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"Old School" Project Prom Returns to CHS



The Cunningham Project Prom Advisory Board took advantage of our new school facilities and kicked it back old-school this year to host a Hunger Games themed all-nighter after prom party! With about 28 chaperones and 70 high school students, kids and adults all enjoyed a variety of games and activities indoors and out. Axe throwing and Nerf Wars filled the north parking lot while entertaining onlookers at the fire pit.

Wrecking ball and jousting inflatables were highlights in the gym, along with Crossnet volleyball, yard jenga, dart poker, and a host of other games.

An escape room challenged tired brains, and a fiery photo booth captured the fun. Our spacious new lobby and concession stand area gave us plenty of room for lots of prizes, table games, and a huge smorgasbord of donated food and drinks for the night.

Project Prom cannot happen without our generous sponsors and community support. We appreciate everyone who supported our fundraisers, donated prizes, and sponsored activities. THANK YOU for investing in USD 332 kids!

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 15, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart; Julie Lyon; Dakota Phillips; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Grace Schneider, Extension Agent; Mike Minton, Gallagher Benefits; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02 and Caller 03.

Staff: 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 said "Good Morning."

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds introduced her new deputy Naomi Dye to the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:37 a.m. to discuss the County's position in 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 8:47 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:47 a.m. with no decision made.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss a drug stamp fund to be established by resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2024-R6, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO ESTABLISH A DRUG STAMP TAX FUND. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman was in to let the Commissioners know that she will be going to State budget meeting.

Ms. Stegman let the Commissioners know that she will contact the City of Kingman to see if they have hired a new EMS Director yet for the budget discussion.

Dakota Phillips was in to discuss the back taxes that was owed on property that he purchased.

Commissioners would like to look into the property with the Treasurer and Appraiser.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the March financials with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners asked the County Clerk if she had gotten the Nextera bills figured out.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let them know that Nextera wanted the Kirkham Michael bills split out and put on County letterhead with a PO to be paid to the County to pay the Kirkham Michael bills.

Commissioners let the Clerk know that if she is having to do their paperwork then there should be an added 10% administrative fee placed on the PO to Nextera.

Ms. Stegman discussed putting \$5,000.00 into the flex spending account to cover the last three months of the year.

Commissioners agreed to place \$5,000.00 into the flex spending account.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Grace Schneider, Extension Agent were in to give a quarterly report of the programs they have done and will be doing.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the payment of enrollment fees to any county resident attending the Grant Writing Basics Online training. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Josh Beckman, Kirkham Michael was in with a engineering services agreement for the North Main Street concrete plans not to exceed \$33,000.00.

Mr. Beckman gave an update on work that Kirkham Michael is doing in the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the engineering services with Kirkham Michael for North Main not to exceed \$33,000.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Jeremy Gilson and Mike Minton, Gallagher Benefits were in to discuss the current claims analysis for Kingman County.

Commissioners discussed the payroll standards by the IRS for new employees and personnel record maintenance.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2024-R7, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS ESTABLISHING A NEW EMPLOYEE AND PERSONNEL RECORD MAINTENANCE, RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the April 8, 2024, County Commission minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the April 8, 2024, County Commission minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the concrete that needs to be repaired around the courthouse and sheriff's department buildings.

Commissioners would like to go out to bid for the concrete repairs.

Commissioners discussed the concrete work they would like to do by the old saddle and ropers building.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Thank You!



Loretta

Mary

Loretta

National Healthcare Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2024

We want to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our dedicated Ladies in Pink. These are the welcoming and supportive individuals you encounter during your specialty clinic appointments or hospital stays.

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Meanderings

I could have sworn I'd started a column for this week, but I can't find it. Who knows? It's technology. Which brings me to another complaint. I hate using Google docs. Just despise those programs. You have to have a Google email account to use them. I really, really

hate G-mail and avoid it. That being said, because I frequently have received documents through this program, I have several accounts. Why? Because I can never remember the account name and/or the password. It really ticks me off when so many programs require a Google account; what a monopoly.

And to top things off, I am probably going to need a new computer in the near future. UGH! I hate buying new computers. I understand next to nothing about them. Giga this and mega that and bytes and ram and all that nonsense makes my brain

hurt. My current computer is 10 years old, and just starting to make noises, you know, like our old joints when we try and move after sitting for a while. I've researched a bit on mini PCs. Those sound wonderful, but I'm not sure how well they'd work with the programs I use for this newspaper. This makes my brain cells hurt as well. And as if that isn't enough to tax the old noodle, there is the whole transferring of information from one machine to the other. (Okay, now I feel I need to lie down and rest the gray matter which lies somewhat dormant in my

skull.) Now, about the postage rates. Here are three things I can do to cut costs. 1. This summer cut the paper back to 10 pages. That doesn't save a lot in postage, but it cuts into the printing bill significantly and then I could use that money towards the postage bill. 2. I can cease sending renewal notices, and just, I guess, highlight your expiration date on your mailing label when the time to renew gets close. I currently send renewal notices out the second to the last Thursday of each month (about six weeks ahead of the due date). I

would still have to send renewal notices for gift subscriptions (that's no big deal). If I don't receive payment when the due date passes, I would send out a renewal then. I spend an average of \$30.00 a month on postage for renewal notices. (soon to be more than \$30.00), which over the course of the year, really adds up. 3. It's been 2 years since I raised advertising costs. That is another possibility. I wouldn't raise it by much, 50 cents per column inch. That raises a bit of extra money. Advertising really is what supports this paper, but

when the postage is figured, I have to report the percentage of advertising in the paper and it's figured into the postage. These are ideas. Not sure which will actually happen or when.

The easiest one would be the non-mailing of the renewal notices. I'll keep you posted on decisions. Maybe wait to see how much the postage goes up....

too many decisions! Always reading, and currently reading, "Quiet as a Nun" by Antonia Fraser, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

I am fortunate that most nights before I fall asleep I can say, "Today was a good day." Though I try not to take the blessings in life for granted, I don't always remember all the specific events which, on balance, fill my daylight hours with more wonder than strife. But this past week I had a stroke of luck that transformed a run of the mill morning into an unfor-

gettable day. I found a morel mushroom on my first "hunt."

I've long loved eating storebought mushrooms. But my culinary fiascos have never involved attempts to serve fungi I've spotted in the yard. I'd also heard of morels, but figured I'd need to win the lottery to afford trying this highly prized and priced delicacy. Then last Spring a neighbor told me he'd had found BUNCHES of them.

This guy is a good friend and like a big brother. And a few weeks ago when I asked if I

could tag along when he went morel hunting, I really thought he meant "no," when he said "maybe." So he super-duper surprised me the other morning by showing up to ask if me if I wanted to go. He even waited patiently for half an hour for me to get my jeans tucked into my boots and find where I'd stored last summer's leftover Off Deep Woods Insect Repellent.

As we drove to a location I'm not allowed to disclose, my guide called to confirm permission to "hunt" on the owner's

land. Then he asked if I knew what to look for and grinned widely when I said I'd joined a Kan. Morel Hunters group on social media. He told me not to get my hopes up because things were so dry we were likely to end up emptyhanded. With my eyes peeled on the ground, I followed his footsteps over what was barely a crick into a thicket.

