23 Forensics at Cheney
Monday March 11 Spring Break begins	Monday, March 25 JH Scholar's Bowl at Attica
Sunday March 17 St. Patrick's Day	Thursday, March 28 JH Track at Skyline
Monday, March 18 School Resumes	Friday, March 29 Good Friday No School
Wednesday, March 20 HS Health Dept. Screenings	

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 10th ~ 3:00-6:30 p.m.
(Daylight Savings Time)
St. Patrick School Gymnasium

Serving Fried Chicken, Country Sausage, Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Homemade Bread & Pies

Adults \$15; 5-14 \$10
Children 4 & under FREE
*****Drawing for valuable prizes.*****

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Anaplasmosis Control Meeting

Join Kingman County K-State Research and Extension and Kingman County Conservation District for a Round Table Talk on Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at Livingstons Community Center (1830 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068) for a meeting about Anaplasmosis Control. For this meeting, we will have Dr. Gregg Hanzlicek, Clinical Associate Professor from the K-State Diagnostic Lab, discuss some Symptoms, Diagnosing, and Prevention of Anaplasmosis in Cattle. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered and a discussion with a knowledgeable source on how to control Anaplasmosis. Thank you to the Kingman County Conservation District for making this event possible.

CUNNINGHAM LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
followed by
EGG HUNT



BREAKFAST AT CUNNINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER
7:30-9:30
MARCH 30, 2024
EGG HUNT AT FOOTBALL FIELD
10:00

Kingman County Fair Button Design Contest

The Kingman County Fair Association is proud to sponsor the Kingman County Fair button design contest this year. The contest is open to all ages. The winning design will be featured on the 2024 County Fair button and in fair publications. The theme this year is "Barn Lights and Fair Nights!"

Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension Office. All entry forms must be returned to the Fair Board or the Extension Office by March 25th.

For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 620-532-5131.

JOIN THE KINGMAN COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS FOR THE

1ST ANNUAL 4-H FAMILY FUN DAY

4-H Project Fair | Event Promotion | Family Activities | Snacks
Sunday, March 17
2:00-4:00
Kingman VFW Hall

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Saturday March 23 FUNDRAISER

For Byers Fire Department

Activities Start at 5 - Meal at 6

Free Will Donation Meal
Grilled Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Sides* Sides* Sides
Desserts
Water/Tea

Silent Auction

Raffle
1/\$20 6/\$100
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YEARS AGO IN

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1929

March 15 – With plans for twelve miles of road work on U. S. Highway No. 54 thru western Kingman County already completed, checked and approved by both the state and federal highway departments, indications now are that the state highway commission will soon let the contract for that important bit of state and federal aid work, and that No. 54 across Kingman County will be one of the first projects to receive consideration at the hands of the new state board when it takes charge of the state highway system on April first.

The great need of road improvement thru this section of Kansas has been very forcibly demonstrated during recent weeks, when, at times, great stretches of Highway 54 have been almost impassable, due to the fact that the entire road had not heretofore been brought to standard grade.

Across Pratt County the highway has already been brought to standard grade, and the work to be soon let in Kingman County by the state highway commission will leave but seven miles of unimproved on No. 54 across Kingman County.

1934

March 9 – Clyde Darling, employed as core driller under L. I. Buck for Skelly Oil company on the lease northwest of town, suffered a painfully burned face Monday night in an explosion at the field. The burns are not serious but his entire face is blistered. Mr. Darling had been sent to the J. M. Ratcliff No. 3A well to get mud for mudding in at the test where he was working about 8:00 o'clock that evening. He carried a gasoline lantern and as he neared the pit, gas, which had been piped from the well several yards away, was exploded, igniting from the lantern, which however, never went out, although Mr. Darling dropped it as he ran from the scene.

Seed Potatoes

Early Ohios, cwt., \$2.65

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It is the policy of The Clipper to make a charge for all notices where something is offered for sale or an admission fee is charged. Do not send in these notices unless arrangements have been made for payment. However, we are always glad to help along with an announcement of any program or entertainment when the admission is free.

1939

March 10 – Skelly Oil Company is starting two new oil tests in the northwest side of the Cunningham field near the west side of Kingman County.

This field has been quit for some time in the past, with the inside wells drilled and outlying leases being allowed to wait.

Skelly has all the wells in this field and the district has been producing for the past six years. It has made a lot of oil.

Cunningham field has 36 oil wells still producing their crude oil with a daily potential of 2,126 barrels. The field produced about 14,000 barrels in the month of February.

Practically all of these oil wells also flow gas and this gas is run through a natural gasoline plant to take the gasoline out of it, this fluid being run through a pipe line to a car loading rack a mile west of Cunningham on the Santa Fe, where it goes to market by tank car.

1944

Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

March 11 – Values from your AG Store

Home Cured Bacon, sliced, 39c lb.

Spring Valley Oleo, lb. 28c

Lakeside Whole Kernel Corn, can 18c, 2 cans 35c

Lakeside Peas, can 20c, 2 cans 39c

Hauser's Market

Seed Potatoes, 100 pound sack, \$4.50 at Stark Grocery and Café

We sell a full line of garden seeds. Come in and pick your choice.

1954

March 11 – KTVH, the television station at Hutchinson, will be on the air all day, starting Monday, March 15. The city governing body is considering plans to en-

large the present City Building with a building large enough to house their new fire truck. The new fire wagon, powered by a Ford truck, and complete with storage tank, high pressure pump, and other essential fire-fighting equipment, is now under construction at the Cunningham Repair Shop. The length of the completed fire truck will be about twenty-five feet, necessitating a new fire station because the present station is not big enough. They anticipate erecting a building thirty-by-forty feet, and tying it to the present City Building. The new building will be used to store the new fire truck and other equipment, and will also be large enough to handle another fire truck, should the local townships decide to provide fire-fighting protection to rural areas.

1959

March 12 – Cunningham may boost the best lighted combination football-baseball field in this section of the state following the installation of 16 additional lights and reflectors.

