

The Cunningham Courier

"The only newspaper in the world that cares about Cunningham, Kansas"

\$1.50

Email: couriernews@yahoo.com
Website: www.cunninghamcourier.news
(620) 298-2659

June 13, 2024
Volume 34 Number 24

photo by a Courier subscriber

Pool Season is Well Underway



Molly Morgan photo

Lifeguards for the 2024 summer season are clockwise from top:
Maranda Lohrke, Joanna Hansen, Megan Hansen,
Kora Zongker, Ava Evans, Kyra Morgan
(Not pictured Kendra Morgan, Luke McGuire
and Molly Morgan, manager)

Hours are Tuesday- Sunday 1:00-7:00
Monday 1:00-5:00 (\$2 day pass) & 6:00-9:00 (\$1 admission)
Season pass: \$50/single & \$100/family.
Adult swim Tuesday & Thursday 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Call City Hall to book a party 620 298 3077



Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 3, 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; Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director; Richard Martin, PRIMERICA
Online Visitors: Caller01; Tammy
Staff: Amber Hartley, Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to add an Atty-client privilege with Commissioners.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

Larry Landwehr gave some personal comments.

Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with an update on stuff they are doing to get seniors out of their homes and interact with other people.

Ms. Drake let the Commissioners know that they have Bingo for the

seniors; cards are on a day; coffee is served on Tuesday and Thursdays and several other things to provide things for the seniors to do.

Commissioners asked Ms. Drake if they could get a copy of the full budget for Council on Aging.

Amber Hartley, Appraiser was in to discuss the Ag Mailer.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go with Postalcity to send the Ag Mailers for \$3147.52 with a previous credit paid of \$1093.51. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June Valuation for the Commissioners, and the total County valuation is down \$10,717,207 from last year's valuation.

Ms. Noblit discussed that Oil, Gas and State assessed are the contributing factors to the loss in valuation.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss starting the budget process for 2025 tax year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:42 a.m. with Macay Ewy, and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and they will return to regular session at 9:53 a.m. in the board meeting room. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:53 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:53 a.m.

(con't on page 6)

Pride's Yard of the Week



The home of Rogene and Wayne Jarmer is this week's Pride Yard of the Week. They live at 233 East Second Street.

Courier photo



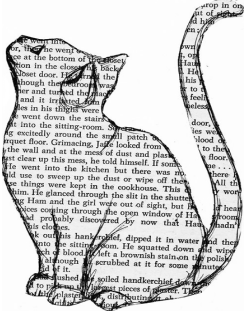
A SPORTS PHYSICAL IS INCLUDED IN THE WELL-CHILD VISIT?

Get a jump start on your summer by scheduling your child's annual check-up now. Don't wait until August when you are busy with other back-to-school tasks.

Kingman Family Clinic
620-532-0295

KINGMAN
HEALTHCARE CENTER

Cunningham Clinic
620-298-2397



Meanderings

Not much is happening around the town. A storm blew through the other night. Some tree damage, that type of thing, but for the most part we are quiet.

I needed to fill this paper with something, and so we have the ‘wheat harvest’ edition.

I can tell you, trying to fit things in here and there was a challenge this week. It seemed I’d get a page done, and lo, and behold, at the bottom of the page was strip of two or three inches. I’d widen the space between the lines a bit, but sometimes the articles just didn’t want to fit. I looked for short articles to fill spaces. I found one or two. Putting a paper together is like working on a jigsaw puzzle that covers 12 (or 14 pages). Oops! That’s not fitting here, let’s move it to another page. Nope. Not working. What if I added some clipart? What if I removed some of

the indentations? Made the print bold? It is not always an easy task to complete this paper.

But it is done. And next week’s is on the horizon. Send me some harvest photos if you can.

**

My old kitty friend, Eleanor, who will be 17 years old the first of August, has been fussing with her ear. Her left ear. She scratches at it and cries. Sometimes she wakes me up in the night rubbing her ear against my chin or hand. Very annoying. She has twice, in the past, had yeast infections in her ears, so I figured this would be the third time.

My old Skippy Jones, who turned 18 in May, has been having a difficult time keeping her fur tidy. I brush her regularly because she is, by far, the worst shedding cat I’ve ever had. She sheds copious amounts of fur year-round. Although she enjoys her back brushed, she’s not happy with her tummy being brushed, so she had developed some matting issues.

I took both my old girlfriends to the vet on Monday morning. I left Dolly, old girlfriend number three, at home as she doesn’t seem to have any issues at this

time. She’s a good little calico kitty.

I put Eleanor in a carrier and headed out the door. Quin, true blue dog friend he is, tried to stop me. He doesn’t like me taking the cats from the house. Especially when they are screaming bloody murder. But I tucked Eleanor into the front seat of the car and returned for that Siamese of mine.

I managed to haul Skippy out from under a deck chair and into a crate. This made Quin even more anxious, and he stood in front of me and, again, tried to stop me from going through the door. I managed to get past the dog, and we headed out.

The car ride was horrendous! Just horrendous. There is a reason Eleanor is called Queen of the Banshees by all the other residents of 320 North Stadium Street here in Cunningham, Kansas.

She weighed in at 5.4 pounds. She’s not a big kitty, but her voice is so loud and so deep, it is almost terrifying. I put her in the front seat so I could try and calm her by putting my fingers through the wire on the carrier door. It probably would have been best had I put

her in the trunk. When I first my fingers through the wires, she rubbed on them. That lasted about 3 seconds. Then she bit me and continued her caterwauling.

Skippy is in the back seat, making some noise. But it was normal kitty noise. Meow! Meow! Meow! I could barely hear her over the squalling there in the front seat.

It’s a long drive to Kingman with squalling Eleanor in the car, I can tell you. We made it the vet. Stacie checked out Eleanor first. She couldn’t find anything at all that would make Eleanor’s ear itchy. She checked her over thoroughly and we decided to give her a steroid shot to help with the itching. Back in to the carrier she went.

Skippy handled the shaving down pretty well.... Until Stacie started on her tummy. Then the low growl started. But we got through it, bless her heart. She was rewarded at the end by a thorough back brushing, which she loved.

And then we came home. Eleanor did not shut up the entire trip home. Sheesh. You’d think the old bat would have worn out her voice. Not so. It was still strong.

I'd appreciate some harvest photos.

We get home and Quin was waiting for us. He wants to follow the cats around smelling them and checking that they are okay. I think Skippy sort of threw him off because she’d been shaved. He eventually settled down, and just watched the cats to make sure they were okay.

**

And then there's my Lucky Day, extra big kitty that he is. If he weighs less than 20 pounds, I'd be quite surprised.

I keep two plates of dry kibble on the floor in the kitchen. The cats graze on it morning, noon and night.

If the plate on the left runs is empty, Lucky Day sits between the two plates and stares at it, and then he'll look at me. There may well be food on the other plate,

but that is not the plate he worries about.

If the plate on the right is empty. It doesn't seem to bother him. He just eats off the plate on the left.

I have seen him eat off of both plates. He doesn't seem to favor the left plate when they both have food on them. He eats off both.

But the plate on the left MUST have food on it, otherwise he just sits and waits for it to be filled before he will eat.

Cats are funny creatures; so fun to watch.

Always reading, and currently reading, “A Splash of Red” by Antonia Fraser, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Let me begin by saying I no longer think my ducks are dim-witted nor do I harbor any belief that my chickens are exceptionally bright. That’s not due to any demonstrations on their part of intelligence or stupidity. I have, however, accepted that my three month old poultry are adolescents. Need I say more? Trying to “supervise” 18 teenagers twice a day for an

hour outside the run was far more disturbing to my daily life and way more stressful than any previous efforts to give them a taste of freedom. I briefly considered a suggestion to keep them locked up but dismissed it. I’m not “Warden” material. And one doesn’t have to be a genius to know treating teens like criminals does not end well.

So I decided to set them free each dawn and try to go about my day. I promised myself I’d let the ducks figure out how to get out of jams on their own, no matter how long

it took. And if a hawk got a chicken because it strayed from under the tree cover of the yard, well, that was just a part of poultry-raising life I vowed I would accept. For the first ten days, my juveniles rewarded my trust by not causing any serious trouble and by putting themselves to bed in the coop each night. And they’d follow me anywhere for their treats when I rang the bell and called, “Peas!” My work got done and when I’d glance out the window, they were always in sight. They ate less feed

because they feasted all day on bugs and worms. And when they napped on the lawn, I called them my babies and swore they looked like angels.

I did not blame my little cat Luca when I found my patio flower pots savaged. However, I refused to believe any of my darlings were delinquents. “Deer did this” I said, knowing full well deer never come that close to the house. When I found two chickens on the porch, I thought it was so cute that I posted on social media about it.. I refused to face the fact

that the chickens were breaking bad until the mess on my hands, so to speak, was impossible to ignore.

It’s unfair to suggest that chickens are intentionally (and persistently) defacing every inch of the patio. But I have threatened the little hoodlums they’ll get the electric chair, not incarceration, if I keep having to hose everything down. I can’t understand why, with six acres of grass available, I can’t get the little thugs to leave 150 square feet of concrete alone. The cats are useless deter-

rents, though they spend long hours on the patio furniture. Apparently I was a little too successful with integrating our animal family because they don’t flinch when the chickens flock in or, having been led astray by the Wild Fowl Ones, the ducks also waddle up. I’m trying to “scare them straight” with a motion-activated Hallowe’en skull. I haven’t ruled out frying them but I’m still searching for a punishment to fit their crime.

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

Poetry From Daily Life

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

Poetry from Daily Life: As a teaching tool, poems let kids build confidence, creativity

By Mary Jo Fresch

My guest today is Mary Jo Fresch, PhD, who lives in Dublin, Ohio. She began publishing in 1995, taking research data and turning it into actionable ideas for classroom teachers. Mary Jo’s favorite published writing are academic books that assist educators in literacy teaching. I’m pleased to say that I’ve worked on nine books with her, including our mutual favorite, “Empowering Students’ Knowledge of Vocabulary: Learning How Language Works, Grades 3-5.” A little-known fact about Mary Jo is that the man who

sat behind Rosa Parks in that famous photo was her uncle! ~ David L. Harrison

As a former classroom teacher and professor of teacher education I have always been a proponent of getting poetry into the hands of children. I’ve used this genre in the classroom to allow students to read and reread, gaining confidence and fluency in their literacy skills. I’ve asked students to write poetry, often being surprised how young minds can be so profound with such few words. Kids know how to pour their hearts onto a page, but they also have a knack for comedy — evidenced by the first-grader who described her sister’s attributes, then ended with “I love my cat.”

I love putting resources into the hands of students that can lead to poetry writing. I’ve explored content and vocabulary with middle school students. We talk about the author’s way into the topic and what we already knew and what new content surprised us. Books such as “Math Poetry” (Franco, 2006) that offers poems about every conceivable math topic and “A Crossing of Zebras: Animal Packs in Poetry”(Maddox, 2008) that provides a collection of collective noun poems (a crash of rhinos, a leap of leopards) get students excited to try their hand at poetry. After sharing “A Crossing of Zebras” I’ve challenged students to find their own “pack.” Oh, the joy one Halloween when a student discovered a pack of bats is called a cauldron!

