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Cunningham Time Capsule Opened



photos by Molly Morgan

Last Friday's bitter cold weather didn't keep folks from venturing out a bit early to the ballgame to wait in anticipation for the opening of the tin box placed in the Cunningham Rural High School cornerstone in November of 1917 and recovered during the demolition of the building.

The opening of the box was conducted by three CHS Alumni: Joan Brady Stillwell, Class of 1949; Johnna Cooley Freund, Class of 1955 and whose grandfather was the director of the school board in 1917; (I hope I have that correct) and Janet Graves DeWeese, Class of 1962 and USD 332 secretary for over 40 years. The ladies were escorted into the gymnasium and seated by National Honor Society students, Luke McGuire, Dylan Halderson, and Jack Ruckle.

The first items the ladies pulled from the box were lists of students who were in school that year, as well as letters from the high school classes. The first name that caught Janet DeWeese's eye and that she read aloud was "Roy Wetherall", whose great-grandson, Bjorn Halderson, is currently on the school board.

Two copies of The Cunningham Clipper (a November issue and a September issue) were brought out and unfolded by Joan Stillwell. And last, but not least, four 1917 pennies were dumped out on the table.

After the contents were viewed and discussed, the ladies were escorted to their seats in the bleachers, and the table was carried to the lobby where the items were viewed by patrons of the district.

At a later date, the items and the box will be on display at the Cunningham Historical Museum.

Minutes from BOE December Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green, and Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and guests Bart Ricke, Richard Martin, Abby Bock, Alex Jordan, Brianna Dittmer, Dakota Mertens, Marci Adams, Ada Adams, Shawna Sternecker, Sarah Thimesch, Sloan Thimesch, Sage Thimesch, Jay Adams, and Hank Adams.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests to the meeting then turned it over to Principal Dunlap. Principal Dunlap gave special recognition and thanks to 3 students, Sage Thimesch, Hank and Ada Adams, for going above and beyond

during the move to the new high school.

President Miller also recognized and thanked board members Scott DeWeese and Brent Hansen for 13 ½ years of service on the USD 332 Board of Education.

Guests Shawna Sternecker, Sarah Thimesch, Sloan Thimesch and Sage Thimesch left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Regular meeting Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Arnberger gave an update on the status of the construction project and shared that many items have been sold from the old high school totaling over 2000.00 so far. He then turned the meeting over to Richard Martin who discussed transportation information and answered questions from the board.

Superintendent Arnberger discussed upcoming Administrative evaluations, curtain committee reports and the advertisement for a Math and Business Teacher. He also shared that US News

and World Report did a nationwide ranking of schools and placed our grade school at 39th out of 959. Lastly he talked about the strategic assessment survey and upcoming calendar discussions.

Principal Dunlap talked about his newsletter, included in the packet, and dual credit class options.

Member Scott DeWeese reported that the 2023 audit completion has been delayed. He also reminded the board they will need to vote on his replacement in January.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger, Principal Dunlap and Mr. Ricke for 30 minutes at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for the Non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 8:35 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

Guests Alex Jordan, Brianna Dittmer, Dakota Mertens, Marci Adams, Ada Adams, Jay Adams, Hank Adams and Richard Martin left the meeting at 8:05p.m..

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham,

seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger, Principal Dunlap and Mr. Ricke for 30 minutes at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for the Non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will return to open session at 9:05 p.m. in the board room. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ricke left the executive session at 8:44 p.m. and left the meeting at that time.

Guest Abby Bock left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the resolution to adopt the Out of district student Policy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve Heather McCurry as bus driver. Motion carried 7-0.

Member Scott DeWeese shared reflections of his years of service on the board. Scott and Brent Hansen wished the board well in the future.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Scott DeWeese, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



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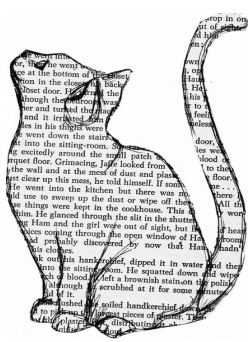
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Meanderings

Siigh. SIIIGH! I believe this column will have us meandering down roads of my mistakes. Maybe roads aren't big enough. These aren't just roads and alleys and paths and hiking trails. We are just going to meander down boulevards and multi-lane highways. Last week I published an obituary for the very nice gentleman, John Alley, but I wrote Jerry Alley (his brother) above

his photo and obituary. I do own my mistakes. I've always admitted to them and do my best to correct them, if at all possible. I didn't realize my mis-naming mistake until my mom said something about it after she read the paper. After a short conversation with her, which wasn't making any sense to me because I was thinking JOHN, but she kept saying Jerry. FINALLY I figured out the mistake I made. I did go ahead and fix the online edition, because I hadn't yet posted it. I do apologize to everyone for the mistake. Now some are wondering how in the world I could make such a mistake. I met John and Linda at the community center a few years back, I want to say

we were attending an anniversary celebration for the Cricks. But maybe it was another celebration. I honestly can't remember. But when I was placing his writeup in the paper, I got to thinking about that meeting, which led me down the road to his brother's place there north of town. Bear with me here. Then my mind wondered to the time I was with Dad, and we were driving by the Jerry Alley place, when Dad said, "There's Jerry. I need to talk to him." Then he backed up and turned into the driveway. He got out of the pickup and walked up and talked to Jerry. And talked to Jerry. Then I got to meandering down the roads of other instances where Dad 'needed' to talk to

someone, and left his poor starving, bored, and tired kids waiting in the smelling-like-diesel pickup of his. And it got me thinking that it's been a bit over 3 years since Dad succumbed to COVID. So, instead of concentrating on the task at hand, I meandered down roads that really had nothing to do with the job I was supposed to be doing. Again, apologies! Wait...we're not done here... Alan Albers sent me this message about my comment in the history of Cunningham Rural High School: "After reading your tin box story I'd like to make a correction. As a former Kansas History teacher. Kansas listed in their fourth and final draft of the original