Rufus Leiter purchased the 16 additional 1500-watt units for the ball field, bringing the total number of lights to 88. The Cunningham Lions Club, sponsors of the lighted ball field, purchased 72 aluminized reflectors to be installed in the existing units.

Workmen for the Chalmers and Borton Construction Company expect to begin the pouring of the concrete for the erection of the eight bins of the new co-op elevator here Monday.

They expect to complete the job by April 1, barring any bad weather conditions. The concrete pouring will be an around-the-clock operation.

1964

March 12 – The 1963-1964 basketball season for the Cunningham Wildcats came to an end last Wednesday at Lakin, where the boys lost their first-round game in the Class B Regional Basketball to Leoti, 66 to 57. Gerald Schnittker paced the Cunningham scoring with 24 points; Jim Cain looped in 20, Kenny Kerschen came up with 7, Elmer Adelhardt got 4, and Bernie Albers and Danny Meyers each made a free throw.

The Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange is preparing to erect a new office building at Cairo on the site of their present office building.

The new building will be 35 by 50 feet with a full basement, complete with air conditioning. It will be entirely fire-proof, constructed of cinder blocks with a reinforced concrete roof. The cost is expected to be approximately \$29,000.

152 mothers and daughters attended the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Community YWCA, in Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society served a delicious turkey dinner to the group.

The volunteer fire department was summoned to the Jack Crick home last Thursday morning to extinguish a grass fire that threatened the house.

1969

March 13– A full-scale blizzard struck this area of Kansas last Friday night.

The storm began early that evening with rain, followed by sleet, and climaxed with a foot of snow, accompanied by a gusty northeast wind.

The heavy snowfall brought travel to a standstill, and many basketball fans traveling to regional tournaments in this area (Lyons, Pratt, Dodge City) were forced to remain overnight in the gymnasiums due to the snow-clogged roads. The Kingman County Sheriff closed all roads in the county that evening about 10:30 o'clock. The state highway department began their snowplow operations about 9:30 o'clock, but the heavy drifting snow kept ahead of the plows, creating huge drifts at the Gladys Sheldon and D. J. Miller farms.

Accolades go to City Maintenance Man Don Becker for his snow removal efforts, Saturday. He cleaned the sidewalks in the business district, and spent the remainder of the day cleaning all the city streets with the grader. Without his efforts the streets would have been impassable, and many more cars would have been stuck in the snow.

Jack Meyers, refereeing in the regional tournament at Pratt, took an hour and five minutes to return to Cunningham during the height of the storm, when electrical power failure caused the stoppage of the finals game between Fairfield and Haven at half-time. The last half of the game was played Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, making this "half-time break" – three days – one of the longest on record. Haven, ahead at half-time 23-18, went on to win the game, 49-48.

The Kingman County State Lake was re-opened for fishing last Saturday after being closed for nearly three years, during which time the lake was drained, cleaned out, re-filled, and re-stocked.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

March 14- The following information regarding an interesting art project is presented for the edification and enjoyment of readers exactly as described by the members of the fifth grade, under the tutelage of their teacher, Mrs. Margie Flickner. The fifth grade collected Styrofoam of all sizes and shapes. We built whatever we wanted to make. Our teacher, Mrs. Flickner, helped us cut the pieces to the right size. We spent a week on the projects nadn enjoyed it very much.

Wrecker by Mike McGovney I made a wrecker out of Styrofoam. First I cut out the frame and then the cab. I glued the cab to the frame. Then I made the wench and taped it on. I colored it with markers and put the wheels on . The lights were made out of Styrofoam egg cartons. It was about two feet long and 1 ½ fee tall.

Bill Ridge, formerly of Penalosa, now of Hutchinson designs valves for the Cessna Fluid Power Division. Recently Cessna flew Bill to Fife, Scotland for 10 days in line with his work with the company.

Mrs. Bill (Doris) Ridge is a former school teacher in the Cunningham Grade School. She is presently teaching in the Hutchinson School system.

Henry W. Eichorn, 65, died Monday at his home. He was born July 12, 1908 at Newton and married Mary Elizabeth Clampitt on July 29 1939 at Fredonia. A retired school custodian, he moved to Cunnigham in 1958.

Lucille Strohl who is a senior in Occupational Therapy at the University of Kansas is spending this weeks spring break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Strohl and family.

1979

March 15-The 1978-79 Wildcat basketball season ended in the first round of the Sub-State Tournament as Mosco defeated Cunningham in the Pratt Community College gymnasium of March 9. We ended the season with 14 wins and 7 losses.

We will be losing three seniors from this year's squad. Tom Crawford had a fine season as he led the team in rebounds, with an average of 8.2 per game. Berry Bortz had a fine season as he usually took on the other team's best players. Berry worked very hard and was an inspiration this season.

Joe Strohl will be missed very much next year. He was the team's floor leader, as well as an inspiration to others.

Wildcat Senior Joe Strohl was chosen as the Great Golden Plains League Outstanding Basketball Player this season. It was Joe's second straight year being chosen for the all-league team.

On March 13 Speech and Drama coach Terry Phillips took twelve students to the Great Golden Plains League Speech Contest, Eastern Division, at Sharon. In overall point standings Cunnigham placed second. Schools participating were Cunningham, N-Z, Sharon, Mullinville, Lewis, Skyline and Norwich.

Those participating were Janice Stillwell, Leah Eck, Mike McGovney, Mike DeWeese, Scott Long, Troy Rohr, Mary Hageman, Rick Sterneker, Kris Moore, Bill Shilling, Rhonda Ruckle and Mahlon Stucky. Each of the students made a fine showing and will be going on to Regionals March 31.

Janice and Leah qualified for state and will be going to Pratt on April 12.

1984

March 15 – Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Halderson announce the birth of Paul Edward Mrch 7 at Kingman community Hospital. He weighed 7lb 9 oz.

Brothers at home are Bjorn, 4, and Jared, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cain, Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Halderson, Wyer. Great grandparents are Harrison Gwyer, Penalosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Braden of Wichita announce the birth of a baby by March 6. He weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and has been named Skyler Schnittker.