Two minutes later, I spotted a yellow honeycombed mushroom at the base of a tree. But since it was a 4 inch round medallion, not conical like

morels I'd seen, I called my guide back. He stared at it for a long time, took off his cap and rubbed his chin. He'd never seen one like that either but couldn't think what else it could be. And once he determined the entire stem was hollow, he told me he was pretty sure it was a morel.

Then he added it might be good idea for me get my "group" to confirm it before I ate it. Which I did. When I got home after another hour and a half of us hunting, finding only calf bones and deer antlers but not even one

single other mushroom, I thanked him repeatedly, and every time he'd smile, shake his head and say, "Beginner's luck."

For the record, I DIDN'T cook it. I was afraid I'd mess it up so a more experienced chef sauteed it with butter and fresh garlic. And it was beyond delicious with an indescribable texture (more like a steak than a mushroom.) Beginner's luck I'll take that every time.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Nonpartisan Rant against Partisanship

I remember the first time I participated in a presidential election. The next day, an acquaintance asked me who I'd voted for and I made the mistake of telling her. I was young, naive and still under the impression that we lived in a free country where everyone could vote as they wished. How wrong I was.

She scolded and criticized me and promised to hold me personally responsible for any harm

that befell this great nation from that day forward. I was so ashamed that I begged her forgiveness and promised to ask her advice before the next election. No I didn't.

I realized then that all of us are the most open to hearing another person's opinion when it's exactly like ours. It was the first of many lessons I've learned about partisanship. Here are some others:

1) If everyone I know agrees with me on every issue, either I don't have enough friends or the ones I have are afraid to speak their minds around me. I was once at an event where another guest suggested we all go out shooting people from the political party he was not affiliated with.

He was joking—I think. But I noticed no one else mentioned their party affiliation.

2) I can't change anyone's mind—unfortunately. But then no one can change mine either. Several years ago, an acquaintance asked me how I planned to vote in the upcoming election. Having learned from the previously-mentioned experience, I mumbled my answer and prepared to take cover if necessary. But instead of criticizing me, this woman said gently, "Let me educate you." Those were her exact words. Being open minded, I said, "I'd love that. Let's have lunch and talk. I'll buy." No I didn't.

Occasionally, we change our mind. Our thinking evolves as we

take in new information. But I don't think we ever change our mind because someone tries to "educate" us. And I know for certain we never change it because someone calls us a boneheaded nitwit on Facebook.

3) We should never behave as badly as the people we think behave badly—in other words, those from the other party. I know of a columnist who was shoved against the wall with a shopping cart by a man who disagreed with her politics. I don't know why he didn't just stop reading her column.

Her first instinct was to pull out her phone and pretend to video him, though she was too upset to actually do it. It was a good strategy and one I'll

use if I'm ever attacked by someone who doesn't like what I write. The guy stomped away rather than have his behavior show up on YouTube. The funny thing is, I bet he thinks she's the one who's a danger to society.

4) People don't need my permission to believe what they believe, though I really wish they did. I know a man who, after being followed closely for several blocks, pulled his car over to see if there was a problem. Two men got out of the other car and strongly suggested he remove his political bumper sticker. Fortunately that's all they did. In case you're wondering, he didn't take their advice, and I bet he doesn't check with them before he gets another one either.

I've always thought that if people of different viewpoints worked together, things could be better for everybody. But maybe that's just something I heard on Sesame Street.

It's worth a try though. Let's you and I rise above the fray and respect other people—foolish as they may be. Let's never take for granted how wonderful it is to live in a land where everyone can think what they think. At least for now.

(Dorothy Rosby is the author of three books of humorous essays including Alexa's a Spy and Other Things to Be Ticked off About, Humorous Essays on the Hassles of Our Time. Contact drosby@rushmore.com.)

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Trying to write a poem? Go for a walk By Joseph Bruchac

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Joseph Bruchac, who lives in Greenfield Center, New York. Joe has been writing since his 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Monthony, praised one of his poems. Over the years he has written in just about every genre, but poetry — especially related to nature — remains his

first love. One of his favorite books to write was "Code Talker," which gave Joe the unforgettable privilege of working with actual Navajo Code Talkers while writing and researching it. A unique fact about Joseph Bruchac is that he and his wife, Nicola Marae Alain, are licensed wildlife rehabilitators. Joe says that he has petted everything from mountain lions and eagles to wild turkeys and porcupines (carefully). ~ David L. Harrison

Walking — and talking — a poem

Walking has always been for me not just exercise but also a source of inspiration for poetry.

Almost every morning, no matter the weather, I walk with my dog along the abandoned log road just down the hill from our cabin in the Adirondack foothills. I pay close attention to the things around me, using my eyes and my ears, feeling the ground under my feet. And, although my sense of smell is nowhere near that of my dog, it's also often a powerful source of information for me, a link to both experience and memory.

I take my cell phone with me for two reasons. Sometimes it's to snap a picture of some sight that strikes me, a visual image I might create a poem about — perhaps as short as a haiku or something longer.

I also use my cell phone for another purpose — dictation. Instead of pausing to write in a notebook, I say the words that come to me into my phone and send them to myself by email. Then, when I get back home, I open that text on my computer and work on revision.

I remind young writers — who sometimes find it hard to put words down on paper — that they can do what I do every day. Create a poem of their own just

by talking it into their phone. Over the last several years, I have written hundreds of poems that way, as well as an entire novel in verse called "Rez Dogs."

Today, as a first winter snow of winter was melting away, the sight of deer tracks inspired me to dictate this poem.

In the Snow

Deer tracks in the snow show me where it turned and leapt As it caught my scent. Tracks can tell us many things — where we have been, where we should go, sometimes, which ways to avoid. follow tracks, tracks follow us. Be careful of the ones we leave.

Since his first publication over sixty years ago in a student literary magazine at Cornell University, Joseph Bruchac's poems, stories, and essays have appeared in hundreds of magazines and anthologies. His experiences include directing a college program in a maximum security prison for eight years and three years of volunteer teaching in West Africa. He co-founded with his late wife Carol of the Greenfield Review Press, a pioneer in diverse publishing. His over 180 books range from picture books and plays to poetry collections and novels. He and his two sons, James and Jesse, direct the Ndashinna Education Center on their 90-acre family nature preserve teaching outdoor awareness, indigenous survival skills, animal tracking, Native language, and martial arts.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, April 25 5th Grade Ag Safety Day *** JH Track at Fairfield	Wednesday, May 1 Play Day *** WKCEF Meeting *** Site Council *** Book Club
Friday, April 26 9:00 a.m. 4th grade Wax Museum display *** HS Track at Stafford	Thursday, May 2 Athletic and Awards Banquet
Saturday, April 27 HS State Music	Friday, May 3 HS Track at Bucklin
Monday, April 29 5:00 p.m. City Council Meeting *** 7:00 p.m. Spring Music Program	Monday, May 6 Senior Sneak Day *** 7:00 p.m. PreK - 5th grade Music Program
Tuesday, April 30 HS Track at Jetmore *** JH Track at Norwich	Thursday, May 9 HS Track at Pretty Prairie *** JH Track at Pretty Prairie

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The 4th Grade Wax Museum 2024

The 4th Grade Wax Museum on Friday, April 26th, 2024. Come one come all, anyone and everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun! The experience will take you back in time to learn a lot about history at the Wax Museum. You will learn about famous people such as Abraham Lincoln, Wilt Chamberlain, Beatrix Potter, Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson, Eugen Sandow, the Strongest Man in the World, Kobe Bryant, Betsy Ross, Martina McBride, Amelia Earhart, Charles Schulz, Queen Elizabeth, Franklin Roosevelt, Anne Frank, John Deere, Dolly Parton, and Sacagawea. The Wax Museum will take place in the High School Gym on Friday, April 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. This is a come-and-go event so you may drop by anytime.