Sometimes I’ve used the not so obvious. I provided fifth-graders with plant identification books. They searched for a plant of personal interest, adopting the Latin name as their “botanical pen name.” They took notes and used the information to compose a poem. The most essential words were used, thus creating a different way to

utilize and learn the content vocabulary. For the student who chose *Zea Mays* (corn), part of her list included *tassels; stalks; ear; kernel; shucks*. Her poem wove her memory of riding past rural Ohio cornfields, while incorporating new vocabulary. Another student chose *Oryza Sativa* (rice), using both botanical information and his cultural experiences with Indian food.

Finally, there’s another angle to immersing young learners in poetry. For those who find reading challenging, poetry is approachable. The text is often short, using words that zoom in on a feeling or idea. Sometimes they rhyme which is an important support for newbie readers. Sometimes they are written for two voices (thank you David Harrison for your work in this!), which provides reading support buddies. Imagine the look of accomplishment for students who read and performed a poem they practiced together. It is, indeed, “a thing of beauty” (thank you John Keats).

Poetry has the power to be singularly intimate or can connect a community of learners. I share my own unpublished poetry with students. They love learning something unknown about me (my four grandparents who immigrated from Italy, my experiences living in Australia for three years) and I think it makes them braver to try their hand at writing. Perhaps there is a child in your life for whom YOU could do the same? Write that poem!

Dr. Mary Jo Fresch is an Academy Professor and Professor Emerita in the School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology at The Ohio State University. She speaks nationally and internationally about literacy related topics. Her research focuses on the developmental aspect of literacy learning. Learn more about her at <https://maryjofresch.com/>.

The Cunningham Courier

(USPS 006-101)

320 Stadium Street. Cunningham, Kansas 67035

620-298-2659 © 2018

Periodicals Postage Paid at Cunningham, Kansas 67035

Postmaster: Send address changes to

The Cunningham Courier

320 Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Published Weekly

Roberta L. Kobbe

Editor & Publisher


Subscription Rates: \$48.00 per year in Kansas

\$53.00 per year out of state

320 Stadium Street, Cunningham, Kansas 67035.

E-Mail: couriernews@yahoo.com

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, June 13 CPL Summer Reading Program begins (see notice below)	Wednesday, June 19 Juneteenth ** 10:00 a.m. CPL Book to Life by Colorful all ages welcome
Friday, June 14 Flag Day 	Thursday, June 20 10:00 CPL STEM Activity for all ages
Sunday, June 16 Father's Day	Wednesday, June 26 Book Club
Tuesday, June 18 10:00 a.m. . CPL 3 -5 year old Story time	

The Community Calendar is sponsored by




nvalleybank.comMember FDIC


101 E. First Street
Cunningham, KS
620-298-2511


In observance of Juneteenth, Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Wednesday, June 19th

WANTED - Old Photos for Our Community Album
Call (620) 298-2659 or email to couriernews@yahoo.com


Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163


Zenda Public Library
Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791


Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061


Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041



Letters TO THE Editor

Dear Roberta,
What an awesome community! This is a great little town.
When we had the storms several weeks ago I had a fair number of limbs down. I got up the next morning and picked up limbs. I stacked them on my West curb. I still had limbs falling for about a week and continued to add to the pile. About the time I was considering taking them to the burn pit they disappeared. Someone hauled them off when I wasn't looking. What a relief.
Then with the wind this last Saturday night I again woke up on Sunday to limbs. After I was dressed for church I went out and pulled them off the sidewalk in front and out of First Street. I thought I would deal with them after lunch. When the time came I wasn't feeling well so I thought, since I had them out of the way, I would wait until Monday morning to move them.
Later I looked out and they were all gone as if by magic. I know it wasn't magic – it was some kind person(s) who hauled them off for us and they did a good job. Once again the blessing of living in a small community where people take of each other was on display. I am thankful for those who helped me out and for where I live. CUNNINGHAM “rocks.”
Thank you Cunningham,
Walt Rosenbaum

Sterling Summer Musical Series Opens with PLAID

Although the show-biz anthem “There’s No Business Like Show Business” will not be heard on a Sterling stage this summer, the sentiment is definitely the theme of the Sterling Community Theatre Troupe’s summer musical series. Rather than doing one musical for Sterling’s Fourth of July celebration, there are three musicals on tap this summer. All three celebrate performance, music, comedy, and nostalgia – a perfect combination for summer entertainment. The Sterling summer musical series opens this week with **Forever Plaid**.
Forever Plaid is an affectionate musical homage to the close harmony ‘guy groups’ popular in the more innocent 1950s. The show will be presented this Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, June 16 at 2:00 pm in the Betsy Dutton Theatre at Sterling High School.
Gypsy, the classic Broadway musical including “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” and

“Let Me Entertain You,” is next on July 5, 6 and 7. The closing show will be the two-person musical revue **Pete ‘n’ Keely** which is presented as a 1960’s television variety show featuring original and period music. It will be presented on August 10 and 11.
Nostalgia is a link between the three musicals as well. **Forever Plaid** features “golden oldies” 1950’s pop music hits like “Three Coins in a Fountain,” “Moments to Remember,” and “Love is a Many Splendored Thing.”
The show is not only filled with lush four-part harmonies but with memorable comedy as well. A comic highlight sees the quartet reenacting a complete “Ed Sullivan Show” in just three minutes! With characters named Smudge, Frankie, Sparky, and Jinx, **Forever Plaid** represents the naivete and niceties of a kinder, gentler time in entertainment.
The musical **Gypsy** is set in the waning days of Vaudeville of the 1920s and 1930s and is loosely based on the memoirs of historic Burlesque performer Gypsy Rose Lee. The show focuses on the quintessential “stage mother” Rose who

pushes her daughters into showbiz.
The August show **Pete ‘n’ Keely** features a divorced husband and wife singing team who reunite to perform their own television variety show in an attempt to revive their careers and rekindle their past glory.
The four-person cast of **Forever Plaid** are all Sterling College Theatre veterans and friends and inspired the three shows in one summer idea. “These guys came to me early last school year and asked about presenting the show this summer,” said Sterling Community Theatre Troupe Director Dennis Dutton.
The foursome divided up duties and have put this show together themselves with minimal help from others. Luke Harding has done the musical direction and staging, Noah Svaty has taken care of set and lighting design with Caleb Brownlee in charge of properties and Robbie Stansbury helping with publicity.
The Sterling Community Theatre Troupe has traditionally presented a community musical for the Fourth of July celebration which involves a larger cast and a variety of ages. Dutton is

directing **Gypsy** and said, “It’s a perfect community show as it features a cast from grade school, high school, and college as well as community members. Our age span is 11 to 70 this year,” Dutton said.
Since **Forever Plaid** and **Gypsy** both focus on performance and entertainment, Dutton thought a third offering on the same theme would be a nice compliment. “**Pete ‘n’ Keely** is a challenging show that relies totally on two strong singer/actors. We have that covered and are lucky to have veteran actor/director Mark Clark at the helm as director,” Dutton said.
All four members of **Forever Plaid** will also be featured in the cast of **Gypsy**. The two-person cast of **Pete ‘n’ Keely** will also be in **Gypsy**. “It takes a village to present summer musicals,” Dutton said. “We are blessed to have dedicated, talented people to join us. Of course, we could always use more help.”
Tickets for this week’s show **Forever Plaid** are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and will be available at the door before each performance.

SCCF Hosting Grant Writing Workshop on July 9th at Noon

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to announce they will be hosting their annual grant writing workshop on Tuesday, July 9th from 12 – 1 p.m. at the Pratt Public Library. Spend the hour learning about SCCF’s many different grant opportunities and best practices for grant writing. This is a great opportunity for nonprofits, cities, schools, and church members to learn more about the grant writing process and the updates to the grant cycle for the 2024 year.
Space is limited, so please RSVP to hannah@sc-cfks.org if you plan on attending. If you are unable to make it, please reach out to Hannah Brummer at the email above anytime to set up a time to answer any questions.

Summer Reading
June 13th – July 25th
Sign up at the library or online at cunninghamlibrary.com



Kingman Historic Theatre

Saturday, June 15

Kentucky Headhunters Live

7:30 p.m.

<http://www.outhousetickets.com>

Kingman Historic Theatre

Thursday, June 20

Tracy Byrd LIVE

with The Fairchilds

7:30 p.m.

<http://www.outhousetickets.com>

Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

All Seats are \$3.00 (cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday at 5:30pm

June 13, 14 & 16
Inside Out 2
Rated PG

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

Something Beautiful, Something Good

by Tim Pickl

Twenty years have gone by, but I remember it like it happened last night!

“Hey Tim, why don’t you come to the Bible Study with me tonight?” my brother Terry confidently asked, with a big smile. Terry always had a sly brotherly way of talking me into things.

But this time it was something good.

I really didn’t have much else to do, and I was interested--and Terry knew it--so I agreed.

“Okay, sure, why not?”

Over the course of several weeks, we met and we studied, learning the ways of God from His Word. I relearned many things from my

childhood, and learned many new things I wasn’t taught. The Holy Ghost led us into all truth during our study, including the need to be baptized.

I’ll never forget the night when we studied Acts, Chapter 2. We got down to the heart of the chapter --the keys of the kingdom of God that Peter received and preached-- and Terry read it for all of us to hear:

“....Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” (Acts 2:38-39 KJV)

I jumped up and excitedly exclaimed, “That’s

in the Bible?!? I can’t believe it. Wow!”

Our friend who was teaching the Bible Study smiled and gently said, “Terry, go ahead and read it again.”

He did, and our friend explained baptism, and I immediately wanted to be baptized!

But we waited until that Sunday night--the last Sunday in June 1987. I was nervous, excited and serious--it was “the most important day of my life” my Pastor said--I felt like I was getting married.

(Later that year, I learned that I joined the bride of Christ, by taking on His Name--Jesus!)

The church people gathered around the baptismal tank: some were singing and playing a song, while others were praising and thanking God, while others were praying. It was a

joyful sound!

I stepped down into the water and turned around. My Pastor prayed with me before he baptized me, “...in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins!” He laid me back into the water, and ‘buried me’, and suddenly:

All was quiet.

The sounds of the singing and praising and praying were immediately muffled.

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:3-4 KJV)

It was a moment when the eternity of heaven

intersected with the present, as the blood of Jesus washed my sins away. When I came up out of that water all I could think and feel was “WOW! I have never felt so clean--on the inside!”

I heard the singing and praising again and I praised God right with them!

I raised my hands as tears of joy mixed with water streamed down my face, as

I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave the utterance!

Jesus found me! He delivered me and saved me from my sins: I don’t have to submit myself to alcohol, or drugs, or lying or stealing--Praise God! This scripture became true in my life: “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom

of God.” (John 3:5 KJV)

Several days later, I was sitting in the back of the sanctuary at the Family Church Campgrounds. It was my birthday, and the sun was shining on my back. A small group was practicing songs for the evening service, and one of the songs was so appropriate, just for me, right then:

“Something beautiful, something good

All of my confusion, Jesus understood

All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife

But He made something beautiful out of my life”

I bent forward, weeping. Several wonderful brothers and sisters gathered around me, and prayed for me! Such love, such compassion, such caring--

I still cry.

Yes, I Give You Leave

by Linda Lawrence

At age fifty I gave leave to God to mar my face.

I was feeling overwhelmed with love for Him the day He startled me with a whispered question, “May I mar your face?”

What did He mean? A stroke? Bell’s palsy? Was He giving me a choice? Why was He asking?