Sisters at home are Heather, 10, and Adrienne, 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schnittker, Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Braden, Pratt. Great-grandfather is John Schnittker, Cunningham.

The Kingman County Conservation District hs announced the winners of the essay, limerick, and poster contest. St. Leo School is proud to claim 13 winners in the poster division and 10 whose limericks were chosen as outstanding.

Poster contest -First place Jenny Fischer, Renee Wegerer. Second place: Lynn Ford, Julie Thieme. Third place: Ben Albers, Doug Freund, Frank Strohl. Honorable Mention: Amy Hamilton, Christy Albers, Darren Oeding, Jamie Freund, Danielle Freund, Randy Schwartz.

Limericks – First Place: Danielle Freund, Rhonda Freund, Tracy Henning. Second Place: Neil Freund, Kevin Wegerer, Ana Huelskamp. Third Place: Tommy Simon, Tammy Youngers.

Honorable Mention: Kenny Youngers, Mark Neises. Renee's poster and Rhonda's limerick were chose to represent Kingman County in the state level competition.

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A Farmer Visits the Drugstore

Hody Childress was a quiet, humble man. The town of Geraldine, Alabama (pop. 910) knew him as a local farmer, Air Force veteran, and kind person. From a health standpoint, Hody's life had been difficult. He lost a son in 1973, and his first wife in 1999. Some in town remember that Hody used to carry his wife into the stands

on Friday nights for local high school football games. She had multiple sclerosis.

Everybody knew and liked Hody. He would make peanut brittle for his neighbors, and often share tomatoes from his garden, or apples from the trees in his yard. It was said that his "happy place" was on his tractor. He loved to fish, enjoyed spending time with his family, and read his Bible regularly.

About ten years ago, Hody became aware of the fact that many of his neighbors in this small close-knit community couldn't afford to pay for their prescriptions. Knowing this, he walked into the local drugstore one day and handed the pharmacist,

Brooke Walker, a \$100 bill. "Here, this \$100 is for anyone who can't afford their prescription," Walker said. "Don't tell a soul that the money came from me, tell them it's a blessing from God."

A month later, Hody returned and did the same thing. He continued to drop by the drugstore on the first of every month, slipping the owner a \$100 bill, and sometimes more.

Walker said he would sometimes just quietly and discreetly hand over the folded bills saying "you know what to do with this."

The money was used for a community in need. Walker said there were situations where someone's child was sick and they were going to have to wait to get medicine, or

not get it at all. Hody's fund took care of this. There were elderly patients without insurance and suffering with cardiac issues that were helped as well. One mother had a child who desperately needed an EpiPen that she could not afford. All benefited from Hody's generosity.

Money not used each month stayed in the fund, and it began to grow. This continued for years. It is estimated that Hody contributed over \$10,000 to pay for other people's pharmacy bills during this time.

After his health got so bad that he couldn't walk, Hody enlisted the help of his daughter, Tania Nix. He told her about his covert mission, and asked her to continue delivering

his contributions. At the time, she thought that her Dad had been doing this for only a few months. She had no idea that this had been continuing for years.

Hody passed away recently, and it was only then that his story got out. As she was preparing for her dad's service, Nix decided that she would share the story of his kindness. After Hody's funeral, this information was shared online and in the news around the world. Reaction to this story was immediate and still continues.

Hody's family said they wish to keep the fund going. People in Geraldine have been making contributions, and letters have been arriving daily with dona-

tions. A few anonymous letters simply read "you know what to do with this." One man from out-of-state called and wanted to make a year's worth of donations in Hody name. Other pharmacies are sending messages saying they have people coming in referencing Hody's story and giving money to start funds for their customers.

It seems that people all over the country have been inspired by Hody's kindness, generosity, and love for others. They are setting up funds in their own towns for their own communities to help those who need it. I think Hody would like that...

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The Journey

By Amy Michelle Wiley

It arches against the horizon, the firm wooden slats giving slivered glimpses of the river below. The scent of cedar rises strong and heady in the breeze. He stands on the bank before it, waiting for me. He calls me by name, and we step together, He and I, onto the bridge. Onto the path of My Journey.

When we reach the middle, the tallest point, I gasp, jerking to a stop. The joy so nearly bub-

bling from within me dies, the creeping grasp of dread reaching to my throat.

On the other bank the smooth wood of the bridge abruptly meets a dirt trail, rocky and pitted with crevices. The dark path twists downward, emptying into a valley filled with fog so thick it allows only shifting glances of thorny hedges and jagged boulders.

"But Lord," I turn to look at Him, tears already finding their way down my cheeks, "I do not understand."

"This is your path,

my child." His eyes fill with empathy; something stronger yet than that, a knowing, an understanding beyond my own.

"But," the word escapes me once more. I seem unable to stop it. "Why me? Why this path?"

He reaches out a hand, gentle, and yet strong, lifting my chin so slightly. "Because, child, within you is a faith strong enough to cross this bridge. You will cling to me, and grow stronger because of the trials. I will teach you, and you will learn. This is your

path."

I do cling to Him then, because my legs will not support me. My eyes leave His, drawn once again to the darkness of the trail. "Is that the good that will come of it, then? That I will draw closer to You?"

"Not only that." He kneels, drawing me to His side and pointing into the charcoal smog. "Look."

At first I see nothing, only the choking swirl of haze. Then I see a glimmer of light, far in the distance. It grows clearer until I can see a small house, lit only by a dim candle that seems one flicker from going out.

"You are the one I will use to brighten that light, encourage it and fan it into a flame so brilliant it will glow for miles around." His voice rings with a timbre that fills me almost with excitement. "If you do not follow that path it will continue to grow dimmer, until it fades to only an ember."

The fog closes once

more, and I stand still, taking in the rocks that spike from the ground, the thorns leaning over the path, ready to shred any who pass by. Slowly, I take my gaze from them and turn back to Him, seeking assurance.