SCTelcom to Host FGN Kansas Clash, a Statewide Virtual Rocket League Tournament

Medicine Lodge, Kansas – SCTelcom is proud to announce its role as a Community Host for the upcoming FGN Kansas Clash, a statewide virtual esports tournament featuring Rocket League. The tournament will take place from May 31-June 2, 2024, and will be open to gamers in communities with a participating Community Host.

The FGN Clash Series - Kansas Event will feature a 3 vs. 3 format and will be played in a single-elimination structure. Players will compete for a prize purse totaling \$5,000. The breakdown of the prize money is as follows:

- First Place: \$2,400
- Second Place: \$1,200
- Third Place: \$900
- Fourth Place: \$500

To be eligible to participate, players must not be current RLCS players, and at least one team member must live at an address serviceable by a Community Host or attend a school sponsored by a Community Host. Participants must also be 13 years of age or older.

“We are thrilled to host the FGN Kansas Clash and provide an exciting opportunity for local gamers to showcase their skills,” said Carla Shearer, CEO. “Many local gamers play and compete on our fiber internet network, and we are excited to see them take on gamers across Kansas in this tournament.”

Registration for the tournament is open now and closes on May 24, 2024. Gamers interested in participating can learn more and register at fibergamingnetwork.com/kansasclash.

About SCTelcom: SCTelcom is a leading telecommunications provider dedicated to empowering residents and businesses in rural areas. They are committed to building vibrant, connected communities through innovative SmartLife services.

About Fiber Gaming Network: The FGN Clash Series is hosted by Fiber Gaming Network, a platform that enables fiber providers to leverage esports to bring added value to gamers and build relationships with local schools. FGN is owned and operated by DxTEL, a broadband marketing company that serves over 200 internet providers across North America.

Upcoming Auctions
Sat, April 27, 2024 Consignment
Auction, 9:30am, Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

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1929

April 26 – The Armour Cream Station, operated by W. H. Nighswonger, closed this week. The Cozens Cream Station will move into the building vacated by the other cream station.

Cunningham Rural High School track team took first in a quadrangular meet here, Tuesday afternoon. Coats, Sawyer, and Cullison finished behind Cunningham in that order. High point man for the meet was Cunningham's Darrel Kelly, who took first in the broad jump, shot put, and discus throw.

1934

April 27 – Miss Carrie Poland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poland of this city, and Mr. Vernon Fitzsimmons, son of Mrs. Minnie Fitzsimmons of the Cairo community, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents.

The Skelly Oil company is nearing completion of their gasoline plant and compressor station on the Frank Miles land northwest of Cunningham.

John Shelman says that those who wish to fish at his lake east of town must get permission to do so.

1939

April 28 – Skelly Oilers, Cunningham's softball team entry in the Kingman County Softball League, will play their first league contest against the Kingman Odd Fellows next Friday night on the local diamond. A new well-lighted field has been constructed on lots west of the City Building. Members of the local team are Ferd Burnett, Rev. Russell Towry, Francis Bretz, Bill Schafer, Albert Cannon, Kenneth Lea, Sherman Kincheloe, James Theis, Jack Jackard, Donald Huhman, Junior Schafer, and Raymond Shrum. Paul Confer is the manager.

The Cunningham Theatre began operation this week under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heck of Augusta, who purchased the theatre from Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGeorge.

The Miller Market and Dew Drop Inn, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Miller, moved across the street this week into the corner business property in the Ratcliff Hotel, formerly operated by the Cunningham Café.

1944

publication suspended

1949

April 29– New officers of the Ninescah Study Club are Mrs. Roy Wetherall, President, and Mrs. Roy McGeorge Jr., Vice-President.

The Knights of Columbus Lodge at St. Leo started construction this week on a new lodge hall.

1954

April 29 – Cunningham High School's medley relay team placed fifth and Billy DeWeese took fourth place in the discus throw among the high school's track team entries in the Hutchinson Invitational Track Meet last Saturday. Members of the medley relay team are LeRoy Schnittker, Fred Adelhardt, John Pelzl, and Victor Becker.

In a phone call to Pricipal John Harper, Thursday evening, Sponsor Roy Greenlee stated that the Senior Class had arrived safely at their Colorado Springs, Colo., destination that afternoon without accident or incident. They will return home Tuesday evening.

1959

April 30 – Construction progress at the site of the new Co-op elevator in Cunningham finds the scales being installed at the office building while the Dodson Construction Company is busy erecting the office building a storage room. On the elevator proper, the Chalmers and Borton Construction Company is erecting a 40-foot high headhouse atop the nine bins.

About half of the new bridge across the Ninescah River north of town has been completed by the Diamond Engineering Company. After finishing the south half of the bridge, they will begin work on the north side.

The Pratt Glass Company began installing the doors and windows at the new post office building, Thursday.

The Cunningham Rural High School Music Department's three entries received fine ratings at the State Music Festival in Dodge City last Saturday. No. I Ratings were received by Mary Leiter (piano) and Keith Welch (alto saxophone), and Carolyn Meyers (girl's high voice) received a No. II Rating.

1964

April 30– Kingman County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Mamie Longnecker received a letter last

Friday from Adel Throckmorton, State Superintendent of Schools, stating he had unconditionally approved the two-district school unification plan submitted last month by the county planning board.

Residents of the county will vote on the proposal, June 2.

The Doty property in the south part of town, brick residence and all household goods, was sold at public auction last Wednesday, bringing a nostalgic end to a member of the Doty family living or owning property in Cunningham for many many years. Paul Beck of Hutchinson purchased the house, and plans to occupy the property in the near future. Roy Lewis bought the west lots which border on his present home property.

Twenty students were named to the Honor Roll for the fifth six-weeks period of the 1963-1964 school term at Cunningham Rural High School, according to the office of Supt. of Schools Will Seacat.

On the Honor Roll are Kay Kaster, Jim Cain, Mary Bridges, Duane Schnittker, Charles Ridge, Marguerite Lindemann, Debby Sheldon, Mary Thimesch, Sue Graves, Gerald Schnittker, Rita Theis, Gladys Voss, Charles Dafforn, Mary Lou England, Linda Schnittker, Vicky DeLaRosa, Linda Sallee, Monti Miles, Joyce Malan, Tim Cain. Receiving Honorable Mention are Mary Cusenbary, Jeanne Lackey, and Lloyd Gridley.

1969

May 1 – Diane Albers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Albers of Cunningham, and Gary Wegerer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer, also of Cunningham, exchanged marriage vows in a 1:00 o'clock ceremony performed last Saturday afternoon, April 26, at St. Leo's Church. Fr. Michael Lies, pastor, officiated.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange was held in the Cunningham School Gym-Auditorium, Saturday evening.