As I pondered an answer, I remembered that twenty-five years earlier,

in my twenties, I was struggling to like God—let alone love Him. I knew I was failing miserably as a mother, a wife, a Christian, a human being. And, I was married to a missionary! God, as I perceived Him, seemed to ask the impossible.

But God sent Anne to me.

Anne was a missionary to India, on furlough. My husband met her and invited her home for lunch. Watching the two of them approaching the house, my first thought was that’s the homeliest

woman I’ve ever seen. But when the two of us were alone, I couldn’t take my eyes off her eyes. They seemed full of love for me? I realized she didn’t know how I was failing as a Christian. So I poured out my confession of anger, guilt, misery, my hopelessness. But to my amazement her countenance—her eyes—only softened with compassion. She was beautiful.

Anne ended up staying with us for two weeks. Her presence brought peace. My mis-

ery was lifted while she was there. I feared the heavy depression would return when she left. But I was struck with the possibility that Anne had been sent to show me God. Like God sent Jesus? Since I was afraid of the Bible, I knew little about Jesus. Was it possible Jesus had a countenance like Anne’s! Was it possible He had love and compassion for me in my many failures? Not judgment and condemnation?

When Anne left, I opened my Bible to the Gospels and read from them aloud, trying to hear Jesus’ words from a face with Anne’s eyes and countenance. Or was it Jesus’ eyes I saw? All I know for sure is that I was enabled to begin loving—and liking—Jesus and His Father because of seeing They loved me.

Through the years, as I remembered Jesus’ eyes superimposing Anne’s eyes, I asked God if He could one day do that for me. Could I have the privilege of reflecting Jesus’ love and compassion to others as Anne did for me? Was that why, at fifty, God was asking if

He may mar my face?

“Oh yes!” I finally cried aloud, in awe that I might actually be trusted with such a privilege. “Of course, if it means Jesus’ eyes will be what people see when they look at me.”

But nothing happened. That is, nothing happened to my face except the occasional zit or rosacea outbreak. I recently turned eighty and often wondered about that long ago question from the Lord. What was that all about?

This week I had an appointment for Moh surgery after a biopsy on my nose revealed basal cell carcinoma. As the tissue was removed and thirty stitches put my nose back together, the memory of the Lord’s question thirty years ago filled me with peace. I would be marred.

How did I think having a marred face would glorify my Lord? I supposed it to be the contrast of Jesus’ perfect love with my now more obvious imperfections. When His beautiful love and compassion glowed through the eyes of homely Anne I had been

drawn to Jesus. I had been blessed. I longed for the privilege of blessing some other miserable soul as Anne blessed me.

But the doctor is delighted I’m healing so well and will have little scarring!

Why am I disappointed? Feeling deflated? Through the years I’ve thought of the Lord’s question being prophetic of something unwelcome that would happen. But now when I thought I was welcoming a privilege to bear a scar for Jesus, it turns out to be nothing.

Well, God’s thoughts are higher than my thoughts and he doesn’t need my puny offerings. Maybe that long ago question was simply a question. A question to ponder when scary things happen. A simple question—how much do I trust God?

So for today, I’m just thankful for the peace He gives me to trust Him for whatever happens.

Yes my Lord, I give you leave to do—or not do—whatever will bring glory to You.



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

St. Leo
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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



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

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



Church of Christ
Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



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



United Methodist Church
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (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)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley



1929

June 14 – Carl Hart and S. A. Hart and Ted went to Wichita, Wednesday, to visit George Hart, Cunningham’s transplanted aviator. Carl got in the big monoplane and flew with George to Kansas City, Mo., and got back the same evening in time to milk his cows. Who would of thought ten years ago that they would be doing such things?

1934

June 8 – Harry Nossaman severed his Cunningham connections with the Derby Oil Company’s Service Station, Wednesday, and Charles English of Mulvane assumed management of the station.

Mrs. Joseph Schnittker and Miss Dorothy were hostesses to a miscellaneous shower last Sunday in the their home for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schnittker, who were married April 30.

The evening was spent in playing games and at a late hour delicious lunch of sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served to approximately 85 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Schnittker received many beautiful and lovely gifts.

As a prenuptial courtesy for Miss Grace Sellon, whose marriage to Pat Benningfield will be an event next Sunday, June 10, Miss Pauline Allbritten entertained a number of friends at a miscellaneous shower in their home here last Friday afternoon.

The afternoon was spent in hemming tea towels for the honoree, after which she was presented with many lovely gifts. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Shidler was in the Clipper office and renewed her subscription to the Clipper.

1939

June 9 – Over 300 people attended the annual Maud School Picnic and Reunion at Cooley’s Grove last Sunday.

By N. Aitch: This week we had the pleasure of attending the tenth annual Maud picnic. Now picnics can hold a variety of interests. If your happened to be food, this event would have been well worth your while for food was there in abundance.

We set out to learn all we could about the early history of the pioneer settlement of Maud.

Most of the information we secured was made possible through kindness and courtesy, as well as the excellent memory of Mr. A. F. McPeek, who now lives in Kingman.

One of the first things we found out was that those with whom we talked always referred to “Old Maud”. We soon learned that “Old Maud” was located one mile north and a mile east of the present site of the Maud school.

And why there? Because the stagecoach line from Kingman came down that road.

The first general store in Maud was probably a frame structure. Or it may have been a combination sod and frame building. Mr. McPeek was not certain.

And the exact date was uncertain. But it was built by Barney DeWeese in about the 1880.

1949

June 10 – High school graduating classes of the years 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1929, held a reunion last Sunday at the Rufus Leiter home, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Huffman of Monterey, Calif.

1954

June 10 – The new fire truck for the city of Cunningham is now complete, and is in its proper stall in the new fire station.

The Skelly Oil Company announced Thursday that it will lay a new sixteen-inch crude oil pipeline from its Isabel pumping station in the extreme western edge of Kingman County southeasterly to tap the Grabs South Oil Field near Attica, and they also plan to extend a gathering line to the new oil pool near Spivey.

Eight carloads of pipe were unloaded in Cunningham last week destined for part of these pipelines and gathering lines.

Lon Hoagland is enlarging his grocery store and meat market. Workmen were busy this week tearing out part of the partition between the present store and the business frontage to the west of the store. Mr. Hoagland plans to substantially increase his stock of groceries and meats, using the additional space for better displays.

1959

June 11, 1959 – Harold Baker, harvesting on land owned by Charles Lakin of Kingman, brought in the first load of 1959 wheat, Tuesday afternoon.

Brought the Gano Elevator, Manager Dewey Cooley said the wheat tested 62 pounds and contained 13% moisture.

Barley harvesting is in full swing in the Cunningham area, and the wheat harvest is expected to begin in earnest this week-end barring inclement weather conditions.

Manager Gene Thoms of the new Farmers Co-op Elevator here, states he “hopes” to be able to open the new elevator for business next Monday.

1964

June 11 – Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman this week announced the resignation of Willard Cochran, Director of Agricultural Economics, and the apponitment of Dr. John A. Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunningham, to the post.

Yields “beyond expectations” seems to be the bes phraseology to describe the 1964 wheat harvest which is breaking into full swing in the Cunningham area this week.

Area wheat farmers appear to be pleasantly surprised at production and estimates by “the experts” say the average yeild will not fall much short of 20 bushels per acre.

The first load of 1964 wheat here was accepted Sunday afternoon by the Farmers Co-op from Leroy Panek. Manager Dewey Cooley said the load tested 62 pounds, with moisture rating of 12.70 percent.

A hot, drying wind on Monday really put the harvesters to work in the field.

1969

June 12 – The area was lashed by a hard rain, Saturday night, inflicting unestimateable damage to the ripening wheat crop.

The rainfall was reported as an inch to an inch and a half.

This year’s wheat crop appears to be a bountiful one, barring additional moisture. The wheat is very tall this year, averaging from 30 inches to four feet in many fields and more rain or heavy winds will only send the wheat down.

The price, as it has been for quite a number of years, is disappointing, ranging about \$1.20 per bushel mark.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Rex Zimmerman

Reporter: Marie Ann Mantooth

1974

June 13 Graduates of 1971: Eugene Beat is employed at Stockmaster in Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Bortz (Sheryl Dunn) live on a farm near Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Soeken (Linda Jo Cain) live at Dodge City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Depenbusch (Jean Eck) live at Garden City.

Jim England is studying to be a lawyer at Washburn University in Topeka.

Mark Dafforn, who attends Kansas University in

Museum Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

or contact

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

Lawrence, is home for the summer and is working for Skelly Oil Co., -Pipeline Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eskew live in Kingman where he works at John Deere.

Randy Hart is employed at Cessna in Wichita.

Bill Hartley work for his father at the Hartley Fish Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Chambers (Pam Jones) and son, Cory, live in Cunningham where he is employed by Co-op.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunsworth (Linda Lawson) are both employed and living in Pratt.

Kathy McCune is attending school at Fort Hays State College.

Bill Ogden is employed at Stockmaster in Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Park and daughter, Renae, live in Cunningham where he is employed by Stockmaster.

Carol (Raney) Fox is managing the Wards Catalog Store in Holdrege, Nebraska.

Alan Rohr graduated this spring from the Kansas Technical Institute in Salina and was married to Beverly Ann Lucas on June 7 at Salina.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stark (Jill Rose) and son, Cory Shane, live in Arvada, Colorado.

David Schnittker is employed at Manhattan, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Braden (Janice Schnittker) and daughter, Heather, live in Hays.

Kris Sheldon, who attends Wichita State University, majoring in nursing, is attending summer school and working at St. Joseph Hospital.

David Steffen, who will be a senior at Wichita State University next year is spending the summer working on his parents farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Strohl and son, Frank Edward, live on a farm near St. Leo.

Connie Thimesch is living with her parents in Garden Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Webster live in Kingman.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Scott Newton

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1979

June 14 – Mabel Luce, 82, died Friday at Hearthstone Rest Home, St. John. Born Mabel Hansen, February 25, 1897, at Alcott, she married James William Luce May 25, 1922, in Reno County. He died February 6, 1961. She lived here since 1922.

Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Helen Long, Cunningham, sister, Mrs. Art Carter, Clayton, NM, three grandchildren.

Hilltop Manor: Many laughs and chuckles were heard during the movies this week. “Bear Facts” portrayed the life of a mother bear and her two mischievous cubs. The second show featured Laurel and Hardy. Who can watch them without laughing? They are truly masters at the art of making the ridiculous seem funny.

Those enjoying a trip to Kansas to see the Yankees play the Royals over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Theis, Mr. and Mrs. George Kampling, Phil Theis, Greg Kitson, and Ned Albers.

1984

June 14 - The U.S.D. #332 Board of Education met in special session Tuesday, June 5, 1984, to consider ratification of the negotiated agreement with the West Kingman County Teachers’ Association. All board members, the superintendent, and the clerk were present.

The agreement calls for an increase in base salary from \$13,600 to \$14,900, a \$1300 increase; an increase in the fringe benefits from \$1200 to \$1500, and \$300 increase.

Local runner Curt Shelman will travel to New York at the end of the month to compete in the National Diet Pepsi 10 K, 6.2 miles race.