He lays an arm around my shoulder and points once more. The fog shifts in another area and this time I gasp in wonder. A meadow of emerald green shimmers in a gentle breeze, mingling with flowers blooming so brightly I can see them from the bridge, almost smell their sweetness. Birds swoop in gentle rhythm, playing among the limbs of the trees that circle the glen. It all flows in a dance of worship, of joy, of peace.

The Creator smiles. "This is a place of rest I have prepared for you along the way."

My heart sings. He cares. He loves. He has created for me.

He turns and looks full into my face. Compassion fills His eyes. "The path

will be difficult. You will fall. You will hurt. The journey will be long."

He searches my face. I have no words to give Him. I can only grip Him tighter, and wait for Him to continue.

"But I will be with you. Every step of the way I will be there. I will raise you when you fall. I will mend your wounds. When your strength fails, I will lift you and carry you." A tear drips down His face, filled with a rainbow of feelings... pain... empathy... strength... love... "All you have to do is reach out your hand and I will hold you up."

There is a silence as our tears mingle.

At last He holds out His hand, scarred and mangled, strong and beautiful. "It is time."

My hand is small and white as it slips into His. Strength flows from Him as we cross the span of the bridge. I cling to His hand and, together, we step onto the path.

This is my journey.



Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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

Father Roger Lumbre
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620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

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Sunday School & Bible Class
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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
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Giving Opportunities in our Community

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Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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Lady Wildcats Finish Their Season



Ellie McGuire

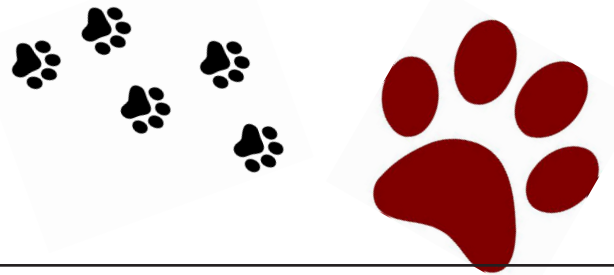


Matilyn Jump

Molly Morgan photos



Rylee Miller



CHS Forensics Attend Tournament



The Cunningham team participated in Coldwater's Tournament of the weekend. There were 6 students in attendance. They did very well!

3rd Place - Serious Solo - Nora.

4th Place - Prose - Nora. 3rd Place - Poetry - Nora. 3rd - IDA - Joanna & Elizabeth. 4th Place - Oration - Sean. 1st Place - Extemp - Sean.

Nora, qualified for State Festival in Prose and Poetry. Joanna & Elizabeth qualified their IDA for State Festival. Sean took 1st in Extemp and Qualified for State Champs. We placed 2nd as a team out of 8 Teams.

article and photo from USD 332 Facebook page



photo by Mary Stackhouse



Construction on the school continues. This past week the concrete pad was poured for the school, and the inside safe room walls were started this week.

The photo above was taken from the back of the school, facing south. The photo on the right was taken from the street in front of the school facing northeast.

Plans are on track to be completed by mid-July.



Championship

con't from front page

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire			4/4	4	3	3	2	
Wegerer	7	1	5/6	22	5	3	5	
Albers	2	2		10	6		2	
Sterneker	2		1/2	5	4	1	2	
Reed			¼	1	5		2	
Halderson	2		2/4	6	4			
Rogers	1			2	1		1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final/OT
Cunningham	12	9	11	14/4	50
South Barber	7	13	15	11/2	34



Dagim Reed



Nate Sterneker

Photos by Molly Morgan

Wildcats Advance in Sub-State

The Wildcats advanced to the championship game of the South Haven Sub-State tournament on February 29, 2024. Cunningham defeated the Caldwell Bluejays by a score of 54 to 34.

With the week long layoff from the end of the last regular season game, the Wildcats found themselves down at the end of the first quarter by a score of six to nine. Luke McGuire scored three points on a traditional

three point play. Luke Albers made a basket and Dylan Halderson scored a free throw.

The table turned in the second quarter as the nerves settled as the Cats tossed in four threes' and scored a total of 22 points for the quarter. The defense did its job and held the Bluejays to seven points. Cunningham took a 28 to 16 lead into the half after a half court shot by Albers found its target to extended the lead to 12 points. Albers led the quarter with 12 points. Will Wegerer added seven points and McGuire made a three point basket. Cunningham extended

the lead to 20 points in the third quarter with a 13 to 5 showing. McGuire and Albers each scored four points. Dagim Reed made two free throws and Halderson scored three points.

The teams played even in the fourth quarter with 13 points scored by each team. The scoring was balanced with Wegerer scoring four points. Halderson scored three points. McGuire, Albers, and Reed each had two points.

Cunningham will play South Barber for the right to play in the State tournament next week. By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	2	4/5	12	1	3	1	
Wegerer	2	1	4/4	11	3	3	1	1
Albers	7	2		20	12	1	4	
Sterneker			0/2		2	1	1	
Reed	1		2/2	4	3	1		
Halderson	2		3/5	7	4	2	1	
Kinsler					1			
Rogers					1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	6	22	13	13	54
Caldwell	9	7	5	13	34



Luke McGuire

Photo by Molly Morgan



Will Wegerer



Luke Albers



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Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 12, 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.

Clerk Voss presented RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) checks for signatures. Clerk Voss presented a quote from Arensdorf Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2500.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Arensdorf Construction LLC to repair the driveway sink hole. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from

February 5, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated the closing on the HWY 61 property will be February 29, 2024.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health department, handed out a list of event dates in the future at the health department. They will be attending a national conference in Chicago. She reported on the community health needs assessment survey that ends March 8, 2024. She shared the grants she will be applying for in 2024. She needs the chairman's signature to proceed. Commissioner Adams made a motion for the health department to apply for three grants in the amount of \$33,226. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Charles Thimesch for lawn care at the courthouse and LEC (Law Enforcement Center) at \$900.00 per month for twelve months. Chairman

Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for February 12, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment voucher to Flymotion, LLC, for the sheriff's office drone in the amount of \$16,545.99 to be paid out of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess at 2:27 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting will resume Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 11:00 am to be held at the public safety building for the city/county joint meeting.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the PSB (Public Safety Building) for the city/county joint meeting. 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. Also, present, Gary Schmidt, Gary Meyer, Zach Deeds, Kyle Farmer, Regina Goff, Brianna Garten, Nate Humble and Bruce Givens.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from recessed meeting at 11:00 a.m. for the joint city/county meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Zach Deeds, city mayor, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., he made an opening statement appreciating the county's willingness to meet.