Roy Wetherall of Cunningham, was re-elected to the exchange's board of directors.

Lee DeWeese has leased the West Café from Mrs. Irene Ellis, and reopened the establishment for business Tuesday evening.

He has closed his variety, hardware, and grocery business, downtown, and is seeking a buyer for the building, fixtures, and merchandise.

A head-on crash of two automobiles, a mile and a half east of St. Leo shortly after 7:00 o'clock Saturday evening, killed two young men of the St. Leo community. Fatally injured in the collision were Larry Albers, 21, and Ellis Brown, 29.

At their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening, the City Council approved the plans of the Cunningham City Planning Commission for the summer program, which includes women's physical education, the baseball program, arts and crafts, and men's horseshoe pitching.

Also authorized was the plan for the establishment of a youth center in the building donated to the city by Mrs. Bess Hauser. Ivan Cain will serve as chairman for the Youth Center Committee, and will be in charge of all work in renovating the building for this purpose. Other committee members are Dwayne Elliott, Albert McGovney, Mrs. Kent Williamson, and Mrs. Edwin Steffen.

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
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1974

May 2- On April 26 at the Sacred Heart hall, the Cunningham juniors hosted the annual banquet and prom. The them was "Pieces of April." There were 85 guests, which were Seniors, faculty members, and school board members.

The Board of Education of Unified School District 332 is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Vernon Newman to the principalship of the Cunningham Attendance Center for the coming 1974-75 school year.

Mr. Newman is a native of Ringwood, Oklahoma. His undergraduate degree was earned at Northwestern State College at Alva, Oklahoma in 1959 and his masters degree from Fort Hays in 1970.

He has had 11 years of teaching experience and is presently principal of the high school in Gorham, Kansas.

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Cunningham sometime this summer after housing is obtained.

Cunningham Grade School participated in the Sharon Invitational Track Meet on April 18th and placed 4th in the boys' division and 6th in the girls' division. Other teams at the meet were Medicine Lodge, Norwich, Nashville-Zenda, Skyline, Attica and the host team, Sharon.

The seniors of CHS and their two sponsors, Mrs. Eva Cundiff and Mr. Dennis Stephan traveled to Wichita on Friday, April 26 for their skip day. The Seniors gathered at Frontier Lanes in the morning and Joyland in the afternoon to enjoy many of the recreational activities provided. The seniors enjoyed a movie in the evening before returning home.

Hilltop: Mrs. Virginia Gray and Forest Cessna went to Nashville Monday to consult with Dr. T.L. Waylon.

Pastor Dennis Hogue of Wichita conducted a song and worship service at the home for the Penalosa Church of Christ Group. Others in the group were Clifford Ardis Hansen and Mrs. Leta Sallee, all of Penalosa.

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Editor: Scott Newton
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

May 3 – John and Debbie Shelman has announced the birth of Trevor Eugene Shelman. He was born May 2 at the Pratt Regional Medical Center. The grandparents are Marvin and Marie Shelman, Pratt, former Cunningham residents, Lavonne Quin, Great Bend, and John Elsen, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Donald and Nora Shorock announce the birth of a son April 11, 1979, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Larned. He weighed 8 pounds and has been named Thomas Alan.

The Annual Kayette Mother-Daughter Banquet was held April 30, 1979, in the high school auditorium. The program was sponsored by both the Kayette Organization and the Home Ec. Department. The banquet began with a prayer by Nancy Albers.

Gifts were presented to Kayettes of the Month by Karen Cornelius. Girls receiving these gifts were Annette Freund, Bonita Thornhill, Mary Depenbusch, Bonnie Fischer, Pam Simon, Deb Mills, and Naola Thimesch. Annette Freund also received a gift for being awarded Kayette of the year.

The second half o the agenda included a style show presented by the C.H.S. Home Ec Department. Many attractive and well-constructed garments were modeled by the girls and boys who are enrolled in Home Living.

1984

May 3 - Colleen Eck of Sharon was the honoree of a miscellaneous bridal shower April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. She was assisted in the opening of her many lovely gifts by Linda Kerschen and Kristie Kerschen.

Helen Rose was an evening caller at the home of Goldie Cunningham and Danny on Saturday. She attended the Fischer-Conrady wedding on Saturday also.

The student council of Cunningham High School would like to invite members of the community to a car wash on Saturday, May 5 at the Cunningham High School from 1 to 6 p.m.

Joe Harbert of Penalosa, Kansas, is a 1983-84 member of the students government at Kansas Newman College in Wichita.

A junior at the college, Harbert served as Commisen Senator. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Harbert of Penalosa, Kansas.

Bob Renner continues to receive observation and treatment at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita following a serious accident Saturday night.

Vicky de la Rosa Moots, graduate from CHS in 1965, is currently enrolled at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at Fort Worth, Texas. Vicky decided to continue her education in 1978, when she enrolled in Hutchinson Community College to fulfill her lifelong ambition to be a doctor.

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Lance Flemming

Lance Erwin Flemming, 66, passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at Diversicare in Hutchinson. He was born on May 9, 1957 in Pratt to Junius Reed and Vanetta Mae (Martin) Flemming.



Lance graduated from Pratt High School in 1976. In his early years, Lance was a farmer for John Dauner, Robert Greenstreet and Gale Bolen and worked at Western Auto for Rufus Stennet as a technician putting together bikes and anything that needed built. He worked as a Meter Reader for the City of Pratt for 25 years until retiring in 2021. He was a member of Second Baptist Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher. He would take his nieces and nephews to church every Sunday and treated them to lunch afterward. He was HAM Radio Operator and kept his license current. He enjoyed reading, farming, studying gardening, working and studying electrical engineering and built his first computer. He was a very humble and kind hearted man. Lance was also very proud of his family that served in the military, father, Junius; brothers, Ralph, Martin, Van, Brad and Guy; and sisters in-law, Sandra and Mary.

He is survived by his siblings, Judy Tomlin of Denver, Colorado, Cynthia Flemming and Pennie Nafisa, Martin (Mary) Flemming all of Pratt, Guy (Kathryn) Flemming of Mt. Holly, North Carolina, Brad (Darby) Flemming, Van (Sandra) Flemming and Shawn Flemming all of Pratt; and many loved nieces and nephews.

Lance is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Junius Ralph Flemming and Larry Minnis; and sister, Irene Roberts.

Family will have a Celebration of Life at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 26, 2024 at Second Baptist Church in Pratt. A Graveside service will follow at 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 26, 2024 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt with Pastor Perry Johnson presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Darrel Henke

Darrel K. Henke, 81, Preston, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 16, 2024, surrounded by his family at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita.

He was born on October 21, 1942 in Beatrice, Nebraska to Rohlan and Mary (Gadow) Henke.

He was raised in and around the town of Western, Nebraska.

He graduated from Western High School in 1960. He received his pre-secondary education Associates Degree from Fairbury Junior College. He also attended the University of Nebraska and was a lifelong Husker fan.