- WANTED -

Old Photos for Our Community Album

Call (620) 298-2659 or email

couriernews@yahoo.com or send

to 320 North Stadium Street,

Cunningham, KS 67035

Fitzsimmons

INSURANCE

Locally owned and operated for over 30 years

Crop*Auto*Home*Farm*Commerical*Life

116 N. Main

PO Box 398

Cunningham, KS

(620) 298-5291 or (800) 536-5291

www.fitzsimmonsinsuranceks.com

Leann@fitzsimmonsinsuranceks.com

FitzSimmons Insurance Agency, Inc. is an independent insurance agency and an equal opportunity provider

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

con't from front page

with Macay Ewy, and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to regular session at 9:58a.m. in the board meeting room. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:58 a.m. with no decision made. Richard Martin, PRIMERICA was in to talk about his company and what he could provide to the employees.

Commissioners agreed that Mr. Martin could talk with the County Employees but would need to set it up through Tiffany Aumiller, Benefits Administrator. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the letter to send out to NRP projects that will be taken out of the program. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 28th County Canvass and the May 28th, 2024, Commission meeting for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2024, County Canvass of the Special Election. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2024, Commission meeting. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:15 a.m. to discuss the County’s position in pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:30 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 10:30 a.m. with no decision made. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:32 a.m. with Heather Kinsler, 911 Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Return to regular session at 10:48 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 10:48 a.m. with no decision made. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss township mowing and would like to wait until next year to give more time for setting up routes.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the 2025 budget with the County Commissioners. Commissioners asked Mr. Arensdorf if there is anywhere that he can cut costs because there are cuts needed everywhere due to valuation going down by \$10,717,207. Mr. Arensdorf asked if there are any ideas they have to cut because he will work with whatever they are able to give for 2025. Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf about a wind-farm moving things on Sundays and evenings in the county. Mr. Arensdorf and Misty Jacobs discussed the hauling permit for contractors. Any contractor that hauls solid waste must get a permit from the Public Works Department. Ms. Jacobs let the Commissioners know that there is a contrac-

tor that hasn’t gotten a permit and knows that this company is hauling solid waste. Mr. Arensdorf discussed the history of the permits being required and that a resolution was established in 1975. Mr. Arensdorf suggested that they send the application for a permit to this company that is hauling and see if they receive a response. Commissioners said that would be a place to start. Mr. Arensdorf and Ms. Jacobs left the meeting at 11:43 a.m. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:57 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 3, 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, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director. Tyson Eisenhauer, county

counselor was absent. Heather Morgan, Economic Development, reported on the city of Sawyer gas line, she will be calling the Association of Public Utilities to follow up on regulations to apply and receive the funds. She has received calls for capital financing for small businesses. She reported Network Kansas and Great Plains are resources for revolving grant funds. Aimee Norris and Kylee Graves, Family

Crisis Center, Inc, gave a report on their services and statistics for Pratt County. They are requesting the same funding as 2024. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk Voss asked about smoke detectors in the courthouse. Presently there aren’t any. The commissioners discussed options. No decision was

made. Scott Strong and Willie Jones, Strong’s Insurance, explained the need for the stated loss ratio control concerning driving policies and training. He recommended doing the template on the county’s behalf and turn it in to the carrier. Scott will fill out the form and contact Tyson. They will then present to the commissioners in the near future. Scott presented a comparison between 2023 and 2024. He esti-

mates an increase of 13% for 2025. DJ McMurry asked for an executive session. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:47 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 3, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm. Commissioner Adams Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Chasing Wheat

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Wheat harvest is just around the corner for many in Kansas. The transformation of fields from vivid green to a beautiful gold have occurred and now we wait for the wheat to ripen. Conversations at the local gas station, cafe and public library are now regularly including predictions of when the wheat will be ready. We’ve been preparing for the wheat harvest like we do every year. We’ve also been anxiously watching the late-spring storms roll across the Kansas plains,

celebrating the timely moisture we’ve received and praying damaging hail and winds stay away. While wheat harvest only happens during a few weeks every June for my family, the preparations and movements for this time of the year are like a familiar dance. The steps in preparing and the rhythm of the day-to-day activities leading up to and during wheat harvest flow together the way only time and experience can create. It is cultural, and it is a shared multi-generational affair. My small community of Inman has a rich history centered around wheat harvest. A sign welcoming visitors identifies Inman as the “Custom Harvesting Capital of America.” Many local families who can trace their roots

back to eastern Europe – the area where the wheat many of us raise originated from – have had custom harvesting operations for generations. You can see that wheat harvest heritage highlighted in our town’s museum displays, during our community’s annual car and tractor show, and even on our Main Street in the spring when the new hires from around the world report for work. Just like the rich German Mennonite influence in our community, wheat harvest truly is a major part of the town’s present identity as well as its history. My mother-in-law tells stories of her classmates wrapping up their school years early to join local custom harvesting families and chasing the wheat from Texas all

the way to the Canadian border. A family friend tells the story of how you always knew which classmates chased wheat all summer just by looking at the new vehicles parked in the student parking lot of the high school every fall. There are still some young adults in our community who’ll join a custom harvesting crew based out of Inman, Kansas, and chase the wheat for the summer, but there’s fewer and fewer of them nowadays. Still, my elementary-aged children know exactly why some of their friends aren’t at school for the end-of-year celebrations in May because they’ve joined their family for a summer of harvesting wheat. For those who don’t

go on the road for the summer and instead stay home and harvest their own wheat, this year’s harvest will be a little more special as we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first harvest of Turkey Red Winter Wheat in Kansas. That wheat was brought to the area by Mennonite immigrants from eastern Europe and remains an ancestor to the varieties of wheat we harvest every year to this day. It’s the wheat that has allowed so many of our local families the ability to make a living and create a rich farming and custom harvesting heritage. Which is why it makes perfect sense that our local Chamber of Commerce and museum will present a combined Independence Day and

Harvest celebration this year to include a parade, concert, fireworks plus the harvesting of four acres of Turkey Red Winter Wheat. It’s only fitting that our community celebrates the 150th anniversary of harvesting Turkey Red alongside Independence Day. Afterall, it’s the crop that has allowed so many in our area to independently create a life for themselves and their families while also helping build our community. Copyright © 2024 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved. News from Kansas Farm Bureau Our mailing address is: Kansas Farm Bureau 2627 KFB PLZ Manhattan, KS 66503

Don’t Toss Those Old Sneakers. Do This Instead

(StatePoint) What if there was a way to reduce waste, create economic opportunities and improve global health? Thanks to social enterprise Sneaker Impact, and its partners like Rack Room Shoes, now there is. Here’s how it works: Anyone can recycle their gently used sneakers at any Rack Room Shoes

location by simply dropping them into the collection boxes found in each store. The sneakers are then shipped to Sneaker Impact’s headquarters in Miami, Florida, where they are sorted for distribution. • **International Distribution:** Usable sneakers are shipped to small businesses in developing countries. Local merchants revive and resell the sneakers, providing affordable footwear to children and adults in


those communities. This initiative empowers local businesses and promotes sustainability by keeping sneakers out of landfills. • **Shoe Recycling:** Sneakers that are not suitable for international distribution are delivered to a recycling facility in Florida. There, they are converted into energy that benefits Broward County and surrounding areas. Moreover, Sneaker Impact has been working on finding an alternative, circular economy

solution for all footwear deemed end of life. Since its inception, Rack Room Shoes has collected an average of nearly 600 pairs of usable sneakers each month. The retailer aims to raise awareness about the program and increase sneaker collections to create a lasting social and environmental impact. In addition to the partnership with Rack Room Shoes, Sneaker Impact donates \$1,000 per month to Shoes That Fit, a na-

tional nonprofit organization that provides shoes to students in need in an effort to help them focus on their studies. Visit your local Rack Room Shoes store to find a recycling co-branded box and aid in reducing waste and supporting communities. To learn more about Rack Room Shoes Gives sustainability efforts visit <https://www.rackroomshoes.com/responsibility/gives>. Whether you have kids with rapidly grow-

ing feet, or you walk and run often, you likely go through lots of pairs of sneakers. Thankfully, now there’s a great alternative to tossing them that benefits both people and the planet.





Wheat Scoop: Putting Kernels to the Test

K-State Wheat Quality Lab boosts milling and baking quality of up-and-coming varieties 1,000 grams at a time.

The journey from a potential genetic cross to the latest released wheat variety requires years of testing by public and private wheat breeders. They keep their eye on every aspect of agronomic performance from disease resistance to standability. Equally important is the partnership between wheat breeders and the Wheat Quality Lab at Kansas State University. Researchers at the lab help streamline the wheat breeding process by ensuring only lines with acceptable or superior milling and baking performance become the varieties Kansas wheat producers eventually plant and harvest.

“Agronomic perfor-

mance and end-use quality are both critically important when selecting wheat varieties for commercial production,” said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. “Supported by the two-penny-per-bushel wheat checkoff, the Kansas Wheat Quality Lab provides breeders, researchers and producers with the information they need to select which wheat lines to advance and which varieties to grow.”

Breeders like Guorong Zhang, K-State wheat breeder based at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays, create about 800 new experimental lines each year - the critical step in a decade-long research process. However, not all of these lines have acceptable flour and baking qualities. Early sorting of which lines do or do not meet those standards saves time and cost for further testing down the road.

“Quality is an important trait for breeders;

we don’t want to release a variety with poor quality,” Zhang said. “Thanks to the lab, they can evaluate all our advanced breeding lines. Based on the lab testing, we can see the lines with poor quality, and we will not continue those lines.”

The Kansas Wheat Quality Lab annually tests 350 to 400 advanced lines from the K-State wheat breeding programs. It takes until year five in the breeding program to have enough seed to run preliminary quality tests like protein content and mixograph. But, as lines go through more field testing, more seeds are harvested from each line, allowing for more extensive quality evaluations.

“Breeders can select for factors that determine agronomic performance, but milling and baking performance has to be tested in the lab,” said Yonghui Li, director of the Wheat Quality Lab. “These tests require specialized equipment along with training and experience to determine milling

and baking quality.”

A sample consists of 1,000 grams of wheat. The lab first looks at the sample using near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy technology. These tests allow researchers to examine protein quantity and test the moisture content of the grain.

Researchers then temper the grain - or add a little bit of water to help make the milling process easier. Then, the sample is milled to separate the bran - the external coating of the wheat kernel - from the endosperm - the white part of the wheat kernel that becomes white flour. This resulting flour sample is tested too - looking at color and how much flour can be produced from the sample - the higher the amount, the better for millers.

The testing then progresses to looking at protein quantity and quality and dough properties. Tests like the mixograph and farinograph determine dough-mixing properties like water absorbance, mixing stability and more.

The final step is to take the flour, add water, yeast, sugar and salt and bake a pup loaf of bread, following standard protocols. Researchers then examine the quality of that bread - from the volume of the loaf to the crumb.


The combined results of these tests are given back to K-State wheat breeders, who use the information to help determine which lines to advance in their breeding programs. The milling and baking tests are repeated each year as lines are in the advanced stages of the program, meaning by the time a variety is released, breeders have four to five years of quality data available.

In addition to experimental lines, the lab tests 30 to 40 samples each year as a final evaluation before they are released by public and private wheat breeders throughout the Great Plains. The results are submitted back to the Wheat Quality Council, which compiles the results into an annual report.

The main funding for the lab’s operations - necessary equipment maintenance along with a full-time staff member and a team of undergraduate student workers - comes from the Kansas wheat checkoff. In turn, the lab helps support the reputation of Kansas wheat as having high-quality wheat, creating more opportunities in domestic and international markets.