Constitution that Women had the right to vote on School issues. So Kansas was the real first State to allow Women the right to vote on this one issue. I would also add that I doubt the new School vote would have passed if only the men voted. Women seem to have better judgement, I think." Just to check the exact dates I went to the website of the Kansas Historical Society: "Kansas women saw some early victories; they gained the right to vote in school district elections in 1861 and municipal elections in 1887. The crusade for equal voting rights, however, continued to elude supporters. In 1912, eight years before the ratification of the national woman suf-

frage amendment, Kansas became the eighth state to extend equal voting rights to women." So, my quip to Alan was "Isn't it odd then, that he only addressed the men on the issue?" He thought that was a good question. And one we will never know the answer to. Next week I'll write a bit more about mistakes, but I have run out of room this week. Once again, I am back to the 'not enough room' dilemma. Always reading, and currently reading, "Francie" by Karen English, Roberta AUGH! I just found mistakes in the paper of THREE weeks ago!! AARGH!!! definitely more next week!!

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, My autocorrect refuses to recognize the British word for complaining fretfully as in, "Quit your whinging, we're one day closer to Spring" and though I know I'm splitting snowflakes, I'd rather call my annual Winter grievances a whinge than a whine because I'm convinced it sounds slightly less petty. I like to think

that my perennial grumblings are well received because, though I'll allow there may be more than the two humans I know who like Winter (my avid hunter nephew and his equally passionate snow skier cousin) I believe the majority of us fancy rain more than we do sleet and snow AND prefer warm weather over cold. I do appreciate snow days if I'm snuggled up with cats while soup simmers on the stove. But it's hard to really enjoy oneself during a storm like the one we just had

because it's impossible to ignore the hardships and dangers friends, family, and strangers face, especially all those emergency, line and road crews out in it working tirelessly in the white-out thick of it. And sure, snow can be pretty. Once the first blizzard wave passed, I admired the wind sculpted drifts until my car was no match for our driveway's snow dunes. Even then, while I waited for a good neighbor to come tow it out, I thought perhaps I'd stride over this whitewashed

"Lawrence of Arabia" set like Peter O'Toole. But instead of recreating any Oscar-winning scenes, I flopped, floundered and nearly toppled over as I plunged with each attempt at moving into quicksand-like and above-the-knee snowbanks. Overnight powder turned to glassy brick but luckily the "day after" afternoon saw temps climb above freezing which allowed us to prepare for what meteorologists say is coming next: Rounds Two and Three of snow followed by several days

(and nights) where the mercury may not EVEN reach zero. I've not been happy to hear these predictions. They bring back memories of that Winter a couple years ago when a Polar Vortex blew in. I mean it when I say I'll never run from a Zombie Apocalypse, but I ran from THAT COLD. I'd like to think I'm better prepared now. The dilemma of course, no matter how ready I think I am, is that Mother Nature seldom pulls the same trick from her bag twice. That's where again I must doff

my Carhartt beanie again to the emergency, line, and road crews and EVERYONE who, not only throughout the Winter but year-long, do their best to plan for every crazy weather scenario they can imagine and handle the unpredictable. That's pretty special and even more admirable, they keep us safe and warm WITHOUT whinging. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Memory Tips from What's Her Name

Before you start blaming your memory problems on age, let me remind you, you forgot plenty when you were younger too. I've researched the subject extensively—I read a couple of articles while I was waiting in a doctor's office one day—and it turns out that sometimes forgetfulness is less a matter of age and more a result of not paying attention. Of course, if you're old and don't pay attention, you're really in trouble. As a public service, I will now discuss some common non-age-related memory problems and what can be done

about them: Interrupted sequence: You might know it by its scientific term: scatter brained. Let's say I've decided to straighten my living room—not that I did. This is purely for demonstration purposes. I pick up all the newspapers stacked on the couch and take them to my recycling bag. It's full so I haul it to the car. That's when I notice that someone has spilled popcorn in the garage. I wander through the house looking for the broom, which I don't find. But while I'm in the basement, I do see a dirty cereal bowl, which I take to the kitchen. There's a stack of dirty dishes, so I start to load the dishwasher. I remember I'm almost out of dishwasher detergent, so I start a grocery list. The phone rings and I go searching for it. I find it under the bed. I pick it up and my sister says, "What are you doing?" And I

say, "I have no idea." Mort Herold, the very optimistic author of You Can Have a Near-Perfect Memory, advises us to finish sequences whenever possible. In other words you should finish cleaning my living room before you start sweeping my garage. (Carry your own dishes to the kitchen too.) If it's not possible to finish a sequence, grab something that will remind you of where you were in the process. Say someone comes to your door while you're making dinner. You could burn the house down if you don't get back to the stove right away, then you'd have to go out to eat. So grab something, say a carving knife, and hold it until you're finished talking with your visitor. The knife in your hand serves as a reminder that you need to get back to the kitchen. It also assures that your guest will

never bother you at dinner time again. Quite possibly no other time either. Tip-of-the-Tongue Phenomenon: I had the song, "Wonderful Tonight," stuck in my head. (I won't sing it for you because I like you too much—some of you anyway.) It's one of my favorite songs, but hard as I tried, I could not remember the artist's name. Psychologist David Brooks says our memory's filing system is to blame for tip-of-the-tongue phenomenon. I was looking in the file under aging rock stars, which as you know, is a fairly large file. Brooks says it's best to stop trying so hard and relax. This makes your mind more receptive to other cues that could lead you to different files. That's why you sit up in the middle of the night and yell, "Muenster cheese," which can be upsetting to your spouse.