Early in his work career he was a general manager for Hested's and Gibson's Stores in various locations in Nebraska, South Dakota and Colorado. In 1975, he took a giant leap of faith and purchased his own business. He moved his family of 9 from Lamar, Colorado to Pratt where he became the proud owner of the local Daylight Donuts. This was a very successful venture and provided for his family for 31 years until his retirement. Darrel enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, woodworking and watching Husker football. He could always be seen sporting his Nebraska jacket and ball cap. He loved to attend his children and grandchildren sporting events.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Addeanna (Schlagor) Henke; children, William (Masako) McChesney III of Ferris, Texas, David Henke of Wichita, Kevin Henke of Vevay, Indiana, Katherine (Todd) Wagner of Benton, Steven (Christy) Henke of Preston and Alicia (Tony) Shumway of Pratt; grandchildren, Alec McChesney, Ellen McChesney, Matthew (Josie) Barnes, Samuel Henke, Meggan (Brad) Brinkley, Jessica (Brian) Hollingshead, Austin (Megan) Wagner, Kylie Brown, Chance (Tiffany) Henke, Sydney Henke and Kaleb Shumway; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings, Beverly McCoy, Diane Henke, Doyle (Cheryl) Henke and Beth Jayne (John) Wilkinson; son in-law, Robert Barnes; brother in-law,



Gary Ellefson; numerous nieces and nephews; and his Hilltop Manor family.

Darrel was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Denise Barnes; and sister, Brenda Ellefson.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt with Reverend Kendal Utt presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, in care of Larrison Mortuary, to be used for continuing resident activities that were very important to Darrel during his residency there.

Gary Cromer

Gary Neal Cromer, 90, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on April 4, 1934 in Coats to John Franklin and Susan Mercedes (Downtain) Cromer. Gary married Ruby Jean (Heape) Cromer on November 26, 1953 in Pratt. They were married for 70 years.



Gary graduated from Sawyer High School in 1951. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. Afterward, he went on to earn his Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Kansas State University in 1963. He was the owner/operator of Capitol Airlines, a commercial airline and charter business in Manhattan until he purchased Cromer Ranch Inc in Belvidere in 1976. He was on the Board of Directors at First National Bank. He enjoyed investing money, researching investments, traveling and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Jean Cromer; children, Ruby D (Richard) Kendall of Wichita, Stacia (Michael) Jacobs of Belvidere, Marla S. Cromer of Pratt and Gary (Victoria) Cromer Jr. of Olathe; brother, John (Patricia) Cromer of Pratt; sister, Ann Wegele of Albuquerque, New Mexico; grandchildren, Melissa (Jeremy) Martin, Joseph (Kimberly) Kendall, Michael (Penelope) Kendall, Matthew (Sarah) Kendall, Danielle (Amy) Jacobs, William (David Weiler) Cromer and Rebecca Cromer; seven great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Donald and Samuel Cromer; sister, Kathryn Emerson; and grandson, Joshua Jacobs.

A private family graveside service with Navy Honors was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 19, 2024 at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to South Wind Home in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

The Frog and the Leper

By Melanie Kerr

Rumour has it
There's a princess
Kissing frogs
In the park
So I'm hopping over
Armed with faith
That with a kiss
This frog can be transformed

I skip
Betwixt bike and bus
Squealing brakes
And strident horns
Mind the dog
And the kid with the skateboard
I think about the kiss
And how my life will change

A rumour – nothing more
Not a princess
Just a girl called Janet
In a pink sparkly dress
She has no power
To change me
A kiss perhaps but
No transformation

Rumour has it
There's a man
Healing lepers
In Capernaum
So I'm stumbling over
Armed with faith
That with a touch
I can be transformed

I stagger
Betwixt hope and despair
Freezing fears
And promised possibilities
Mind the dog
And the kid with the stones
I think about the touch
And how my life will change

Rumour? No – but real truth
There is a man
Jesus of Nazareth
God clothed in human flesh, I think
He has the power
To change me
One touch
And I am forever transformed



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

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CHS Seniors and Parents: I need Senior Information for the Spotlight Pages!!! Please get it to me A.S.A.P.

CHS Track Team at Norwich

Congratulations to the Boys for their 2nd place finish at this tough 14 team meet. Boys had several injuries and several scratches throughout and still finished well. Good job!

-Coach Kerschen



Molly Morgan photos



Andrew Schultz; long jump
13' .75"



Sean Kostner; triple jump
26' 7"



Ada Adams; triple jump
29' 6.75" 5th place



Kendall Rogers; high jump
5' 0" 3rd place



Maranda Lohrke hurdles
20.37



Skyler Thimesch pole vault
12' 5" 2nd place

"At the Olympic Games, it isn't the most beautiful or strongest who are crowned, but those who compete."

— Aristotle

"And I wondered if hurdlers ever thought, you know, 'This would go faster if we just got rid of the hurdles.'"

— John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*

"There are many people who could be Olympic champions. All-Americans who have never tried. I'd estimate more than 5 million people could have beaten me in the pole vault the years I won it... at least 5 million. Men that were stronger, bigger and faster than I was could have done it, but they never picked up a pole, never made the feeble effort to pick their legs off the ground trying to get over the bar."

— Bob Richards - pole vaulter two-time Olympic Gold Medalist

CJH Track Team Performs Well at Burrton

Results from Burrton JH track.

All the kids performed and behaved exceptional. I was proud of their character and how they supported one another on and off the track.

8th Division Girls placed 5th out of 7 teams

7th Division Girls placed 1st

7th Division Boys placed 1st

8th Division Boys place 1st



Wheat Scoop: National Wheat Yield Contest: Entries Open Until May 15

Catch a break from Mother Nature with moisture this winter? Have a sweet spot with an excellent stand thanks to perfect planting and growth conditions? Kansas Wheat encourages growers with renewed enthusiasm for this year's harvest to enter the ninth annual National Wheat Yield Contest, which is

accepting entries now until May 15 for winter wheat categories.

"We are so thrilled to launch this new website where contestants will find it easier to enter, even using their cell phones," said Anne Osborne, NWF yield contest director, in a press release. "The data analysis is improved on this new website, so we can continue to share production practices that lead to winning yields and top quality."

The National Wheat Yield Contest is organized by the National Wheat Foundation. The 2024 categories include irrigated winter wheat, dryland winter wheat, irrigated spring wheat and

dryland spring wheat. The contest will name 26 national winners, including state winners. All national winners will receive a trip to the 2025 Commodity Classic to be held March 2-4, 2025, in Denver.

Contest fields must be at least five continuous acres planted with professionally produced, certified, branded and newly purchased wheat seed. The field must be verified by a third-party supervisor during harvest of the contest field. Entries cost \$100, with vouchers available from contest sponsors.

Contest rules also require growers to retain a 10-pound sample of

grain from their entry, which will be milled, baked and evaluated for quality if the entry places nationally. For each class, the three highest ranking samples for quality will be recognized and awarded an additional \$250.

In last year's contest, William Noll of Winchester had the top yields for both dryland and irrigated winter wheat categories. His dryland entry of AgriMaxx 516 soft red winter wheat yielded 103.99 bushels per acre, while his irrigated entry of AgriMaxx 505 soft red winter wheat yielded 121.1 bushels per acre. Second prize in the state's dryland winter wheat category was

awarded to Matt Grabbe of Hays with a sample of WestBred WB4792 that yielded 79.18 bushels per acre, the same variety with which he won third place in the previous year's contest.