“With those checkoff dollars, we can evaluate quality each year and work with our breeders to create those best-performing varieties for Kansas,” Li said. “In turn, when producers choose varieties with better end-use quality, it improves the overall quality and marketability of Kansas wheat.”

Learn more about the K-State Wheat Quality Lab at <https://www.grains.k-state.edu/facilities/wheatqualitylab/>.



Good Coffee – Not for Clowns

“Life is too short to drink bad coffee.”
– Anonymous

There are few simple pleasures in life more satisfying than a good cup of coffee in the morning. For many of us it is the best part of our day. But sometimes that good cup of coffee isn’t so good. Why is that? It is because we make silly mistakes. Good coffee is serious business. And brewing good coffee is not for clowns.

Competent coffee brewing takes minimal effort, but it can be easy to mess up. Pondering bad coffee this week, I thought it appropriate to address the problem. Before our lesson, I should mention what some consider the number one coffee rule. This is it. Drink what you

like. If you are okay using brown tap water and stale ground coffee from a can every morning, and like what you drink, stop reading now. No need to change. But if you think your morning cup is not up to par, or you need some help in the coffee brewing department, then read on. This column is for you.

Here are some of the most common mistakes folks make...

Using Bad Coffee – To brew a satisfying cup, first you need to start with good coffee. If you have access to a local coffee roaster, buy your coffee there. If not, you can go online to find serious roasters who will ship to you. If you must buy your coffee at your local grocery store, here are some tips. Buy coffee that is packaged in a re-sealable bag with a valve (whole bean and organic). Better coffee will be packaged this way. Fresh coffee degasses (releases carbon dioxide - CO2) for some time after roasting and the one-way valve allows gas to escape without letting in oxygen that will de-

grade the coffee. The fact that a degassing valve is needed tells you that coffee was packaged soon after roasting. Fresher coffee will taste better, just like bread. Avoid cheaper canned coffee, and the bag your own beans popular in some stores. These are often found in clear containers that expose beans to light and oxygen which quickly degrades coffee.

Look for single origin coffee instead of blends. Coffee blends are usually cheaper, and often mix poorer quality robusta beans with higher quality arabica beans. The best tasting coffee will be 100% arabica. Single origin refers to the geographic origin of the beans and tells you that coffee is not a blend. Coffee flavor has a great deal to do with where your coffee is grown. As you sample different coffees from around the world, you will probably find what you like. Coffees from Central and South America are typically smooth and clean, with chocolate and nutty notes. African coffees are a bit more ex-

otic and often have fruity notes. Asian coffees are known for heavy and musty notes and flavors. Sample them all to find what you like.

Using Tap Water – Coffee is approx. 98% water. Unless you have good quality tap water where you live, you do not want to use it to make coffee. Poor quality tap water equals bad tasting coffee. Use filtered water, bottled spring water, or well water, if available. Good tasting water is necessary for good coffee. And do not use boiling water when brewing. The ideal temperature for coffee extraction is 195-205 degrees Fahrenheit. Boil water and then take off heat for 30-45 seconds. Temperature should be about right then.

Not Measuring Your Coffee – If you ballpark your coffee measurements, stop. To brew consistently good coffee, it is best to measure, or preferably weigh, your coffee beans. Once you have determined what you like, you can repeat the process each time you brew. A good rule

of thumb is to use 60-70 grams of coffee per liter of water. Get a small digital scale and use it. Experiment as needed.

Using Pre-Ground Coffee – Coffee loses much of its flavor and aroma soon after grinding. Whole bean coffee stays fresh longer. Ground coffee quickly succumbs to oxidation which makes it stale and flat. For the best taste, always use whole bean coffee and grind immediately before brewing.

Neglecting Grind Size – When grinding your beans, match grind size to your brewing style. Different types of brewing require different grind sizes. This is because extraction rates vary depending upon the style of brewing that you use. Here is a general

guide. Use fine grind for espresso, Turkish coffee, or Aeropress. Use a medium grind for pour-overs, drip coffee, and most coffee makers. Course grind is best for French press and cold brew. Use of a burr grinder is recommended.

Not Mastering Your Brewing Method – To make consistently good coffee, master whatever method you choose to use. If using a coffee maker, then this part is easy. Your appliance does the work for you. But if you decide to manually brew your coffee, practice and learn.

With a little effort, you can make amazing coffee every morning. It will be worth it...

© 2024 Jody Dyer
typewriterweekly.com



PRIZES, GAMES AND FOOD!

SCTelcom SmartTown
SUMMER
Luan Splash

Friday, June 21st at the Cunningham Pool
1:30pm - 4:00pm

SCTelcom will introduce SmartTown - Wi-Fi on the Go!

sctelcom
877-723-6875 / www.sctelcom.net/smarttown

FREE ENTRY!



Cozy's Pizza
115 N. Main
Cunningham,
KS 67035
620-298-7000
Mon., Tues., & Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00
Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 2	
Traffic Stops	14
Miscellaneous	300 E B Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	16000 Blk NE 40 St, Cheney
Debris in Roadway	12000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	800 Blk N Marquette St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	W Sherman Ave, Kingman
Monday, June 3	
Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	6
Non-Injury Accident	10000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
Harassment	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Animal Complaint	1300 Blk N Walnut St, Kingman
Agency Assist	100 Blk N Douglas St, Cunningham
Unlock Vehicle	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	NW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Tuesday, June 4	
Traffic Stops	8
Civil Paper Service	3
Suspicious Person	E Bluff St & SE 100 Ave, Kingman
Weather Watch	200 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Traffic Arrest	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Wednesday, June 5	
Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	1
Traffic Complaint	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Miscellaneous	300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich
911 Accidental Dial	100 Blk W Stanley, Spivey
Agency Assist	13000 Blk NW 20 St, Cunningham
Vehicle Unlock	1200 Blk N Golf St, Kingman
Theft	1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Injury Accident	SW 90 St & SW 170 Ave, Nashville
Thursday, June 6	
Traffic Stops	3
Animal Complaint	3600 Blk N Hwy 14, Murdock
Damage to Property	300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 130 Ave, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	100 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
Friday, June 7	
Traffic Stops	9
Civil Paper Process	5
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 42 & SE 100 Ave, Rago
Transport Civilian	13000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Wefare Check	15000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
Suspicious Person	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Civil Stand By	15000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
Saturday, June 8	
Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	4
Miscellaneous	400 N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 80 Ave & SW 80 St, Zenda
Suspicious Vehicle	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Fire / Wheat Stubble	NE 70 Ave & E Bluff St, Kingman

“Kansas is not easily impressed. It has seen houses fly and cattle soar. When funnel clouds walk through the wheat, big hail falls behind. As the biggest stones melt, turtles and mice and fish and even men can be seen frozen inside. And Kansas is not surprised.

Henry York had seen things in Kansas, things he didn't think belonged in this world. Things that didn't. Kansas hadn't flinched.”
— N.D. Wilson, Dandelion Fire

SUDOKU

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**


SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

					3	6		
8					4			5
				5	1	9		8
	8	4	9	3			2	
7								4
	2			1	8	7	9	
5		2	1	7				
1			8					7
		8	3					

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.



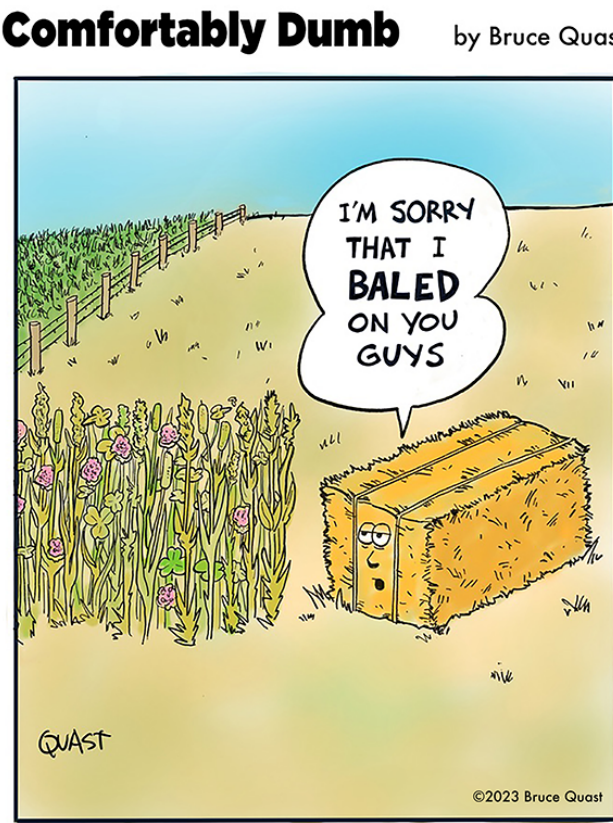
Kansas Wheat Harvest Begins

Combines started rolling in southern Kansas over the past few days after barely getting started last week. Harvest started earlier than normal because the wheat has matured early and

farmers are trying to beat upcoming storms. Overall, yields are better than expected in the area. Although the first quarter of the year was very dry, recent rain-fall has helped with grain fill, and this year’s crop is looking to be much better than last year’s dismal crop. Initial reports of test weights are 62 to 63 pounds per bushel, and proteins are averaging 11

to 12 percent. USDA/NASS estimated the crop at 267.9 million bushels in its May 1 forecast. Their June 1 estimate will be issued next week. Last year’s Kansas wheat harvest resulted in 201.25 million bushels, with abandonment at 29 percent, the highest since 1951. Wheat crop conditions in Kansas as of June 2 were 34 percent poor to very poor, 32 percent fair and 34 percent good to excellent. Mature was 25%, well ahead of 1% both last year and average. Harvest is expected to progress over the week-end, although scattered rains, thunderstorms, wind and hail are in the

forecast. We look forward to hearing your harvest stories and seeing harvest photos using #wheat-harvest24 on social media. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos. The 2024 Harvest Reports are brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. Look for the first official harvest report of the season early next week. We wish you all a safe and bountiful harvest.