Being the impatient sort, I didn't wait for cues. I Googled it, which was lucky. If I'd sat up in the middle of the night and yelled, "Eric Clapton" that may have been upsetting to my spouse too. Forgetting where you put things: What's-his-name, Mort Herold, says it's logical to forget where we put things because putting something down is a gesture of release. It's like saying, "I'm done with you." He suggests you tell the object something else, maybe, "Stay cellphone stay!" My cellphone doesn't listen very well but see how yours does. Another option is to make it a habit to put your keys or your reading glasses in the same place every time. But—and this is important—you have to remember where that place is. Forgetting names: In his book, How to Win

Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie said that when you meet someone new, you should use the person's name often in your conversation. "Nice to meet you Bill. Where did you say you work Bill? How long have you been with the company Bill. Meanwhile, stare at Bill until you begin to associate his name with his appearance—or until he says, "I'm not Bill. You can also connect the name to others you know who have the same name. Sometimes when people meet me, they think of that other Dorothy—and her little dog too. If it means they'll never call me Debbie or Doris, I'm all for it. Try these tricks and you may find that your memory problems have more to do with paying attention than they do with getting old. Not that you aren't getting old.

Poetry From Daily Life edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate

Column Intro: This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Ted Kooser, who lives on an acreage near Garland, Nebraska. What would become his writing career began

when Ted was in his teens. Today he is known for his conversational style, with subjects often about love, family, place, and time. A unique fact about Ted is that he and Will Cather are the only Nebraskans ever to win a Pulitzer Prize for literature. He mentions two recent books that he enjoyed writing: Valentines (poems) and House Held Up by Trees (an illustrated children's book). ~ David Harrison

Poetry from Daily Life: Ted Kooser digs into that feeling of a 'First Snow' By Ted Kooser I'd been writing poems for quite a few years before I understood what my job was to be. I'd published a little poem called "Spring Plowing" in which I imagined a community of field mice moving their nests out of the way of the tractor and plow and into a safe place in the deep grass of a fence row. I rarely got a letter from someone who'd read something I'd written, but this time I did. A woman in Omaha sent me a note saying that she'd read "Spring Plowing" and would never again look at a freshly plowed field without thinking of those mice. And I said aloud to myself, "THIS is my JOB!" This was what I was cut out to do, to show people how to see commonplace things with new eyes. Show a small child an oddly-shaped stone and she might say, "That looks like a frog." That sort of play-

fulness is present in all children, and it's still present and can be accessed if an adult is ready to give up taking himself seriously. If we let ourselves play we can find poems all around us. Here's an example from me: First Snow The old black dog comes in one evening with the first few snowflakes on his back and falls asleep, throwing his back leg out at our excitement. This is the night that one of us gets to say, as if it were news, that no two snowflakes are ever alike, the night when each of us remembers something snowier; The kitchen is a kindergarten steamy with stories. The dog gets stiffly up and limps away, seeing a quiet spot at the heart of the house. Outside, in silence, with diamonds in his fur, the winter night curls round the legs of the trees, sleepily blinking snowflakes from his lashes. Let's play!

Ted Kooser has received many awards, including five Pushcart Prizes, the Pulitzer Prize, and Mark Twain Award. From 2004-2006 he served as the United States Poet Laureate. For more information, visit https://www.tedkooser.net.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, January 18 JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME	Monday, January 29 JH BB at Pretty Prairie ** 6:30 City Council
Friday, January 19 HS BB Boys 54 Classic at Skyline	Tuesday, January 30 HS BB at Fairfield
Saturday, January 20 HS BB Boys 54 Classic at Skyline	Wednesday, January 31st School Spelling Bee *** 7:00 Book Club
Monday, January 22 JH BB vs Norwich at HOME	Thursday, February 1 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield *** Regional Scholars Bowl at HOME
Tuesday, January 23 HS BB Girls 54 Classic at HOME	Friday, February 2 Homecoming HS BB vs Norwich at HOME
Thursday, January 25 JH BB at Attica	Saturday February 3 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield
Friday, January 26 HS Girls 54 Classic at HOME	
Saturday, January 27 HS Girls 54 Classic at HOME	

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Keynote Speaker, Mark Potter The Face of Depression d2up.org

Former Newman University Head Basketball Coach & Keynote Speaker, Mark Potter is on a mission to save lives. Founder of D2UP, dedicated husband and father, Coach Potter has dedicated his life to helping others find a way to seek help when suffering from depression and anxiety.

After experiencing severe depression along with suicidal thoughts first hand, Coach understands what it's like to feel hopeless and alone. He has made it his mission to help others get out of severe depression and get help. Coach Potter, along with his wife Nanette Potter, have shared their message across the United States helping Universities, High Schools and Businesses bring awareness about mental illness to their communities and start taking action on breaking the silence about depression and suicide.

The Cunningham Community and Stakeholders
Are cordially invited to attend

Tuesday, January 30th, 2024
10:00am
Cunningham High School Gymnasium



Pancake Supper!!!

The Lutheran Laymen's League of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona is hosting their 67th Pancake & Sausage Supper on Saturday, January 20th from 4:30 - 7:30.

Meal includes: pancakes, waffles, French toast, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, milk, juice.

Free will offerings will be accepted with proceeds going to Kansas District LLL Project.

Intro to Quickbooks Workshop Offered

Join us on Thursday, January 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Kingman County Extension Office (125 N Spruce, Kingman, KS 67068) for Intro to Quickbooks Online. This workshop will cover Quickbooks Online and is for beginners to advanced users. At this workshop, we recommend bringing your own personal laptops, but we will have laptops available for you to be able to work step by step with us. We will start from the very beginning of creating an account and entering financial transactions and ending with how to print end of the year reports.

Registration is \$10, which includes a manual and light meal. Please RSVP by January 17th by 5:00 p.m. at 620-532-5131 or email gschnei@ksu.edu. When registering, state if you will be bringing your own laptop or if you will need one provided. Space is limited to 10 participants. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.