The law enforcement center was discussed. They are still planning to move from the LEC to the municipal building or the community center. Although they are more interested in the municipal building. Police Chief Nate humble stated they are now in three separate locations. He also gave a brief update on what

it will take to move to either location.

LEC agreement would need to be updated when the move happens. Chairman Shriver stated they have been looking at the capital improvement plan and what needs to be done to make more room. Nate stated he would rather move the police department to another location. Dispatch will stay at the current LEC. Chairman Shriver stated it would be preferable to not use the community center due to the different activities held there.

Economic development corporation funding was discussed. Bruce Givens, board member gave an update. He stated \$120,000 was spent in 2023 for façade grants, business assistance for new businesses or expanding businesses. They have committed \$150,000 to the Daycare Center Foundation for 2024. Also, have committed business assistance with a restaurant building back in the Woody's building. Approved an application for \$79,000 for a business

that can't be named at this time. The funds have not been issued. Tyson asked about the theatre money and if it has been added to their spendable revenue.

Bruce stated it has been included. Bruce also stated they had agreed to a contract for the Chamber of Commerce director.

Chairman Shriver stated there is a house bill that could affect the finances concerning incentives or donations with economic development.

The amount budgeted for economic development was discussed. Commissioner Jones stated the \$30,000 given by the county should stay the same. The city agreed to match the \$30,000.

The city/county job openings were discussed.

The city adjourned their meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reported the Pratt Area Economic Development is meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. She stated Full Service Waste Recycling will be signing the agreement approving membership. She stated the house failed to veto the governor's tax plan, so there is talk about what new tax plan might

be introduced and also talking about the RNR with possible changes. She stated they there is discussion about funds divided regionally to be used for tourism.

Jason Winkel, land-fill/recycling, would like to purchase a hot steam pressure power washer from Pressure Washer Sales & Services in the amount of \$8600.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the pressure power washer from Pressure Washer Sales & Service in the amount of \$8600.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He presented invoices from Clean Harbors, showing the commissioners the price increase from last year to current. The representative is going to send a contract that would give a slight discount. He will send the contract to Tyson when he receives it. He also is needing an air

compressor.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:10 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:24 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to donate \$100 to the Disc Golf Food Drive. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, presented estimates to repair the turbo on Rescue 301. Main Street Auto, LLC, quoted \$3,664.13 and Morgan Diesel quoted \$2189.60. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the quote from Morgan Diesel for \$2189.60. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver stated he had talked to Kirkham Michael about the waste water pond, he will report more later.

Doug Freund, road/lake, reported the front part of the shop has been painted. The rock has been delivered for the asphalt mix. He reported NextEra had contacted him about a tower struck by lightning needing to be replaced and needs road agreements pertaining to any potential road damages. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:34 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter pertaining to road usage. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:44 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported they are hauling sand out of the Studer pit.

Brian Atteberry, EMS,

reported the new ambulance will be here in September and will need a radio dual 400/800, the total will be \$4146.23. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of the radio from Bucklin Communications in the amount of \$4146.23. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He presented a pay slip for Caiten Britt for part time paramedic at \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve hiring Caiten Britt for EMS paramedic at \$16.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He gave an update on the thermostat system at the PSB.

Clerk Voss presented a quote from Integreen for a new pump motor for the heating/cooling system. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of a pump motor for the courthouse from Integreen services in the amount of \$6,849.23. Commissioner Jones

seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:57 p.m. to discuss attorney/client matter concerning multiple legal issues. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:05 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver stated he would like BCBS (Blue Cross Blue Shield) to come in before the renewal date.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment of vouchers for February 20, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:18 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Auctions

Land Auction - March 13th, 2024 - 161+/- Acres of Pratt Co Hunting Land and CRP - 1:30 PM



Monday, March 18, 2024 - Harrison Farm Equipment Auction - 11:00 AM Saturday, March 23, 2024 - Oller



Farm Equipment Auction - 10:30 AM

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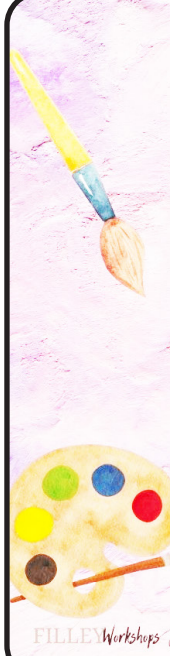
Max Class Size: 10

Cost: \$35 (includes all supplies)

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Learn the basics of blending colors and brush techniques.

You can sign up for this class by calling (620) 933-2787 or online at www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org.



"A painter should begin every canvas with a wash of black, because all things in nature are dark except where exposed by the light." — Leonardo da Vinci

"If we, citizens, do not support our artists, then we sacrifice our imagination on the altar of crude reality and we end up believing in nothing and having worthless dreams." — Yann Martel, Life of Pi



Farm Kid Privilege

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher
I have a friend that lives in a big city who recently shared a story about how local students visiting a nature preserve were given shovels and allowed to dig holes. This was a novel experience for almost all of them. Both my partner and I raised our eyebrows because we were raised as farm kids and wouldn't find digging holes very

fun or interesting at that age. The conversation eventually led to our childhood memories of digging holes.
The first hole I remember digging was in kindergarten when my Girl Scout troop planted a tree at our school. Many of my fondest "hole-digging memories" are of planting trees with my friends for Earth Day or other events. It really is odd to think about how many kids have never planted a tree or used a shovel to build a fence, fix underground equipment or any number of other chores.
When comparing my childhood to others, I recognize how lucky I am and feel a wave of

gratitude for my privilege. I was a very happy kid — some of that was probably genetic but a lot came for things like having happily married parents who provided for my needs along with the support that comes from a large extended family.
My privilege feels amplified because I am part of a shrinking population to grow up in a small town or on a family farm. I have experienced the freedom of a bike, the adventure of climbing into corn cribs, the creativity of building something from your mind and the satisfaction of working with dirty hands. I solve problems of all kinds, use tools, drive vehicles of all sizes and back trailers.