“you see the grain-fields down yonder? I do not eat bread. Wheat is of no use to me. The wheat fields have nothing to say to me. And that is sad. But you have hair that is the color of gold. Think how wonderful that will be when you have tamed me! The grain, which is also golden, will bring me back the thought of you. And I shall love to listen to the wind in the wheat...”
— Saint-Exupery Antoine, The Little Prince

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Summer Blockbusters

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
13						14				15			
16						17				18			
	19				20			21	22				
			23			24							
25	26	27		28		29		30		31	32	33	34
35		36		37		38		39					
40				41				42		43			
44				45		46				47			
48				49		50			51		52		
				53		54		55		56			
	57	58	59			60				61	62		
63					64	65		66				67	
68					69			70					
71					72			73					

SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

Consumer Cellular

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

ACROSS

- Molten rock in earth’s crust
- Scarlett Johansson’s 2013 voice only role
- Jezebel’s idol
- Not silently
- Pro vote
- Italian bowling
- Proclaimed as true without proof
- Rob Manfred’s org.
- Savory taste sensation
- *Tom Cruise’s 1986 blockbuster
- *It featured the song “What Was I Made For?”
- Wrath, e.g.
- Milton Bradley’s “The Game of _____”
- General Post Office
- A woodwind
- Group of trained professionals, pl.
- Icy precipitation
- Concert units
- Charles Dickens’ Heep
- Scandinavian capital
- Rebroadcasted
- Khrushchev’s domain, acr.
- *What the gang did in 1988’s “A Fish Called Wanda”
- Exploding star
- Clarified butter
- Airport shuttle
- Highway hauler
- Breed
- Miss Muffet’s repast
- Not flow
- *Tim Burton’s 1989 and 1992 title character
- *It featured the song “Summer Lovin’”
- Popular fashion magazine
- Road in Rome
- Comment to the audience
- Deposit the ashes
- Giant Hall-of-Famer Mel _____
- Canine skin infection
- Humble and docile
- Name badges, acr.
- Streamlined

DOWN

- Bonkers
- Sir Mix-_____ - _____
- Kind of boots in the ‘60s
- One M in MMR vaccine
- Slowly and gracefully, in music
- Mass number
- Snake-like reef dweller
- Teacher of Torah
- *“Oppenheimer” subject
- Popular smoothie berry
- Pinnacle
- Hula dancer’s necklace
- B in FBI
- Open up
- Half of NFL
- a.k.a. Hansen’s disease
- *1990 Swayze/Moore blockbuster
- Trattoria staple
- Petroleum tanker
- *It premiered in the U.K. on 6/6/76, with The
- Chemical cure
- Revered Hindu
- Drawing support
- *2001 blockbuster ogre
- Type of rich soil

- “Keep this information” button
- Name-chooser
- Wyatt Earp and such
- Cuban dance syllable
- Letter-resembling supports
- End of a poem
- Primary
- Like certain china
- Malaria symptom
- Ankara native
- Gangster’s pistols
- Cosine’s buddy
- U2 member
- Vigor’s partner
- It would
- Comic book cry of horror

6	9	1	5	2	3	8	7	4
7	5	2	6	4	8	9	3	1
3	8	4	9	7	1	2	6	5
9	6	7	8	1	4	5	2	3
4	3	8	2	9	5	6	1	7
1	2	5	7	3	6	4	8	9
8	7	6	1	5	9	3	4	2
5	1	3	4	6	2	7	9	8
2	4	9	3	8	7	1	5	6

K	E	E	T	S	S	I	D	I	K	E	E	M	
E	N	G	V	M	A	T	O	N	R	N	I		
E	I	S	V	A	I	A	N	E	N	O	A		
	S	E	A	V	E	R	E	N	V	M	T	V	B
			B	E			A	E	H	M			
K	T	I	I	M	E	S	O	V	M	R	V	I	
E	E	H	G	V	A	O	N	T	V	E	I	S	
R	S	N	N	V	R	E	R	O	T	S	O		
H	V	I	R	N	S	D	W	I	T	I	V	H	
S	E	R	O	V	C	E	O	B	O	P	H		
			E	F	E	I	L	N	I	S			
	E	I	B	R	A	B	N	N	G	F	O	I	
I	M	V	W	N	B	T	M	V	W	O	D		
E	C	O	B	V	E	A	D	O	T	V			
L	V	A	B		R	E	H	V	M	O	V	M	

© StatePoint Media



A Love Letter to Turkey Red

Kansas farmers set to harvest their 150th crop of hard red winter wheat

The world is holding its breath this year for the Kansas wheat harvest to kick into full swing, but 150 years ago, the first harvest of Turkey Red wheat was largely dismissed as a small experiment. The introduction and adoption of this single variety, however, would forever change the wheat industry and establish the genetic lineage for the wheat Kansas farmers will harvest this summer.

“Probably no year holds more significance to the wheat industry in Kansas than 1874,” said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations. “The Mennonite farmers who emigrated that year

to Kansas from Ukraine helped develop Kansas into a rich and productive agricultural economy. These families brought with them Turkey Red winter wheat, and — as they say, the rest is history.”

The Kansas territory officially became the state of Kansas on January 28, 1861. Just months before the start of the Civil War, frontier farming looked very different than today’s modern farmsteads. The soft wheat planted in Western Europe was considered ill-suited for Kansas, requiring substantial labor to plant by hand and to thresh by beating wheat heads against rocks.

The 34th state changed quickly, thanks to the signing of the Homestead Act in 1862, which gave citizens or future citizens up to 160 acres of land if they lived on and improved it for five years. The first train tracks from east to west were laid the

next year. Homesteaders loaded into covered wagons and train cars, answering the call to “Go West, young man” and carve out new lives for themselves and their families on the Kansas prairie.

One hopeful homesteader, Bernard Warkentin, a Mennonite miller from Crimea, settled near Halstead, Kansas, in 1871. He carried the seeds of Turkey Red wheat, a hard winter wheat variety that was tremendously successful in Eastern Europe. The hardy variety was planted in the fall and could be harvested in the summer, allowing it to take advantage of timely moisture and withstand the cold Kansas winters that left settlers burning buffalo chips to stay warm. The first field of Turkey Red wheat was planted in Marion County in 1873 and harvested in the summer of 1874.

That same year would

change the trajectory of Kansas agriculture forever, thanks to 12,000 German Mennonites who left modern Ukraine specifically to settle in Kansas at the invitation from the railroad and with promised religious freedom from the young state government.

Like Warkentin, his fellow Mennonites brought their favorite wheat, toting hand-picked seeds in large jars and sacks. They also brought game-changing farming practices like leaving fields fallow in between planting cycles, applying fertilizer to fields and using large threshing stones to separate the wheat kernels from the stalks that enveloped them.

Turkey Red was revolutionary, but it took time for the milling industry to adjust from milling soft wheat with lower protein and weaker gluten (think soft cookies) to the new hard red winter wheat, which had higher pro-

tein and stronger gluten (think of a loaf of bread that holds its shape). Just as the farmers discovered the hardness of Turkey Red and the millers unlocked its better quality, the variety quickly spread and took over Kansas agriculture.

By 1919, Turkey Red wheat constituted more than 82 percent of planted acres in Kansas. It remained the most popular variety until 1939 — maintaining its dominance as superior genetics for crossing into new varieties.

“There was simply nothing like it at that time,” Harries said. “Turkey Red became the most desirable wheat in the world, and Kansas became the world’s breadbasket.”

Today, half of Kansas wheat varieties can trace their lineage back to Turkey Red. Wheat breeders improved on Turkey Red wheat, establishing shorter modern

varieties with built-in disease resistance and improved yield potential while maintaining milling and baking quality. That research into what made Turkey Red so special continues, with researchers unlocking the variety’s genetic coding and using the variety in research projects comparing responses to management — like nutrient uptake — between heritage and modern varieties.

Thanks to Turkey Red, Kansas farmers will harvest their 150th hard red winter wheat crop this summer, and billions of bread loaves and other products will be baked to feed families around the world.

Learn more about Turkey Red and the Mennonite farmers who brought the variety to Kansas in an episode of the “Wheat’s On Your Mind” podcast.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Day 1, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 1 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Officially, the Kansas wheat harvest is now 5 percent complete, ahead of 1 percent complete last year and on average, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service crop progress report for the week ending June 9, 2024. Winter wheat conditions were rated at 33 percent very poor to poor, 35 percent fair and 32 percent good to excellent.

Growers on the

Kansas/Oklahoma border started cutting in earnest around Monday, June 3, according to Chris Fryer, grain merchandiser with CoMark Equity Alliance, LLC. The southern tier of counties in his coverage area — Barber, Harper, Sumner and Cowley — are now about 20 to 30 percent complete with harvest.

Proteins are variable from field-to-field, ranging anywhere from 9.5 percent up to 14.5 percent. Moisture is dry and test weights are well above 60 pounds per bushel with several loads above 62 pounds per bushel. Overall, Fryer estimates the harvest will come in a tick higher than the five-year average.

“Yields are better than expected, so everyone is in a pretty good mood,” Fryer said.

Elsewhere in the coverage area, harvest in Sedgwick and Harvey counties is about 15

percent complete, with combines shut down by rains over the weekend. Harvest in Marion County in central Kansas is just getting started at about 5 percent complete and soft red winter wheat harvest is just beginning in Crawford County near McCune.

Overall, acres were stable this year and prices and yields are higher. Fryer noted most of the early wheat is going straight into the elevator bin to fill up space left empty from previous disappointing harvests. He also reported wheat is being sold to fill inelastic mill demand and they’re seeing some exports start to pick back up after last year’s dramatic drop-off related to the strong U.S. dollar and short supplies.

Harvest is now 20 to 25 percent complete near Clearwater, according to farmer Scott Van Allen, who reported in from the parts store where he

was picking up what he needed to fix a fan belt for the combine.

He started cutting on Thursday, June 6, but in addition to the current equipment breakdown, he was delayed over the weekend by storms that brought straight-line winds and took him out of the field to clean up debris at his son’s place by Wellington Lake. Despite trees and irrigated corn blown down, the wheat was still standing nicely and they were back in the field on Monday, June 10.

Harvest has been a mix. Full-season wheat benefitted from nice filling weather and there is a lot of grain in the heads, resulting in heavy test weights of 63 to 65 pounds per bushel. Fields that were double-cropped behind soybeans were knocked back by dry weather and are more disappointing. Overall, the final yield for the farm should come in much bet-

ter than last year.

Combines are also rolling again across Sumner County after a small rain delay, according to Chris Stevens, manager of Farmers Coop Grain Association, based in Conway Springs. Farmers in the area have been hopping and skipping around to catch ripe wheat fields and avoid green suckerheads since Wednesday, June 5. Most producers should have some good wheat, but there were fields that suffered from either a prolonged lack of moisture or drowned out in recent storms.

Quantity and quality exceed that of the last several years and are maybe even better than anticipated, so Stevens said no one is complaining. Test weights are good and heavy, averaging 61 to 62 pounds per bushel, and moisture has stayed dry around 12 percent.

It’s too early for good

yield information, but Stevens said to expect a wide range from 30 to 50 bushels per acre. That is still 15 to 18 bushels per acre higher than last year’s average of 22 bushels per acre, and this year’s crop should hit within the area’s five-year average.

“Everyone is in a lot better mood when they are seeing the bushels coming into the bin,” Stevens said.

The 2024 Harvest Reports are brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat harvest24 on social media. Tag us at @kansaswheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Day 2, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 2 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Rain is an ironic concern for this year’s wheat crop, but producers are asking Mother Nature to hold off just a bit so they can get a quickly ripening crop out of the field and into the bin before weed pressure sets in.

Harvest is a family affair near Garden Plain in Sedgwick County, where Martin Kerschen is harvesting alongside his son Justin — the sixth

generation on the farm. Since starting harvest on Wednesday, June 5, they are seeing yields from 50 to 70 bushels per acre on fields planted to SY Monument. Proteins range from 12 to 13 percent. Rains from the weekend took a slight toll on test weights, but Martin Kerschen is extremely pleased with how this year’s crop is turning out — especially compared to last year.

“I enjoy years like this,” he said. “You try the best you can, and we’re happy with yields and how our wheat looks this year. There’s a big smile on my face.”

While still variable across some fields, the wheat crop is also looking much better in Dickinson County, where fourth-generation producer Bryant Olson farms near Gypsum with his father Gary, brother Trenton and uncle David. The

family started cutting on Friday, June 7, in hopes of getting as much cut as possible ahead of last weekend’s storms.