Coffee Shop Talk

Join Kingman County K-State Research and Extension and Kingman County Farm Bureau on Friday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Jeri's Kitchen in the back room (312 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068) for a Coffee Shop Talk. For this meeting, we will have Chip Redmond, Assistant Meteorologist and K-State Weather Data Library/Mesonet Manager, discuss weather outlook and climate for the state. Bring your questions, discussion, have a donut and some coffee, and let's talk weather! Thank you to the Kingman County Farm Bureau for making this event possible.

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Shot Clock Approved for Trial Run in 2024-25

TOPEKA, Kan. – The 35-second shot clock has been approved on a trial basis for the 2024-25 basketball season by KSHSAA Executive Board at their board meeting Wednesday.

All KSHSAA member schools will have the option to utilize the shot clock for all home boys and girls basketball games at the varsity level. The trial will only be during the regular season. If a school chooses to participate in the trial they must do so for all boys and girls varsity games they host.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) approved the use of the shot clock for state adoption in 2022. The KSHSAA has surveyed school administrators and coaches for their opinions on adopting the shot clock since the before allowance by the NFHS. Most recently, at the October Regional Administrator meetings, the question was favored for adoption by classes 6A and 5A (YES 47 NO 22). However, the total vote for all classes did not favor implementation (YES 116 NO 279). The Executive Board felt comfortable seeing how the shot clock would work on a trial basis but did not feel like only allowing it for a couple of classes, which led to a trial plan for all classes.

Schools opting in will be required to fill out a short survey after each game to collect data on the experience of using the shot clock. Data to include score, number of violations, number of officials conferences to discuss shot clock issues, noted problems and anecdotal information about the impact of the shot clock to the game's outcome.

The KSHSAA will collect data and observations throughout the season before deciding about a permanent implementation following the 2024-25 season.

Schools opting to participate in the trial will notify the KSHSAA by October 1, 2024. Further details and procedures will be shared with member schools.

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1929

January 25 – Roy McNamee shipped a car load of mules to Wichita, Monday morning on the freight. He drove down Wednesday to watch them sell on the mule market.

Notice – The meeting for the purpose of organizing a Golf Club will be held at the Bank at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25th. Everyone interested in this enterprise, please be there.

Workmen began this week on the new high line between Nashville and Cunningham. The men began digging the holes at Nashville and will work this way. It is estimated that about three to four weeks will be required to complete the line.

1934

January 26 – The old Santa Fe windmill went down for the count of ten Tuesday of this week. All she made was a big crash and busted into a thousand pieces. The bridge gang arrived here Tuesday morning and succeeded in pulling the huge tower over before the noon hour.

Gone for ever more is the pigeon harbor and gone for ever more is the signal tower from which the Santa Fe agent used to notify the citizens of approaching tornadoes. Gone but not forgotten.

A business deal was competed on Monday afternoon whereby Mr. E. C. Dafforn of the Dafforn Motor Co., received possession of the Cunningham Garage from Looker & Richardson, who have been the proprietors for the past nine months.

The Dafforn Motor Co. came to Cunningham from Zenda a few days ago and located temporarily in the Haden building.

The Cunningham Garage building, which was erected back in about 1918, is one of the best garage buildings in this part of the state.

1939

January 27, – After an illness which extended over a period of a year and a half, Mrs. William Stanley, 63, a resident of this community for almost thirty years, passed away at her home northeast of the city, last Sunday evening.

One hundred and fifteen mothers and daughters attended their annual banquet held in the Methodist church basement Monday evening. A lovely dinner was served and a splendid program enjoyed by the guests, with Mrs. F. W. Dieterich of Spivey bringing the special address of the evening.

Mrs. Dieterich spent many years in China and Japan, where she and her husband taught in the Universities. She was a personal friend of Pearl Buck, the celebrated novelist.

1944

1944 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

January 21, 1949 – E. C. and Francis Dafforn of the Dafforn Motor Company, have just returned from Kansas City, Missouri, where they attended a dealer meeting and preview of the new 1949 Chevrolet passenger cars.

The new cars will first be shown to the public at the dealer's showrooms here on January 22nd.

For Sale, Seed Oats, 90 cents bushel. Vic Renner

1954

January 22– The high school basketballers chalked up their fourth straight win and their eighth victory of the current season, by swamping the Sawyer High School, 83 to 43, in a game played at Sawyer, Tuesday night.

The Wildcat's center, six-foot seven-inch Ronnie Adelhardt, had the best night of his basketball career, as he poured 33 points through the hoop to pace the Cunningham scoring. Billy DeWeese and Victor Becker each scored 17 points to ably aid the Cunningham cause.

Members of the First Baptist Church of this city, greeted their new pastor, Rev. Charles McDonald, and family, with a "Pound Party" at their home.

See the New Model Zenith TV at Fee Hardware

At the Cunningham Theatre, Saturday and Sunday,

Show Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Jane Wyman, Sterling Hayden, Nancy Olson, and Steven Forrest in "So Big"

1959

January 22 – Workmen for the Diamond Engineering Company are now driving piling at the site of the new bridge across the Ninnescah River north of town.

A large trailer home belonging to a Minnesota man, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night while parked along Highway 54 in front of the Fee Hardware.

The owner, who had pulled his car and house trailer to that spot earlier in the evening, was asleep in the trailer at the time the fire broke out, but escaped before becoming trapped in the blaze.

The fire was thought to have started from a small heating stove.

Volunteer firemen brought the fire under control before it could spread to the business firm. One large window in the store was cracked from the heat of the fire.

1964

January 23 – Shock and disbelief greeted state highway officials when they announced a proposal to relocate U.S. Highway 54 at a meeting in Kingman last Friday afternoon.

The proposal was an extension of US-54 double-lane plans from their present location at the "Andale Road" west of Wichita to the half-mile line north of the existing highway, and coming straight west, thereby missing the cities of Garden Plain, Kingman, Cunningham, and Pratt. Because of the mile-jog east of Kingman, this would put the new highway by Cunningham at the point between the mile corner and the river bridge north of town.