Even though they never have to spend a day stacking bales in a sweltering, chaff-filled haymow or picking rocks out of a field, I am sad for the kids who don't grow up on a farm. They are missing out on some of the best ways to grow skills, work ethic, responsibility, confidence, grit, problem solving and countless other valuable character traits.
I use my farm kid upbringing all the time, but it is most evident when it helps me to survive as a farm adult. Farming requires the kind of mental toughness that is built up overtime.
As I was leaving our house the other day, I met Marc as he was arriving.

Cell phones don't hold a candle to the communications that comes with the eye contact of a quick conversation through truck windows in the middle of a gravel road.
As we wrapped up a quick conversation, Marc's parting words were, "don't look at what's on the back of my pickup." He wasn't trying to be secretive. We are several weeks into calving season and he had found a stillborn calf during his pen check. Marc was trying to save me from the sadness of a lost animal.
My heart will always hurt when we lose a calf, but death is an inevitable part of owning livestock. A lifetime experience on

the farm helped me build the strength to weather the cycle of life and death that is a truth of this life.
Farm life is full of hard thing — hard lessons, hard truths, hard work. Confidence and competence to face challenges in life by doing what is difficult and surviving.
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More women are leading the way... ...in politics, business, sciences and arts. Kids: color stuff in!

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Women Leading the Way!

We visited the library to learn about women's achievements throughout history. It was easy to find books about men's leadership in the worlds of politics, arts and sciences. But, finding details about women's leadership was much harder! We learned that, until recently, women had few opportunities to lead, and many job, career and education choices were not open to them. A few women, such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Marie Curie, were credited with helping their husbands. Today, women are better educated than ever before, and may work inside or outside the home. Those who decide to build a career may get challenging and higher-paying jobs, working alongside men in many fields. Through the years a lot of women have worked very hard – and taken big risks – to help create new things, start new organizations and gain rights and freedoms that might have seemed impossible in the past. They have made the world a better place!

Read the clues below to learn about women known all over the world for their contributions to leadership and politics. **Can you fill in the puzzle with the word that completes each sentence?**

World Leaders

- Nimarata "Nikki" Haley** was Governor of South Carolina and U.S. _____ to the United Nations; presidential candidate.
- Condoleezza Rice** was the first female African American Secretary of _____, a job in which she traveled the world to work with leaders.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg** was a Justice on the U.S. Supreme _____.
- Nancy Pelosi** was the first female _____ of the House of Representatives, one of the most powerful positions in the U.S. government.
- Kamala Harris** is the first female Vice - _____ of the U.S.
- Michelle Obama**, a writer, lawyer and former U.S. First Lady. She encourages people to work on a _____ lifestyle.
- Angela Merkel** was Chancellor (leader) of Germany from 2005 to 2021. She was one of the most _____ women in the world.
- Kim Campbell** was the first (and only) female Prime _____ of Canada. She served in her position for about 4 months!
- Rachel Notley** was the _____ of Alberta, Canada (2015 - 2019). (A job similar to a state Governor in the U.S.); party leader.
- Hillary Clinton** was First Lady, Senator, Secretary of State and the first female _____ for U.S. president for a major political party.

World Leaders crossword puzzle with clues: healthy Speaker, State, Court, Ambassador nominee, President Minister, Premier, powerful, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Women in Health and Medicine

These women are famous for their contributions in the fields of health and medicine. **Read about them, then find and circle their names in the puzzle.**

- Clara Barton** – started The American Red Cross, which provides emergency assistance to people facing disasters and teaches people how to perform first aid.
- Elizabeth Blackwell** – first woman to graduate from medical school with an M.D. and become a doctor.
- Mother Teresa** – nun who organized missions in 123 countries to help the poor, sick and dying; won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Dr. Antonia Novello** – First female U.S. Surgeon General; was in charge of public health in the U.S.
- Florence Nightingale** – pioneer of nursing who changed how we care for soldiers during wartime.
- Patricia Bath** – eye doctor and inventor who was the first African American woman to earn a patent for an invention in the medical field.

Women in Health and Medicine crossword puzzle with clues: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Connect the dots to see the symbol of the American Red Cross.

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Famous Authors!

These women have reached and affected millions of people through their writings. **Read each clue, then write the last name of the author in the puzzle:**

- Andrea Davis _____ award-winning children's author who writes about African American culture.
- Katherine _____ wrote **Bridge to Terabithia** and a number of other books, and has received many awards.
- Louisa May _____ wrote **Little Women**, a story about being the best that one can be.
- Anne _____ wrote a diary that told of two years of hiding from the Nazis while living in an attic with her family.
- J.K. _____ is best known for her **Harry Potter** book series.
- Maya _____ African American poet who is best known for her autobiography **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**.

★ The most widely read author in the world is **Agatha Christie**. She wrote mysteries!

Famous Authors crossword puzzle with clues: Little Women, Harry Potter, Angelou, Alcott, Paterson, Frank Pinkney, Rowling

(Answers on page 10)



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
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 dry cat and kitten food
 clumping cat litter
 canned dog food
 Purina Puppy Chow
 long-lasting chews
 stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
 paper towels
 bleach
 liquid laundry detergent
 poop bag rolls
 disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

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Mr. T

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Jojo weighs about 12 pounds and is over 12 years old. Adoption fee is \$40.00. That's quite a bargain for a wise senior kitty. He has been at the shelter since February 10 of this year and shouldn't have to live out his life in the shelter. Please adopt this old gentleman.