While still good quality, test weights did fall after the rain — from 62 pounds per bushel to 60 pounds per bushel. Protein is ranging from 12 percent to above 13 percent. High quality is essential as 10 percent of the Olsons’ wheat acres are grown for their certified seed operation.

The operation planted several varieties, including LCS Atomic AX, LSC Helix AX, KS Mako, KS Providence, KS Larry and Bob Dole. Two more weeks and harvest should be wrapped up for this family.

“Wheat harvest will be early enough that we won’t have to worry about weed pressure,” Olson said. “Hopefully it doesn’t rain too much before we get it all up,

and we will be sitting a lot better than last year.”

Sumner County missed the recent rains and Tim Turek, who farms near South Haven, is praying rain stays out of the forecast so farmers do not have to worry dealing with pigweeds or crabgrass until harvest is over. Then, he welcomes the moisture to benefit his cattle and fall crops.

Turek started cutting at least a week earlier compared to a normal year and avoiding the rain delays meant he kept cutting over the weekend. He’s seeing field yields anywhere from 40 bushels per acre to above 70 bushels per acre. Test weights are hitting 62 pounds per bushel thus far, with proteins averaging between 10 and 12 percent. He has been especially pleased with the varieties AP Prolific, AP18 AX, AP24 AX and Bob Dole.

“There is no comparison to last year,” Turek said, “Honestly, I can’t believe the recovery we’ve had with the whirlwind weather this year. You have to attribute it to the progress of the genetics over the past several years because when I was a kid, wheat wouldn’t have survived what this wheat has been through.”

Turek hauls quite a bit of his wheat to the Scoular Grain elevator in Wellington, where grain merchandiser Doug Zeller is seeing both excellent yield and proteins across the board.

Zeller reported they started taking in wheat about two weeks ago and plans on receiving grain for at least 10 more days. Test weights are averaging 62 to 63 pounds per bushel and proteins are staying steady at 11 to 12.5 percent.

“This year is much

better than expected on both spectrums,” he said. “With higher yields, we typically see lower protein and test weights. This year that isn’t the case.”

With heat indices estimated to reach 100 degrees by Thursday, harvest is likely to continue progressing quickly across the lower two-thirds of the state.

The 2024 Harvest Reports are brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates, use #wheat harvest24 on social media. Tag us at @kansaswheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

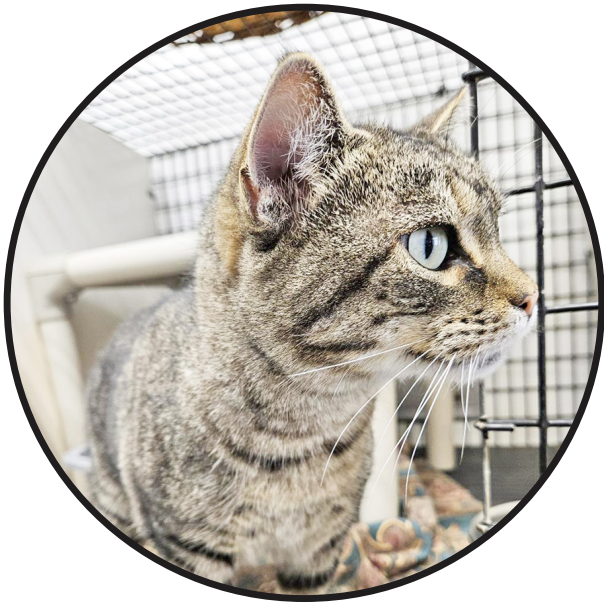
KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

Izzy

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Whiskey

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Izzy is a shorthaired kitty who is about 7 years old. She weighs about 7 pounds. Her adoption fee is \$40.00. She has been at the shelter since May 16th.

She is a very chatty kitty. She has a lot on her mind, and she doesn't mind sharing it. She's not very fond of being picked up but she'll tolerate hugs and kisses if that's what makes you happy. She likes to occasionally go outside but prefers to be an indoor kitty. Other cats are okay, but she kinda prefers to with hang around with friendly dogs.



Whiskey is a Chow Chow. He is about 5 years old and weighs about 65 pounds. He has been at the shelter since April 12, 2024.

Everything is better with Whiskey! He doesn't seem to have a care in the world and certainly doesn't take life too seriously. Food, friends and fun, we can all learn of lot from Whiskey. You and Whiskey.... what more do you need?

His adoption cost is \$180.00



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

Please consider
volunteering or adopting or
fostering or
donating to your local
Animal Shelter.

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

PAHS
SHOE DRIVE

ANY type of shoe is gladly accepted. Any size, any age, any color, men, women, or children. -No roller blades or skates- Cleats are also accepted. Again, any shoe: flats, running shoes, boots, flip flops, heels, slides, dress shoes, boots, sandals. As long as they are in decent shape. No holes, tears or loose soles. Dirty is fine, they will clean them upon arrival at their warehouse.

DROP OFF AT THE SHELTER OR
PRATT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Comfortably Dumb

It just didn't fit any other way. And I couldn't find anything else to fill this spot.

ALL HOURS - 620.220.5701
ECKSERVICESKS.COM
STAY CONNECTED 8+

ELECTRICAL

HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING

PLUMBING

FARM
GENERATOR
OILFIELD
RESIDENTIAL
INDUSTRIAL

RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL
NEW INSTALLATIONS
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE
CHANGE-OUTS

WATER HEATERS
WATER WELL
DRAIN CLEANING
KITCHEN/BATH
SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Accountants

Baker Professional Accounting Services

Tax Compliance
Process Improvement
Tax Preparation
Tax Planning
Quick Books Consulting
920 E. 1st Street
Pratt, KS 67124
www.baker-accounting.com
620-672-2502

Banks

KANZA bank

151 N. Main, Kingman, KS
620-532-5821
Lobby Hours
9-5 M-F
Drive Thru Hours
8 - 6 M-F, 8-12 Sat.
Equal Housing Lender
Member FDIC

Child Care

4C

Cunningham Child Care
Children 8 weeks to 11 years
120 West 3rd
Cunningham, KS
620-298-2010

Home Improvement

Dixon's True Value Hardware

Heating & A/C
325 N. Main, Kingman, KS
532-2631

Agriculture

Neville Built Grain Trailers & Custom-Built Trailers

Dick or Marvin Neville
5581 SW 50 St. Kingman, KS
620-532-3487
1-800-301-3487

Insurance

Fitzsimmons Insurance

Cunningham, KS 67037
Bus: 620-298-5291
Toll Free: 800-536-5291
For more information see display ad on page 4

State Farm Insurance

Jon Wollen, Agent
152 N Main Street
Kingman, KS 67068
Bus: 620-532-3179
Toll Free: 800-824-6681
www.jonwollen.com

Hospitals and Clinics

KINGMAN HEALTHCARE CENTER

"Exceptional Healthcare to Every Patient, Every Time"

Hospital & Family Clinic
750 West D Avenue
Kingman, KS 67068
620-532-3147
Rehab Services
760 West D Avenue
Kingman, KS 67068
620-532-0110
Cunningham Clinic
112 North Main
Cunningham, KS 67035
620-298-2397
Visit our website:
www.kingmanhc.com
Find us on Facebook:
Kingman Healthcare Center

Optometrists

Troy Maydew, OD
Seth Thibault, OD
Andrew W. Piester, OD
216 S. Oak
Pratt, Kansas 67124
620-672-5934
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M - F
604 N. Walnut
Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104
620-886-3222
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Seth Thibault, OD
Andrew W. Piester, OD
104 West C Ave.
Kingman, KS 67068
620-532-3154
1-800-371-3154
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

Pharmacists

Kingman Drug

211 North Main, Kingman
Pharmacists on call 24 hours
Days - store ph. 620-532-5113
Emergency after hours call
Merlin McFarland 620-532-3855

Real Estate

Kingman Real Estate

SALES AND APPRAISALS
Scott Sparks 532-4242
Nancy Milford 491-0774
Lexi Miller 532-5204
Office 620-532-3581
146 N. Main, Kingman, KS
www.kingmanksre.com
Ability - Honesty - Service

Repair Service

BEAT REPAIR, Inc.

TRUCK, TRAILER & TIRE REPAIR
620-589-0114
Services Available:
Oil Change
New Tires
Tire Repair
Balance & Rotate
825 E First St
Cunningham KS
Our Living is Fixing Yours!

Effective June 1, 2022: Ads are \$6.00 per column inch. Front page ads are \$10.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.

Classified Ad Rates
\$5.00 minimum charge for one-week run.
DEADLINES: 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays

Conrardy Seeds

Custom Seed Cleaning

7681 SW 80 Ave Kingman, KS

(620) 532-5508

AgriPro Alfalfa Seeds

"Wheat is Our Specialty"

Cunningham Auto Service

Complete Auto Care

Call Tom or Matt

620-298-2029

cunninghamautoservice@gmail.com



B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road

Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call

672-8321,

672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Thank You Note RATES

Use the Courier to say "Thank You".

\$.10 per word

(\$6.00 minimum)

Advertising Opportunity

Place your 25-word classified in this paper and 135 more for only \$300/ week. Find employees, sell your home or your car. Call the Kansas Press Association @ 785-271-5304 today!

Miscellaneous

STOP OVERPAYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE! A recent study shows that a majority of people struggle to pay for health coverage. Let us show you how much you can save. Call Now for a no-obligation quote: 1-888-519-3376

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 855-219-8849

TOP CASH PAID FOR OLD GUITARS! 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. 855-454-6658

PAYING TOP CASH FOR MEN'S SPORT WATCHES! Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. Call 844-575-0691

Fertilization, weed control, seeding, aeration and mosquito control. Call now for a free quote. Ask about our first application special! 1-877-559-9593

Attention: VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-866-481-0668

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. All 50 States. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 855-612-3543.

INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT? Don't Accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to cash settlements in the \$10,000's. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% Free Evaluation. Call Now: 1-888-920-1883

AGING ROOF? NEW HOMEOWNER? STORM DAMAGE? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-877-589-0093

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage and mold in your home. If you have water damage to your home, call for a free estimate for complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value!
Call 24/7: 1-877-586-6688

NEED NEW WINDOWS? Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation & FREE quote today. 1-866-766-5558

Yard Mowing

We've had a pleasantly mild and wet spring so far. The lawns are needing mowed a little bit more regularly. If anybody needs any help, I'd be happy to help take care of your yard.
Phone number Eric Kerschen 620-491-1688.

Storage Rental Available

Self-Storage Units Available
Contact Walt @ 620-298-3411

Market

54

on Main

Karen Hampton

209 S. Main St.

Pratt, KS 67124

620.508.5050

620.388.5880 Cell

kkhampton3@gmail.com

BLAST SERVICE

Zenda, KS

620-243-5571

BEvERages*Snacks*Gas

Everyday 6am-10pm

"Where Everyone Knows Your Business"

Theis

Dozer Service, Inc.

416 W Stanley Ave

Spivey, KS 67142

(620) 532-3555

• Dozer • Excavator •

Road Grader • High Loader

• Dump Trucks

C-1 Construction

620-532-4195

Soil Conservation Practices,

Site Grading, Pond Dam Restoration

• SOIL EROSION MEASURES •

Building Pads

GREG CONRARDY

NISLY BROTHERS, INC.