Attending the meeting from Cunningham were Mayor Francis Dafforn, Councilman Roy Ellis, and Dresden Trustee Bob Underwood.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the new city dump, located one mile south and one-half mile east of Cunningham, will officially open and begin operation, complete with hours, 8:00 to 5:00 o'clock, with a caretaker, L. C. Smith. The new junk yard will be open every Saturday only, however it may be opened by appointment with Mr. Smith.

The limited "membership" in the new junk yard is to residents of Cunningham and Rural Township only, according to city officials. Dresden Township residents are barred from dumping trash in the new yard because of non-participation in the cost of operation.

The old junk yard, located southwest of town on ground owned by Orval Spain, is being closed off this week.

1969

January 23, 1969 – The Cunningham Wildcats won their fifth straight Golden Plains League basketball game at Sylvia, Tuesday night, beating the Mustangs, 62 to 48.

John McCune and Larry Lubbers, with 16 and 15 points respectively, paced the Cunningham scoring. Eddie Panek and Curtis Kitson each made 10 points; Gene Albers had 6 and Marvin Oller 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Albers of Cunningham announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Gary Wegerer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer, also of Cunningham.

Soup Supper, United Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb. 1, serving 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Chili, Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches, Pie, Coffee, Tea Sponsored by U.F.O.

YEARS AGO IN

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1974

January 24- The Cunningham Lions Club is planning an area-wide basket dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeArmond, 12-year residents of the community and active civic contributors who are moving to Coldwater soon.

It'll be a long time before folks 'round these parts remember to forget when "Rusty" Baber got lost on the Calista-Zenda blacktop and then broadcast his plight to nearly half of the west end of Kingman county via CB radio so's 'most everyone would know about it.

To hear him tell it, Rusty declares there was a very dense fog last Thursday morning when he started out to drive the southeast school bus route out of Cunningham about 7:30 and it was still dark.

Seems he'd picked up passengers from his first stop at Bob Harbert's, three quarters of a mile south of Calista and was headed on down the blacktop to turn back west three miles south.

"I'd gone about a half mile," Baber says, "when I checked my speedometer, and when I kept going, I wound up two miles south of where I should have been.

But listeners on the CB radio heard him call back, and the declare he was lost. They heard him ask Harbert to help him identify landmarks and insisting he couldn't see where the three mile road intersection was.

"Well, where you at? Radioed a reply. "If I knew where I was at, I wouldn't be lost", listeners heard Rusty's reply.

Baber turned the school bus west at the five mile road, he owned up later, and went approximately four miles west before he recognized the trees around the Merten's corner and was reoriented.

"It's bad that I had to radio my position to nearly everyone," Baber complained, "I'll never live it down!"

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale will begin on Friday, Jan. 25th, and will end Feb. 4. The local Junior Scout Troop No. 55 will be selling the cookies in the Community Center.

There will be five varieties of cookies available, they are: Lemon Cremes, Chocolate and Vanilla Cremes, Scot-Teas, Thin Mints, and Savannahs. They will sell for \$1.00 per box.

Jane Simonson has been named Cunningham High School 1973-74 Bette Crocker Family Leader of tomorrow according to Mrs. Louise Armstrong, home economics teacher. Jane won the Honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on Dec. 4. She no eligible for state and national hors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, In., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program.

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1979

January 25 – Board members in U.S.D. No 332 whose terms expire on June 30, 1979 are Norman Schnittker, position No. 1, representing the City of Cunningham north of U.S. 54 Hiway; Jack Crick represents position No. 2, the south part of the City of Cunningham and the surrounding rural area north, east, west, and south of Cunningham. John Albers represents position No. 3, known as the St. Leo area; Karl Werner position No. & represents the entire school district in what is known as the at-large position.

This week the seventh graders are making stained glass pictures with tissue paper and glue.

We are also learning how to diagram sentence patterns two and three. Pattern two has a predicate adjective that describes the subject. Pattern three has a predicate noun that means the same as the subject. This week we are starting new units in health, science, and spelling.

Tuesday Peggy Harbert was ill. We've been pretty lucky because we haven't had many ill people in our class. Reporter, Jackie Thimesch

Hilltop Happenings: Thursdays movie was "The Day of Empires Has Arrived." Thirty-four residents attended.

Annette and Cheryl Freund and Karen Simon are going on a skiing trip to Breckenridge, Colo. this Saturday. Have fun, but be careful, girls.

1984

January 28- For sale: 1978 Ranchero GT, 18,000 actual miles. Make offer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jarmer, Nashville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Annette to Curtis Adelhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Adelhardt, Pratt.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cunningham High School and is currently enrolled as a nursing student at Pratt Community College.

Adelhardt is a graduate of Pratt High School and Pratt Community College and is employed by Hearn Sales and Service.

The couple are planning a June 2 wedding at St. Leo.

All students in U.S.D 332, Grades Kindergarten through 6, participated in the Kansas State department of Education Nutrition Poster Contest. The winners were Kindergarten through Grade 2: Jessica Hageman, Zenda, Grade 2, 1st place; Grade 3 & 4: Karen Werner, Zenda, grade 4, 1st place, Grades 5 and 6, Heather Murphey, Cunningham, Grade 6, 1st place.

Jeannette Fischer and LeRoy Hageman reigned as King and Queen for the annual basketball Homecoming Festivities on Friday, January 20.

To all subscribers of the Cunningham Clipper. We need your input to make our local paper a success for local patrons. New recipes are need now. We have been using some from the news services, but they are not nearly as good or interesting as local cooks can provide.

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I Begged Him

By Jack Taylor

The dawn crawled across the Judean hills, poking into crevices, ravines, and valleys, curious as to what had transpired overnight. On this morn, the long fingers of light skipped across the shoreline and highlighted a strange sight. Pigs! Bobbing in the sea.