Male Shepherd, German / Cattle Dog, Australian (Blue Heeler) Mr. T weighs about 60 pounds and is about 3 years old. His adoption fee is \$180.00 and most of that is for those ears! He has been at the shelter since March 10, 2023.... Almost a year. He needs a home with his own people. He likes people and other dogs. "I will work for food. I will play for food. I will do silly things for food. You have food to give, I have love to give. It's a win, win! Nothing complicated. We're a perfect match."

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MAR 12 Fishing Frenzy - 2pm @ Centennial Pond

MAR 13 Pollinator Party - 2pm @ PECM

MAR 14 Beak Bonanza - 2pm @ PECM

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- Oral Pain Meds (2 add'l days) \$20
- Rabies 1 yr Vaccination \$25
- Distemper Parvo Vaccine \$25
- Bordetella Vaccine \$25
- Feline Distemper (FVRCP) \$25
- Oral Routine Dewormer \$10
- Nail Trim \$10
- Microchip \$45
- Heartworm Test \$25
- Ear Cleaning \$10
- Anal Gland Expression \$10
- Card Transaction Fee \$5



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Famous Authors!

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 25

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	1
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Fire / Grass	2000 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney
Disturbance	300 Blk N Broadway St, Kingman
Theft	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	300 Blk E Washington, Kingman
Disturbance	300 Blk E G Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	12000 Blk SE 170 St, Norwich
Miscellaneous	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman

Monday, February 26

Traffic Stop	2
Non-Injury Accident	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Non-Injury Accident	SW 170 Ave & SW 70 St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	16000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	16000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Spivey
Found Property	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial Rd, Kingman
Damage to Property	2000 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman
Fire / Grass	12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Civil Standby	400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Person	8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Theft	16000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
Miscellaneous	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman
Return Property	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman

Tuesday, February 27

Traffic Stop	4
Civil Paper Service	10
Transport Inmate To Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & E Hwy 2, Norwich
Miscellaneous	400 Blk S Fairfield St, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	E Bluff St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	16000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
Traffic Complaint	W G Ave & N Lincoln St, Kingman
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman

Wednesday, February 28

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	1
Transport Inmate To DOC	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Transport Transient	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	SE 120 St & SE 130 Ave, Norwich
Theft	200 Blk S Main St, Spivey
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 Blk N Dresden, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Suspicious Activity	2000 Blk N Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman

Thursday, February 29

Civil Paper Service	1
Traffic Complaint	1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	8000 Blk NW 20 St, Cunningham

Friday, March 1

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	8
Non-Injury Accident	4500 Blk NE 40 Ave, Kingman
Warrant Service	600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Medical	200 Blk E Grant Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Warrant Service	11000 Blk SE 110 St, Rago
Follow Up	8000 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	12000 Blk SE 70 St, Norwich

Saturday, March 2

Traffic Stop	4
Civil Paper Service	3
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Amberside St, Norwich
Suspicious Person	200 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	8000 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
Unsecured Building/Business	200 Blk E A Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney
Runaway / Found	12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	W D Ave & N Lincoln St, Kingman
Trespassing	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman

"Speaking personally, you can have my gun, but you'll take my book when you pry my cold, dead fingers off of the binding."
— Stephen King



Letters TO THE Editor

I Get It!

Since I wrote about the gun violence at the Chief's parade last week, I've cooled down. I'm no longer acting out of emotion and now have seemingly moved on but I've not forgotten. In trying to decide whether I'm part of the problem or part of the solution it's not easy to stay focused.

That's what I see! People have a short attention span. I'm no different than the rest of mankind. I've dealt with a plumbing problem, planned about taxes and had many problems to deal with since last week. Is gun violence any less of a problem today than it was last week? No! But I and many others are ready to move on to other problems in our daily life.

This seems to happen in most of our lives.

After all, my family hasn't been harmed by gun violence except my cousin Gene Ricke being killed in Korea, though Gene was a soldier and chose to serve his country. The families of those who were killed or wounded by gun violence aren't the same. So, I hope I'm dealing from the position of empathy for the harmed and with the idea that we are all family. After all, our son Jon and his family traveled to KC last weekend and could have been a victim of this violence.

In the Courier poetry section last week was a poem titled "What If". I think "What if my family had been at the Chief's celebration?" If gun violence is happening in our

country will it happen to my family soon? If it did happen sometime in the future and I didn't do anything about it, yes, I would have been part of the problem. To that end, I feel as a loving father and grandfather what can I do or what needs to happen?

I mentioned the gun violence that once existed in our area and country, the Old West. How did that problem get solved? How about law and order? Those we hear who say we should defund the police are missing the point! The good guys with guns need to be a police force that we trust. Hired and trained police have been the biggest safety net that we can have. So don't consider defunding the police. We, who in the country, have always known that the armed officers who are maintained long distances from us can't be

near if danger exists. So, most of us have had guns in our houses forever and know how to use them.

Now I need to address something that I know I am guilty of. Most of my life I've had guns all over the house. Under the bed, in the closet, in the PU. About 10 years ago I noticed that some mass shootings were happening because young people were finding unsupervised guns in family homes. I bought a gun safe. I must compliment many of my friends as they bought gun safes before I did. So today I have a large gun safe that only my wife and I only know the combination to. To be continued.

Alan Albers



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Statepoint Crossword
Theme: March Madness

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- Swings around
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- Hole-in-one
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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 26, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Adrian Harrel, Nextera Energy; Oleg Alba, Nextera Energy; David Beach, Schwab-Eaton.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Julie Lyon; Shanna Henry; Tammy

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater 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.

Larry Landwehr discussed Cunningham EMS and asked if there could be someone placed there to have a service on the west part of the County.

Chairman Henning discussed a pod cast that was suggested to him

to listen to and let them know he listened to it.

Chairman Henning discussed how important electric is for the daily use and also believes water is more important.

County Clerk submitted the February 20, 2024, County Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the February 20, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update. Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they have seen 1 dog bite that was reported just this last Friday.