(620) 662-6561

Serving Cunningham Since 1993

For Sale

When veterinary care is unavailable or unaffordable, ask for Happy Jack® animal healthcare for cats, dogs, & horses. At Tractor Supply® (www.happy-jackinc.com)

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact

Lauren (Murphy) Beat at

620-770-6054

murphyLauren2001@gmail.com

Fair Prices, American Components, Built To Last Generations







GARAGES | SHOPS | MAN-SHEDS
MACHINE SHOPS | AG BUILDINGS

> QualityStructures.com > 800-374-6988

KANSAS HOUSING

YES! YOU CAN OWN A HOME!

Credit-ready first time homebuyers: Get assistance with down payment and closing costs.*

Rural buyers: Help cover the gap between your home's purchase or construction price and appraised value.

Click or call to learn about opportunities in your area.

kshousingcorp.org | 785-217-2001



*Open to income-eligible households. Excludes homes in Kansas City, Lawrence, Topeka, Wichita, and Johnson County.

Help Wanted

\$1,500 Retention Bonus with the Kingman County Sheriff Office is accepting applications for the position of Full Time Communication Officer. Duties include answering 911 calls and dispatching law enforcement officers, fire personnel, and medical personnel. Computer and communication skills are required. Salary starts at \$17.46 / hr. Kingman County offers an excellent benefits package which includes health insurance, paid vacation, and holidays, plus retirement plan that is on average another \$10/hr.in benefits. Position will remain open until filled. Applications can be picked up at the Sheriff Office, or the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse or send resumes to heather.kinsler@leo.gov. For more information and job description call 620-532-5133 or stop by the Kingman County Sheriff's Office at 120 North Spruce, Kingman, KS. 67068. EOE

Public Notice

First Published in The Cunningham Courier, Thursday, June 6, 2024.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

STEVEN A. LONG, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2024 PR 19

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Scott M. Long, Administrator of the Estate of Steven A. Long, deceased, praying that: the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Kingman County, Kansas be sold. The real estate is described as:

The South Forty (40) feet of Lot Two (2) and the North Eight (8)

feet of Lot Three (3), in Block Two (2), in Elliott's Addition to the Town of Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Scott M. Long, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

Ricke & Ritcha Law Office

349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068

Attorney for Petitioners

Cunningham Liquor

OPEN — 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Monday thru Thursday

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. — Friday & Saturday

12 noon to 8 p.m. — Sunday

"Cold Brew... Warm Spirits" 298-2033



Kingman Public Transportation

305 North Cedar, Kingman, Kan.

Phone (620) 532-5744



Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Come - First Served

Funded in Part by KDOT Public Transportation Program

Built Stronger. Looks Better. Lasts Longer.



4677

HORSE BARNs | GARAGES | HOMES | SHOPS

Visit our website and YouTube channel to view thousands of projects and testimonials!

800-447-7436

mortonbuildings.com



©2021 Morton Buildings, Inc. A listing of GC licenses available at mortonbuildings.com/licenses.



Thanks for recycling

The Courier on June 24th

Recycle - Reduce - Reuse - Repurpose

Susan Thieme

Susan D. Thieme, 63, died June 5, 2024, in Kingman.

She was born Oct. 30, 1960, at Escondido, California the daughter of Robert and Lois (Mark) Neidermann. A long-time resident of Zenda, Kansas she was the owner/operator of Classic Signs and Designs and a homemaker.



Susan was a member of the St. John Catholic Church, was a volunteer fireman, and a bookkeeper for the City of Zenda and Hinks Petroleum and was a charter member of the Kingman American Legion Auxillary.

On Aug. 23, 1986, she married Dale Thieme at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kingman. Other survivors include son Joshua and his wife Abra; two daughters Justina Kostner and her husband Andy, and Samantha Connolly and her husband Sheldon; her mother Lois Neidermann; brother Dennis Neidermann and his wife Vicky; sisters Marsha Taylor and husband Willy, Denise Neidermann, and Shondra Kostner and her husband Adrian; 6 grandchildren, Austin, Quintin, Westin, Sean, Ethan and Tyson. She was preceded in death by her father Robert Neidermann.

Mass of Christian Burial was., Monday, June 10, 2024, at St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Burial was in the St. John Catholic Cemetery at Zenda.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made with the Zenda Fire Department or the St. John Catholic Cemetery Fund, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

John Heien

John A. Heien, Sr., 77, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on February 15, 1947 in Pratt to Aloysius Valentine and Oleta M. (Loafman) Heien. John married Tina (Bauer) Heien on June 8, 1968 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sharon. They were married for 56 years.



John graduated from Pratt High School in 1965. He went on to Pratt Junior College and graduated in 1967 and then received his Bachelor Degree from K-State University in 1969. He managed a farm until his health changed requiring a career change to Detention Officer for Pratt County Sheriff Department. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and his family, especially his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Tina Heien of Pratt; daughter, Amy (Russell) Rambat of Pratt; son, John (Shawna) Heien, Jr. of Ozawkie, Kansas; grandchildren, Lindzie (Eli) Goldaris of Melissa, Texas, Lauren Rambat of Dallas, Texas, Wyatt, Wiley and Kay Heien all of Ozawkie, Kansas; and great-granddaughter, Indiana Goldaris.

John is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Friday, June 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Rosary will be held at 10:00 a.m. with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday, June 22, 2024. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Seminarian Fund or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

A Note of Thanks

Words cannot express our thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards during this time of loss.

-Nancy Weglarz and family,

-Johnna Freund

Cleo's Flower Shop
229 N. Main in Kingman
kingmanksfiorist.com
(620) 532-3883

221 N. Main in Cheney
cheneyksfiorist.com
(316) 542-0054

Sheila Jayne,
Owner/Operator



Mary Tatro

Mary Louise Tatro, 95, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. She was born on July 19, 1928 in Willowdale to Edward and Tillie (Smith) Pohl. Mary married Edwin E. Tatro on September 12, 1947. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2017.



Mary worked for Pratt Regional Medical Center as a nurse assistant for 22 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, VFW Auxiliary and PRMC Auxiliary. She and Edwin enjoyed volunteering at the B-29 Museum. She also enjoyed doing embroidery, camping and traveling to Texas, taking long walks, line dancing and playing Bingo.

She is survived by her children, Robert (Louise) Tatro of Kingman, Marla Lichti of Pratt, Monica Royal of Russell and Melva (Michael) Oller of Eudora; grandchildren, William Butterworth, IV, Michael Oller, II, Greg Tatro, Jaime Kailey, Jason Oller, Aaron Tatro, Stephanie Wessel and Slade Butterworth; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Edwin E. Tatro; parents; sisters, Ethel Gloodt, Dorothy Presse, Angie Lyons, Jenny Bundy and Jeanette Kinney; brothers, Jim Pohl and Harold Pohl; and son in-law, Charles Royal, Jr.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024 and Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A rosary service will be held at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 332 N. Oak, Pratt. Mass of Christian Burial be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Charles Atuah presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to B-29 Museum in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Pam Gourley

Pamela A. Phillips Gourley, 62, died June 5, 2024 at her home in Kingman.

She was born Nov. 4, 1961, in Kansas City, Missouri the daughter of Edward and Imogene Garard Phillips.

A longtime resident of Kingman, she was the former bookkeeper for Whites Foodliner.

Survivors include her boyfriend Michael Brown; sons Zachary Gourley and Nicholas Gourley.

A celebration of life will be held a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kingman County Humane Society in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

Cards by Roberta Kobbe
Handmade Greeting Cards for sale.
Shop for cards at Cleo's in Kingman
and Cheney, Ye Olde General Store in
Norwich and Market 54 on Main in
Pratt or contact me.
Will mail or deliver.



Cards and stamps make
nice gifts for shut-ins.
620-298-2659



Happy
Birthday,
Penelope
McGinnis!

Upcoming Auctions

House Auction - Monday, June 24,
2024 - 210 Starr St, Pratt KS - AS IS

For more information and a
complete list of auctions, see our
website at www.hammauction.com
107 NE State Road 61, Pratt, Kansas, 67124
620-672-6996



Sheryl Cooley

Sheryl Ann Cooley 69, of Mount Hope, Kansas, passed away peacefully of natural causes on June 3rd, 2024.



She was preceded in death by: parents Earl and Sibyl Abbey; daughter-in-law Kim "Miss" Bitler Grow; and brother-in-law, Robert Stubby;

Born Sheryl Ann Abbey in Pratt, KS on March 12, 1955. Daughter of Sybil and Earl Abbey. Sheryl graduated from Burton High School in 1974.

Sherry is survived by: her husband Kim Cooley; her son, Christopher Grow and grandchildren Sarah, James, Alli, Harley and Eli. Great-grandchildren, Caiden, Phoenix and Hudson; and her siblings, Patti McCaskill (Don), Pam Stubby and Tim (Cindy) Abbey.

Sheryl loved the lake, her grandchildren, socializing and helping friends and family where she could. Shopping was a love she shared with her granddaughters. She was always presentable.

She worked for the city of Mount Hope, also as a nurses aide for years before retiring at Halls Culligan Water in accounting for 15 years.

Sherry loved her "Sherry, Sherry Sherry"(Avery) and Sami Jo.

Donations can be in her name for Mount Hope Pride (P.O. Box 143 Mount Hope, KS 67108) and Hospice and Homecare of Reno County (2020 N. Waldron St. #100, Hutchinson, KS 67502)

Her celebration of life was June 7th, 2024 at Mount Hope, KS To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Sheryl "Sherry" Ann Cooley, please visit our floral store.



How to Spot a Scam

Now is the perfect time to protect yourself from scams that can damage your finances and reputation. We can work

together to keep your personal information safe!

Stay informed of the latest scam trends

Fraudsters continue to change their tactics. Make sure you understand the latest scam trends at www.ssa.gov/scam. Stay informed by:

- Following reliable news sources.
- Subscribing to scam alert newsletters.
- Staying connected with your local law enforcement agencies.

The more you know, the better prepared you'll be to identify and avoid scams.

Think carefully before sharing personal information

Phishing is one of the main ways that scammers attempt to trick people into providing personal information. Pay close attention to emails or messages asking for your username, password, or other personal information.

Scammers pretend to be from familiar organizations to gain your trust. Stay alert when receiving calls that you did not request claiming to be from banks, government agencies, or other well-known companies.

When in doubt, contact the organization directly through official channels to verify that the request is real before sharing any personal information or making payment.

Use strong passwords

Create strong, unique passwords like a phrase with upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't use passwords that are easy to guess like birthdays or names.

Consider using a password manager to generate unique passwords and securely store them for each of your online accounts.

Be savvy with QR codes

QR codes are increasing in popularity. They're in restaurants, on parking meters, in emails, and on social media.

Scammers have noticed! They are physically placing fake QR codes on top of official ones or creating fake QR codes on social media advertisements to get access to your personal information.

Never scan random QR codes. If the QR code looks odd or altered, do not scan it.

Protect your social media profiles

Take a moment to review the privacy settings on your social media platforms and limit the amount of personal information you share publicly.

Fraudsters may use your social media posts to personalize scams or get access to your accounts without your permission. Regularly check your friends list and remove any unfamiliar or suspicious accounts.

This month, let's make protecting ourselves against scams a top priority. We can significantly reduce the risk of being scammed by staying informed, being alert and careful, and safeguarding our accounts.

We invite you to watch our video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyaUWTFw3c to learn how to identify the red flags. Please share this information with those who may need it – and post it on social media.