Two herdsman stood on the hill, running fingers through windswept hair. The older one dropped his wooden staff and kicked it over the edge into the water. The grey beard on his chin waggled like a goat, as he spoke. "I begged him to leave. Our whole livelihood is ruined. Why did he have to come here?"

"You'd have to ask Erasmus and Eliud," the younger one said. "The tombs are a lot quieter."

"Diabolical monsters,

those two," the older one stated. "Scaring the children with those rattling chains, running around naked, cutting themselves. The elders should have put them down years ago."

"They looked fine last night," the younger responded. "Clothed, and in their right mind for the first time in forever. You should have seen the look on their brother's faces. The whole town was standing around with their mouths open."

"Yes, didn't I notice!" the older one said, turning his back on the sea. "None of them were agonizing over our pigs, until I got the elders on it. Those fanatics have been mobbing this Messianic pretender. Why did he have to ruin our peace?"

"What if he is who people say he is? No one else could free the two. You know the religious

leaders have been trying for years."

"They're all frauds," the older one said, marching down the hill toward town. "Playing with spirits they have no control over. Pontificating incantations, and then running for their lives. At least this sorcerer figured out some way to manipulate the evil."

"Should we beg him to come back and restore our pigs?"

"Are you as out of your mind as Erasmus and Eliud? How would he do that? Do you realize what kind of power that charlatan has under his control? He commanded thousands of malevolent destroyers with a word."

"Yes, but I heard that he raised up the dead for those who pleaded with him in faith. If he can do it with people, he can surely do it with animals."

The older herder stooped, grasped a smooth stone, and flung it out into the water. "Did you watch Erasmus begging that monster to take him on his little circus tour? It was sickening. Take me with you, take me with you." The old man threw another stone. It skipped three times, then sank. "You know what is going on don't you? The man is a Jew and Jews hate pigs. They've sent him over here to ruin our economy and to punish us for succeeding in areas out of their control."

"What is this really all about?" the younger herder asked. "Are you mad because he killed your status and significance? Because he took you from being the richest in town to begging like the rest of us? I've never seen anyone changed like that before?"

The grey beard reached out and grabbed his companion by the shoulders, shaking him. "You've never seen anyone go from the top to the bottom? Is that what you're saying?"

The young man sank to his knees. "No! I was saying that I've never seen anyone like Erasmus and Eliud go from madness to sanity in an instant. I've never seen outcasts restored to their family and community. I've never seen someone so fearless and compassionate at the same time."

The old man stepped away, looking out over the water. "How did he do it?"

The young man rose. "When the boat reached shore, the two ran down to the shore from the tombs. Erasmus shouted, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg

you, don't torture me!" "They begged this man?" He smirked, crossing arms across his chest. "Just like I begged him." "Yes, Jesus had commanded the spirits to go, but they begged him not to send them into the Abyss."

"Can you imagine what we could do with someone who had this kind of control?" The older man grasped the edge of his robe and strode toward the harbor. "Where is he? Perhaps it's not too late to work out an arrangement."

"He's gone!" "Gone? Whatever fool told him to go?" "You did."

The old man raced toward the tombs, screaming like someone possessed.



The Final Step

By Melanie Kerr

The sky outside has darkened. Through the bars of the cell the pinpricks of the stars grow stronger. The air is warm and moist. The smell of burning wood from the outside brazier seeps down to where I stand. I long to stop my ears and erase the pitiful sound of weeping from another cell, but my heart stirs with compassion.

"Father, who fills the darkness with light, comfort your child and grant peace of heart and cour-

age of spirit." Without conscious thought, I lift my hand towards the sound, sketching the sign of the cross in the air. Quietness descends.

I stand beneath the window, casting about, uncertain of my next move. Should I spend the night in prayer, knees scuffed on the hard earth? Perhaps like Paul and Silas, in the Holy Scriptures I should rouse my spirit to sing a stirring hymn and witness my chains fall off as the walls of my prison crumble. I could spend the night in

confession, but He knows more of my sins than I will ever know of. Should I simply gather my cloak about me and seek solace in slumber?

This is my last night. Death awaits me with the coming dawn. I confess that my heart yearns to be with my blessed Father. Soon I will be enveloped in His warm embrace. In just a little while I will gaze upon the face that gazes upon my own. I will hear Him speak to me. Will we stroll together along the streets of gold in His

heavenly kingdom? What joy will fill my heart! Tomorrow, my Master, I will be home with You.

The final step – some say it will be the hardest. What if the blood of the martyrs does not run through my veins? I am not brave, or courageous and fear that in the end I will cry out and bring shame on my Saviour – He who spoke not a word. I hope to speak gentle words of forgiveness, but I fear that bitter words will spill from my mouth.

Suddenly my cell is transformed by a gentle light. The walls melt away and find myself standing in my old church. The familiar frescos on the wall greet me. The sweet smell of incense permeates the air. I see the shadowy figures standing just in front of the altar. A young woman clothed in a simple robe with a garland crowning her head in a halo of white flowers stands next to an awkward, tall young man. I can tell that he is nervous, his fingers twitching constantly, smoothing

out his tunic. His eyes stray to the door, but return to the quiet face of the woman he loves.

There – standing just in front of them – I am dressed in my bishop's robe. Which wedding is this one? Julienne and Castor? Or Ariadne and Felix? I have married so many couples, whispering the solemn words of the ceremony, as candles blaze in their sockets during the watches of the night. I have listened to vows quietly spoken, love witnessed in the exchange of a shy kiss.

The vision fades and I return to the prison. Something scuttles in the dark corners of my cell, but in my heart there is a confident light.