Ms. Schwartz provided paperwork on management of Animals Exposed to Rabies and what individuals do if they have exposure to potentially rabid animals.

Ms. Schwartz went over the January 30, 2024 Inservice training that was held and the Red Cross Shelter training that was held February 16, 2024.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a bid from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$5,053.33 for the sealing of the windows at the Health Department Building.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Pratt Glass Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$5,053.33 by 3300.00 being covered by grant and state formula maybe paying the rest and if the state formula doesn't cover

it the County General will cover the remaining due. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted quotes from the following for fire protection at the Health Department Building:

PINNACLE Fire & Automation \$12,630.00
MARMIC Fire & Safety \$25,840.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a Fire System from PINNACLE Fire & Automation in the amount of \$12,630.00 with grant funds. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:45a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners returned to open session at 9:55 a.m. with no decision made.

Mike Dallman, Kansas Department of Revenue called in to the Commission meeting to discuss the 2023 Compliance review with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley asked that Mr. Dallman clarify that she is required to appraise by statute requirements.

Mr. Dallman said yes that there are statutes that Ms. Hartley is required to abide by when setting values.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Dallman that the Kingman County Appraiser's office is one of the best and they put their trust in them.

Adrian Harrel and Oleg Alba, Nextera Energy were in to discuss the reconstruction project and proposed haul routes.

Mr. Harrel let the Commissioners know that Nextera would prefer to leave the excess funds from the SW 70th damage with the County to cover any costs that may come about with the reconstruction project.

Mr. Harrel discussed that Kirkham Michael is looking at SW 80 St

and the road condition to maybe be a possible route.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and David Beach, Schwab-Eaton were in for the 2024 Surface Overlay RS 607 bid openings with the following bids received:

PEARSON 235 Calendar Days \$790,687.00

CONSPEC 110 Calendar Days \$1,026,240.00

APAC 30 Calendar Days \$848,209.82

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from PEARSON in the amount of \$790,687.00 as long as the Engineer finds all the documents in order. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed an upcoming match program and what percentage they would like to offer in the application process.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the contract for consulting services with Schwab-Eaton PA for Project RS 607 asphalt overlay on NW 50th beginning at N. Berry Ave. extending 4.0 miles east to NE 40th net fee is \$6,500.00 and the upper limit of compensation for the services detailed is \$46,500.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the City of Kingman water sampling of landfill wells set to start 2/26/24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:42 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:52 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:52 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners signed abatements.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2024-R16, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE 2023 YEAR-END BUDGET OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:09 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY AURORA DICK Deceased.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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 be granted Letters Testamentary. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 12, 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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Leonard Schnittker

Leonard L Schnittker (Len) was born on the 21st of June, 1935, in Wichita, Kansas. His final chapter came to a close on the 13th of February, 2024, in Brawley, California, after a valiant battle with cancer.



Len's story began in the heartland of America, where the values of hard work and commitment were instilled in him from a young age. He graduated from Cunningham High School, Pratt County Community College and Emporia State University with a degree in education.

He proudly served his country as a United States Marine where he was a member of the baseball team. His skill as a pitcher caught the eye of the Dodgers organization. It was while playing baseball in Great Falls, Mt, Len met Lola Garberg with whom he shared 63 years of marriage, a testament to their unbreakable bond.

After graduation, Len signed a contract with Brawley Union High School where he spent more than forty years as a teacher/coach. After retirement he assisted his daughter home school his four grandchildren; he also taught each grandchild many life lessons including how to drive. He often reflected that this experience brought him his greatest joy.

Len was a prolific reader, sports enthusiast and collected hunting and fishing equipment. Also, one of his great loves was officiating sports. He finally hung up his whistle at the age of 75.

Len was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Bess Schnittker and his brother Bill Schnittker.

Len is survived by his wife, Lola, his daughter, Alisa Cunningham (William), his grandchildren Taylor, Dallas, Jayden and Logan, his brother Allan (Louise), his sister Linda and his sister in law, Joann.

Len's life story encourages us to chase our dreams with vigor and to face our battles with courage. As we remember Len, let us carry forward the light shone as he walked with Jesus, and let it guide us in creating our own personal relationship with Christ.

Memorial service is scheduled for March 2, 2024 at 11 am at Frye Chapel, 799 S Brawley Ave, Brawley, CA. Reception to follow at Stockman's Club, 275 Marjorie Ave, Brawley, CA. All are welcome.

Mason Thome

Mason Alexander Thome passed peacefully in the arms of his loving parents on Sunday February 25, 2024.



Mason was born on August 17, 2023. During his six short months here on Earth he touched many lives and was loved deeply by family and friends.

His life was a brief gift to us that will live on as he is part of Genomic Answers for Kids. This is a research initiative with the Children's Mercy Research Institute to build a first-of-its-kind pediatric data repository to facilitate the search for answers and novel treatments for pediatric genetic conditions.

Mason is the son of Alexander and Delaney Thome of Overland Park, KS.

Mason is survived by his twin sister Madison and big sister Riley. His paternal grandparents are Jim and Janice Thome of Overland Park; and maternal grandparents Jeff and Lisa Pieper of Leawood. Mason is also survived by many aunts, including Great Aunts Janet Sterneker and Claren Lampe, uncles, cousins and friends.

A visitation and memorial service was held Friday, March 1, 2024 at Church of the Resurrection in the Wesley Chapel. in Leawood, Ks.

Bruce Timmons

Bruce S. Timmons, 75, died Feb. 26, 2024 at Anthony, Kansas.



He was born Nov. 2, 1948, at Kingman the son of Kenneth S. and Eleanor I. "Brownie" Fiegel Timmons.

A Zenda resident most of his life, he was a retired farmer and construction worker.

On May 15, 1993, he married Jeanette Spade at Zenda; she died June 1, 2023. He is survived by two nephews. He was also preceded in death by a sister Jennifer McKee.

A memorial service will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Zenda Methodist Church.

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