Partnering sponsors for the 2024 National Wheat Yield Contest include WestBred, John Deere, BASF, U.S. Wheat Associates, The McGregor Company, Croplan, Limagrain, Ardent Mills, AgriMaxx, Bushel, DynaGro, Eastman, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, Mennel, North Carolina Small Grains, Ohio Corn & Wheat, Siemer Milling Company, U.S.G.,

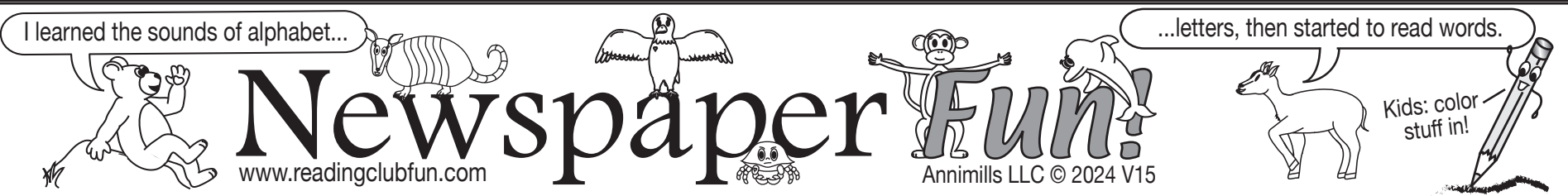
Grain Craft, Kansas Wheat, Miller Milling, Montana Grain Growers Association, ND Mill & Elevator and PlainsGold. DTN/Progressive Farmer is the competition's official media outlet.

Growers have until May 15 to submit their entries. Enter the National Wheat Yield Contest or learn more about the contest at: wheatcontest.org Kansas entrants must be members in good standing of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, so renew your membership today at kswheat.com/ KAWG.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, April 14	
Traffic Stop	1
Sign Down	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11, Kingman
Miscellaneous	100 Blk S Orange St, Penalosa
Monday, April 15	
Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	9
Disabled Vehicle	SE 150 St & E Hwy 2, Kingman
Fraud	13000 Blk SE Main Ave, Rago
Miscellaneous	500 Blk N Four Wheel Dr., Kingman
Tuesday, April 16	
Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	1
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	NW 150 Ave & NW 50 St, Cunningham
Fraud	13000 Blk SE Main Ave, Rago
Traffic Complaint	NW 10 St & NW 50 Ave, Kingman
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Abandoned Vehicle	SW 170 Ave & Hwy 54 Cunningham
Check Welfare	NE 30 St & NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Wednesday, April 17	
Traffic Stop	27
Civil Paper Service	2
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
Court Security	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Suspicious Person	16000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
Thursday, April 18	
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Suspicious Person	200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
Harassment	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Citizen Assist	600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	400 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	200 Blk E Don Lock Dr, Kingman
Check Welfare	400 Blk W 1st Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Friday, April 19	
Traffic Stop	4
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Medical	300 Blk N Henderson St, Cunningham
Alarm	16000 Blk SW 10 St, Cunningham
Harassment	200 Blk S Parkway, Norwich
Follow Up	600 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	E B Ave & N Pine St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	200 Blk E 4th St, Cunningham
Follow Up	1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Saturday, April 20	
Follow Up	1300 Blk N Boardwalk, Milton
Suspicious Person	12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Injury Accident	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	NW 10 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
Follow Up	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Domestic	200 Blk W 1st Ave, Norwich
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Civil Standby	200 Blk W 1st Ave, Norwich



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- book of words and their meanings
- the classics make for good _____
- words of a language; a list of words
- printed pages bound between two covers
- 26 letters, A-Z
- the order of letters that make up a word
- a way to teach reading by learning the sounds of letters or groups of letters
- person at home who reads with you
- helps people find information and books
- reading begins for most people when they use their _____ to see printed words
- a person trained to help children learn how to read
- what one needs to do every day to get better at something

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Fantasy

The Beagle

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How many words can you find that have 3 or more syllables? Circle them.

Lots of people are reading text messages on their cell phones.

Books are so tasty!

I love to read the newspaper.

QUIZZES & POLLS

What kind of pets do you like?

Magazine

RECIPES

Ice Cream Sundries

Forest's Diary

Best Books

Spooky Mystery

Advent In The Woods

Fun at the Library!

prizes 1

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party reading 10

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Read the clues to fill in the crossword with library reading fun:

- activities planned
- pages of words bound
- the main idea
- enjoying written stories
- rewards and treats
- fun gathering of friends
- tales being read aloud
- series of pictures on screen
- discussions of books
- lists of books read

magazine calendar test report card

GPS lunch menu

book comics sports scores

letter poetry text messages

map musical notes

Ask a grownup if you can sign up at the library for the summer reading program and lots of other summer fun!

Find and circle our reading list above:

What Do You Read?

E U S A K R Z R A X I H X F Y Y R

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C W S U M S E G A S S E M T X E T

I know, I know...there are so many great things to read at the library - so Off to the Library We Go!

A science fiction book will dooooo! I like pecking through mysteries, too.

Can you help Pop Rooster guide his chicks to the library?

We love the library!

Yup!

Town Library

(Answers on page 10)

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 15, 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 and Lori Voss, county clerk. Mark Graber, IT director, was absent.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development/COVID consultant, stated Economic Development

Authority met last week and approved the incentive funds for G3 Enterprises for the property last known as Woody's. They worked on call back provisions that can be enforced and have to provide documentation for these incentive funds. She reported the Pratt Area Childcare is contacting local contractors getting bids. They sold all the tax credits that were available. Money for the Sawyer gas line is in the budget, but has not been signed by the governor.

Thad Henry, Charmaine Swanepoel, Paula Blasi, Kent Goyen

and Doug Knight, from the Pratt Historical Museum, presented the budget for 2025. They would like an increase from \$45,000 to \$52,000. They gave an update on activities at the museum. They are wanting a nice meeting room with a small kitchen area.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented the bids from AR Roofing and Mainstream Roofing LLC at 409 S. Main Street. Commissioner Adams made a motion

to approve the amended bid from AR Roofing of \$12,236.40 for the roof at 409 S Main Street. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson asked for authority to file the delinquent tax foreclosure lawsuit. Commissioner Jones made a motion to give authority to Tyson to file the delinquent tax foreclosure lawsuit. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the road crossing at 60016 NE 100th Street for SC Telcom. Commissioner

Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road, stated Mark Graber had contacted him about switching the road shop phone/internet from AT&T to SC Telcom for a cost of \$4100. He was given approval.

He stated PCC is going to have CDL (commercial drivers license) classes and he has a few employees wanting to attend.

He would like to pay for the cost of the class and have an agreement with the employee to stay for a certain number of years. Tyson will contact the city and discuss their

procedure for obtaining CDLs. The commissioners will discuss and make a decision at a later date.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for April 15, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Plastic and the Planet

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

I couldn't help but think of the Folger's coffee cans around my grandparent's house when I saw "Planet vs. Plastics," the slogan for Earth Day

this year. There was always a can in the kitchen near the percolator ready to brew a fresh pot. Once emptied, the cans were repurposed in the basement, garage and barn for a whole host of other purposes, ranging from simple storage to cleaning paint brushes. On the Fourth of July, my cousins and I would scrounge up a can that hadn't found a use yet and proceed to

use firecrackers to launch it like a missile.