"Oh Claudius.." My words echo in the emptiness of my cell. "How foolish you are. When a man has a wife and a family to protect he will fight against any army to defend them. You cannot stop love just as you cannot stop the tide flowing, or the sun rising, or the stars from shining. Do

not think by silencing me that you can silence the marriage vows that lovers make. What God brings together, you cannot keep apart."

A scraping sound by the window interrupts my thoughts. Something is pushed through the bars and falls. A rose lies on the floor, two of its petals torn away. A small scrap of vellum flutters to the floor like a broken moth.

"Courage, dear Valentine – there's one more wedding for you to attend. Tomorrow angels will flank your right and left hand as you walk towards the altar."

Valentine was a bishop at Rome and he secretly married couples against the demands of Emperor Claudius II. He was captured, imprisoned and on 14th February in the year 270 beaten to death with clubs and decapitated.



Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 p.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.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

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

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
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Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

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What: Food

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JH Wildcats Take South Barber

Our first junior high basketball game after Christmas break was at South Barber. The Tornados promised to be a good opponent for the Cats, as they are athletic and have won quite a few games this year.

The Wildcats were down after the first quarter and had to work to get ahead in the game. The second and third quarter were owned by the Cats where they built a lead, but the 4th was crazy and hectic. Both teams scored about the same, but it felt closer than an 11 point victory for the Cats. The boys shared the ball well and the shooting percentage is steadily rising. There are several points of emphasis for the team right now in reflection after the game. There were too many turnovers and free throws need to improve, but no matter how we play we play hard and are fun to watch! Nothing seems to bother them much as they do what needs to be done to compete for the win.

Liam led the team with 10 rebounds. He was followed by Nathan with 7. Liam and Nathan also had 4 steals each. - Coach Lance McGuire



Molly Morgan photos



CJH players, left to right:
Liam McGuire
Nathan Ndambuki
Cole Hageman

And Those Tough CJH Lady Cats vs. South Barber



Morgan Oldham
and Kourtni Fischer



Andi Young



Sage Thimesch



Katie Ogg

Molly Morgan photos



Keyonna Huffman

JH Wildcats Charge Over Burrton

The Junior High Wildcats played host to the Burrton Chargers January 11. Burrton doesn't have a high school basketball season this year due to lack of participation with an enrollment equal to Cunningham's, their junior high faring only slightly better. The bus rolled into town Thursday with 7 girls and 6 boys, one of whom was injured. We've been there. It's hard on the whole community.

On the flip side of low numbers, 15 of our 30 players suited up early for a well-attended red/white scrimmage to start the evening. It was the best game of the night, and these kids got more playing time than anyone else. The game was back and forth with good defense, big plays, a dramatic comeback, and a last second shot! These boys are getting better every day, and it was fun to see them showcase their abilities in front of such a great crowd.

When the varsity took the floor it was obvious early that the Wildcats were on a different level. Without pressing, we still racked up points fast and showed a 24-0 score at half. The starters were bummed about sitting out most of the game, but the next group did not waste their time on the court. Everyone shared the ball, moved the ball, rebounded and worked over the Chargers on offense. On defense, the whole team was downright stingy giving up NO field goals in 4 quarters. The final score indicated a domination on the court and a total team attack by the Cats.

Nathan led the team in rebounds with 5. Brody, Carson, and Hank all had 4. Cole, Nathan, and Colton all collected 2 steals. by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	14	10	4	7	35
Burrton	0	0	2	1	3



Brody Bock



Carson Strohl



Liam McGuire

Molly Morgan photos

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	14
Carson Strohl	4
Brody Bock	4
Adam Sterneker	4
Hank Adams	3
Wesly Priesser	2
Weston Rogers	2
John Paul Kerschen	2

Lady JH Cats vs. Burrton



Molly Morgan photos



Left to right:
Maelynn Jump
Mackley Glenn
Lux Thimesch



Wildcats Win "B" Team Tournament



Back Row: Coach Bob Stackhouse, Nate Sterneker, Logan Kinsler, Kendall Rogers, Blake Swope, Dylan Halderson, Asst. Coach Bart Ricke
Front row: Layne Green, Sean Kostner, Stephen Kerschen

Cunningham defeated St. John in the championship game of the 17th annual Cunningham "B" Team Tournament by a score of 49 to 36.

The Wildcats took a one point lead in the first quarter, scoring 10 points to St. John's nine. Nate Sterneker led the Cats with four points. Layne Green, Kendall Rogers, and Stephen Kerschen each had two points.

The Cats extended their lead in the second

quarter with 16 points to 11 for the Tigers. Green scored six points to lead the Cats. Sterneker added four more to his total. Kerschen, Logan Kinsler, and Blake Swope scored three, two, and one point, respectively. The team made six of eight free throws in the quarter. The halftime score was Cunningham 26, St. John 19.

The Wildcats made a larger gap in the score as Kerschen, Swope, and

Sterneker carried the scoring load with five, four, and four points, respectively. Cunningham carried an 11 point lead going into the fourth quarter 39 to 28.

Cunningham would not be denied in the fourth quarter scoring 10 more points and holding the Tigers to eight points. Green made six points with Kinsler and Kerschen adding two points each. The final score was Cunningham

49, St. John 36.

Logan Kinsler was presented with the Hustle Award following the game. Players participating in this year's tournament were Sean Kostner, Logan Kinsler, Layne Green, Stephen Kerschen, Blake Swope, Nate Sterneker, Kendall Rogers, and Dylan Halderson.

- By Coach Stackhouse



Photos by Molly Morgan

Bart Ricke presents Logan Kinsler with the Hustle Award after the final game of the 'B' Team Tournament



Wildcats Return to Competition vs South Barber

The Cunningham Wildcats played at home to start the new year on January 12, 2024. The Cats came away with a 60 to 36 victory over the South Barber Chieftains.

Due to weather postponements and forfeiture, Cunningham had not played a game for three weeks. The layoff didn't show much as the Cats scored 19 points in the first quarter and led by 9 points at the end of one

quarter, 19 to 10. Luke McGuire led the way with eight points. Luke Albers was right behind with seven points and Dylan Halderson added four points.