Most of those cans still serve a purpose, holding an assortment of washers in the garage or fence clips in the barn, but long ago Folger's ditched the cans for plastic containers. The stated goal at the time was to provide fresher ground coffee, but I also imagine there was some cost savings as well. Either way, the utility of an empty container didn't change much. But I doubt we'd have much success using fireworks with the modern version.

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 to

remind people about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability to create a healthier planet and brighter future for mankind. In 2024 this apparently means taking aim at plastics, with a "commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health." To be fair, it further elaborates the goal is to merely achieve a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040.

I'm all for conservation and sustainability, and I can support efforts to reduce plastic pollution, but doing away or

significantly reducing plastics in all forms is likely to create worse outcomes for humans and the planet. A ban is like using a machete instead of a scalpel.

The prevalence of plastics in our lives is because they offer convenience, durability and affordability. Food waste would be significantly higher without the preserving power of plastic. Glass and steel containers often require more resources to produce, and both are heavier and require more energy to transport. Sterile plastic packaging saves lives in medical settings every day.

There's often a lack of nuance when people talk about plastic, and that includes so-called single-use varieties like bags from the grocery store, water bottles or margarine containers. Yet, like the Folger's container, those items often serve multiple purposes after their initial use. From lining wastebaskets to holding leftovers, plastic can remain productive for a long time.

Plastic is valuable because it can be molded to

any shape and be impact resistant and waterproof. The nontoxic material doesn't decay or corrode. Plastic's main attribute – durability – is also its biggest curse. It's a miracle of modern chemistry that has no natural mechanism to break down in the environment.

The solution isn't to end the use of plastic and all its invaluable contributions to humans and the planet on Earth Day, rather it's to better understand the responsibility that comes with having a fresh cup of coffee, a bottle of water on the go or picking up groceries at the store.

We should embrace the virtues of plastic and work to better manage its side effects. The problem is pollution, not plastic. It will take a little creativity, but I'm positive we can reap the rewards of plastic and make Earth a better place to live for us and all the other living creatures who call our planet home.

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ACROSS

- Bars
- Escape or flee
- Green gemstone or Heather Graham in "The Hangover"
- Turning point
- 34th U.S. Pres
- Actress Sophia _____
- Each and all
- Lake, in France
- Roof overhangs
- *Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. _____
- *Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah _____
- Not safe, in baseball
- "Hold on!"
- Uno _____, in Mexico
- Iranian monarch
- Be a go-between
- Kind of cuckoos
- Passing mention
- Dwelted
- TV show "_____ 911!"
- *"Beloved" mother
- Like a tennis skirt
- Scottish kinship groups
- Spare in car
- Email folder
- Vertical dimension
- Turf alternative
- Morse Code dash
- Hippocratic _____
- Three, to Caesar
- *Margaret White's telekinetic daughter
- *Elizabeth Zott of "_____ in Chemistry"
- Vernacular

- R&R hot spot
- Capital of Vietnam
- Yours is as good as mine?
- Tennis retry
- Cause anxiety (2 words)
- Bookie's quote
- Well-kept secret, for some
- Teatime treat
- DOWN
- Do like volcano
- Honey home
- Iris holder
- Human trunk
- iPad "pen"
- *Matriarch, _____ Munster of "The Munsters"
- *Nadezhda of "The Americans," _____ Elizabeth Jennings, acr.
- Muhammad's birthplace
- Melissa Rivers' mom
- Australian slang for afternoon
- Widely hunted ruminant
- Follow ems
- A particular legume
- Not pathos
- Second O in EVOO
- Kinda white
- *Mrs. _____, a.k.a. Marmee
- Anoint
- Red Sea peninsula
- Drive a getaway car, e.g.
- Goals
- Like a Harvard building?
- Plant-based laxative
- *_____ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
- Dance partner
- Drive-_____, for short
- Like a haunted house

- Daisy dukes, e.g.
- _____ chi
- Casts a line
- Popular electric car
- Newton's first name
- Foul substance
- Matured
- Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
- Better than never?
- On top of
- "High" time
- Cosine's counterpart
- In the past
- *"Married... with Children" mom

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KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
Request for Proposals To Provide
A Replacement of Concrete around the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department (Request No. 2024-042924)
Issued: April 15, 2024
Closing Date: Monday, April 29, 2024
Closing Time: 10:00 a.m., Local Time

Vendors should submit one original and five (5) copies of Vendor's Proposal in sealed envelopes or packages. The outside of the envelopes or packages must be labeled with the Vendor's name and address and clearly marked "Concrete Bid Proposal, Attention: Kingman County Commissioners." Proposals must be received on or before the Closing Time on the Closing Date in the offices of the County at the following address:
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— Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE
STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF KINGMAN

A Primary Election will be held August 6th, 2024. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

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One candidate for County Commissioner, 2nd District
One candidate for County Commissioner, 3rd District
One candidate for County Clerk
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One candidate for County Attorney
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One candidate for Township Trustee and Township Treasurer in the following Townships:

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the City of Kingman, Kingman County, State of Kansas, this 4th day of April 2024.

Carol D. Noblit
Carol D. Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
SONIAA. BAKER, Deceased.
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-15
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on April 17, 2024, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Sheala Cunningham.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Sheala Cunningham, Petitioner
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Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DAVID M. BAKER, Deceased.
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-16
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
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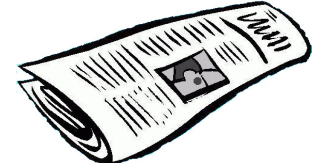
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Pat Zrubek

Patricia A. "Pat" Zrubek, 83, died April 18, 2024, at Wichita, Kansas.

Pat was the daughter of William and Rosa Hageman Becker, born Oct. 17, 1940, in Nashville, Kansas. Pat currently resided in Wichita, after spending most of her life moving around the world with her husband, who was employed at General Electric.



Pat was a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Wichita. She was an avid K-State fan; an excellent seamstress; enjoyed playing tennis; and was a devout Catholic.

On Sept. 8, 1962, she married Robert Zrubek at Cunningham; he died Jan. 3, 2014. Survivors include daughter Debbie; brothers Gene (Mae), Vic (Lois), Walt and Don (Lois) Becker; sisters Irene Spade and Gladys Randolph; brother-in-law Ken Zrubek; and 62 nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by brothers Herman, Bud and Elmer Becker; and sisters Helen Kerschen, Loretta Schwartz, Marcella Orth, Marie Cooley and Caroline Dyche.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, April 22. Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made with the Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund and St. Catherine of Siena Building Fund.

Steve Long

Steve Long, 66, died April 17, 2024, at his home in Cunningham.

He was born Oct. 9, 1957, in Wichita, the son of Bob G. and Helen Luce Long. A lifetime resident of the Cunningham community, he was a retired diesel mechanic for Trand, Inc.



Steve was a skilled mechanic; enjoyed playing poker with friends as well as his travels to Pitkin, Colorado. He was an avid reader with an extensive collection of books. An outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and making pheasant pie and venison jerky, to share with his family. He was also a big supporter of the Kansas City Chiefs.

He was married to Sherrie Foster who preceded him in death. Survivors include his mother, Helen; brother Scott and his wife Allison Johnson; sister Teri Orth and her husband Ben; father-in-law Roy Foster; and nephew Mike Orth. He was also preceded in death by his father Bob.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Shelman Cemetery, north of Cunningham.

The family suggests memorials be of the donor's choice.

Levita Rohlman

Levita Rohlman, born April 10, 1949, to Levi and Martha (Oeding) Rohlman in Kingman, Kansas, passed away on February 15, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Baptized as Barbara Marie Rohlman, the eldest of twelve siblings. Levita spent her childhood on the family farm near Willowdale, Kansas, attending St Peter's grade school. Later, she attended Immaculate Conception high school in Great Bend before graduating from Marillac College in St Louis, MO, in 1973 with a degree in social work.



Motivated by her passion for service, she considered joining the Peace Corps, eager to make a difference in the world. She spent a meaningful period with the Dominican Sisters in Great Bend, during which she adopted the name Levita, a beautiful combination of her parents' names, Levi and Martha, reflecting her deep faith and dedication to service.

In 1975, Levita began her ministry with Catholic Social Service, playing an instrumental role in establishing the Garden City office. Later, for nearly half a century, her wisdom, information, and expertise became an integral part of Migration and Refugee Services, touching countless lives.

Levita's compassionate service was marked by an unwavering mission to provide new beginnings for those seeking solace in our community, escaping the horrors of war-torn homes for the hope of peace and a better life. Her tireless efforts and steadfast faith transformed the lives of countless refugees over the years.

With the 2019 reunification of Catholic Charities and the Catholic Agency for Migration and Refugee Services, Levita's vast expertise ensured the continuation of critical Legal Immigration Services. She was instrumental in this transition, leaving behind an indelible mark and a solid foundation for others to build upon.

While Levita earned many awards and accolades, she seldom spoke of them. In 2022, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) recognized her for an incredible 40 years of service, a testament to her unwavering dedication to serving refugees and immigrants for forty-seven years. However, the true measure of her life's work lies in the countless lives she touched.

As a cancer survivor, Levita faced every challenge with unshakeable faith, demonstrated when her husband, Leroy, was diagnosed with cancer. She fought alongside him until his death shortly before their first anniversary in October 2009.

Levita was a loving aunt, keenly interested in her nieces' and nephews' lives, never failing to remember birthdays and anniversaries. A friend and counselor to many, she was always willing to listen, help, and provide a non-judgmental path forward. Her love for travel and adventure, her musical talent, and her unwavering faith were hallmarks of her quiet, thoughtful personality.

Survivors include her mother- Martha Rohlman, Brothers- Steven, David, Bruce (Valerie) Rohlman and Mark Rohlman. Sisters- Louise (Robert) Tatro, Monica (Dan) Fitts, Mary Powell (Al Beemer), Rita (Gary) Wilbert, Cathy (Kamran) Rezai, Camille (Tracy) Sterling, and Debra Smith. She is preceded in death by her husband Leroy Rupp and her father Levi Rohlman.

The loss of Levita leaves a void that can never truly be filled. As we remember her, we are inspired by her legacy of love, passion for justice, deep humanity, and the countless lives she touched. Levita was more than a family member; she was a mentor, an advocate, and a dear friend. She will be deeply missed.

Visitation will begin Friday March 8, 2024 at 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm at Garnand Funeral Home. Vigil Services will follow at 6:00 pm Friday March 8, 2024 and Funeral Mass on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 10:30 am both at St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will take place in Valley View Cemetery. Services will be streamed live on St. Mary Catholic Church Facebook page. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, St. Mary Catholic Church, or the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City (to support the Priests from Ghana serving in our Diocese) all in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

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Darlene Elwood

Darlene Jo Elwood, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away on April 17, 2024 in Topeka, Kansas, after a brief battle with cancer. Born on July 19, 1946 in Nashville, Kansas, to Clem and Bernadine (Govert) Werner, Darlene lived a vibrant life characterized by kindness, generosity, and dedication to her community.



Darlene's early years began on a farm in Zenda, Kansas. Her family's active involvement in their farming community, including 4-H and church, created a strong foundation for prioritizing community engagement and philanthropy. As a student at Wichita State University, Darlene met Phil Elwood and they were married in June 1968. From Wichita they moved to Topeka where their daughter Denise was born. Phil and Darlene built a family centered on love, respect, and joy. Their enduring partnership of nearly 56 years was a testament to their deep affection and lasting commitment.

Darlene will be dearly missed by Phil, her devoted daughter and son-in-law, Denise and J.P. Walsh, and her adored granddaughters, Emma and Molly Walsh of Rhode Island.

She is survived by her eldest brother, Ron Werner, and wife Lynette, and sister-in-law Donna Werner, wife of Darlene's brother Karl (deceased).

A proud alumna of Wichita State University class of 1968, Darlene's professional career was sparked by compassion and the desire to support others. She began work as a Speech Language Pathologist at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita. Later, she continued helping others at Head Start in Topeka and in private practice, dedicating over 50 years to the profession she loved so much.

Darlene's heart for service was unmatched. For 34 years she filled life with music and joy as a member of the Grace Episcopal Cathedral Handbell Choir. She was initiated into Chapter HG of P.E.O. in 1982 and deeply cherished her friends in that organization for over 40 years. Over the decades she held many offices, including serving as president from 1988 to 1990.

A lifetime member of Sunflower Partners Investment Club, Darlene enjoyed the camaraderie and intellectual stimulation of investment strategies. She supported her local neighborhoods by organizing annual block parties on Campbell Street, and by hosting events in their home as part of the West Hills Neighborhood. She loved reading and being a part of the Current Literature Book Club.

She supported her Topeka community through numerous volunteer roles, often in leadership positions. She was Chair of the Topeka Symphony League from 1984 to 1986. From 1996 to 2020 she volunteered at Stormont Vail Hospital as a Lifetime Auxiliary Member. In 2008 she served as president of Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. She was active in the Topeka Symphony League, Performing Arts for Children, Meals on Wheels, Daughters of the King, The Junior League of Topeka, and the Kansas Judicial Center, among others.

Those who knew Darlene cannot help but recall her infectious laugh, twinkling eyes, compassionate heart for listening, and her beautiful cursive handwriting. She loved to welcome people and invite them warmly into her home. Perhaps because always so active, she was often the last to arrive at events. Her husband Phil often joked that she would be late to her own funeral!

Darlene's life was a beautiful symphony of love, service, and compassion. She touched so many people, and her spirit leaves an indelible mark on the hearts of her family, friends, and community. Her kindness will live on through the countless lives she enriched. Though we mourn her passing, we also celebrate a life well-lived, a life full of purpose and brimming with love.

Service was held on Saturday, April 20 at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to P.E.O. Sunflower Grants, the Educational Loan Fund (E.L.F.), the Topeka Library Foundation or to the Topeka Symphony League. Additional information regarding memorial gifts as well as a place to share fond memories and condolences may be left at www.midwest-cremation.com.

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