The Wildcats increased their lead with 19 more points and the man-to-man defense held the Chieftains to nine points. Will Wegerer got in the scoring column with nine points. Albers added six points and McGuire put in four points. The halftime score was Cunningham 38, South Barber 19.

Albers kept scoring

in the third quarter putting in 10 of the Cat's 14 points. Wegerer and Kory Morgan each scored two point baskets. South Barber scored 10 points.

Both teams felt the result of missing practice days due to bad weather as the game slowed down in the fourth quarter. Cunningham still managed to outscore the Chieftains by one to finish with a 60 to 36 win. McGuire, Wegerer, Albers, and Halderson each contributed two points.

-By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	3	2	2/3	14	4	2	1	
Halderson	3		0/1	6	8	1	0	
Wegerer	3	2	1/2	13	7	4	2	
Albers	10	1	2/2	25	6	3	6	
Sterneker					5	1		
Kinsler					1			
Morgan	1			2	4	1	1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	19	19	14	8	60
South Barber	10	9	10	7	36

CHS Lady Wildcats vs. South Barber



Ellie McGuire



Kyra Morgan



Grace Hageman

photos by Molly Morgan





Ambassador Chili Night Proceeds

On December 10, the Kingman County 4-H Ambassadors held a Chili Feed and Bingo Night at the Kingman VFW Hall. We had a full house with community members attending this event! The proceeds from the night were donated to the Kingman County Humane Society. We were able to give the Humane Society a donation of over \$1100. The Kingman County 4-H Ambassadors would like to thank Jack and Julie Lyon for the use of the building. Trinity Fitness, Houdini's Pizza, The Polished Coop, Sonic, Forge Financial, Jeri's Kitchen, Cleo's, Molly's Attic, Factory 233, Floyd's Auction and Real Estate, Fisher Lumber, and the Kingman County Fair Association for donating prizes. All of the 4-H Clubs for donating prizes and helping promote this event. And all of those who attended and donated so generously.

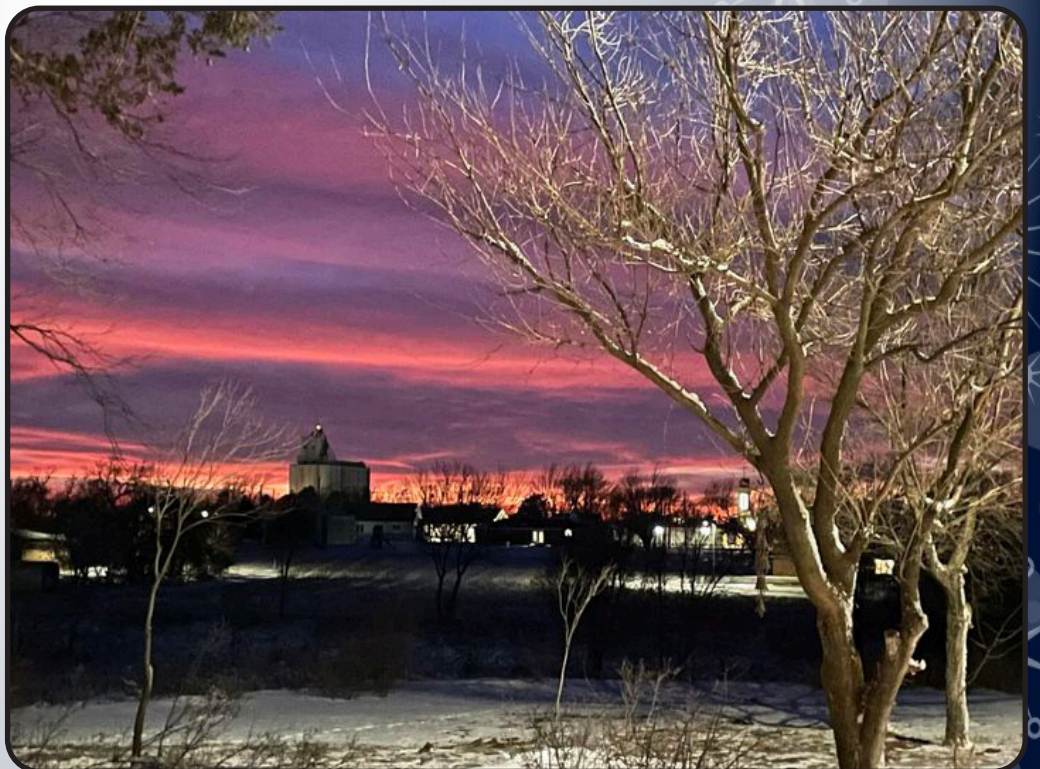
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Pictured Melissa Thimesch, Kingman County 4-H Agent, and CJ Jergenson, Kingman County Humane Society.



BRRR! It is so cold... but the photos are beautiful. The daytime photos were sent in by Martha Hellar and the nighttime photos are courtesy of Teresa McClendon.





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The Benefits of Gardening in the Winter

K-State horticulture expert says gardening is good for mental wellness

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. —After the holiday rush, it can be challenging to return to a “normal” routine. Having something to look forward to is important after visits with family and friends coming to an end and dreary weather continues.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said research has shown mental health benefits associated with gardening, including reduced levels of depression, anxiety and increased satisfaction with quality of life.

“Perhaps you have your own experiences with such benefits and that’s why you continue to garden,” Domenghini said. “Gardening can alleviate stress by providing food security. It is a source of physical activity and can serve as a social hobby.”

Each of these benefits supports why gardening is valuable for mental health, she said.

January is designated as Mental Wellness Awareness Month, and with alarming reports of the prevalence of mental health concerns in youth and adults alike, there is reason to bring attention to this campaign, Domenghini said.

“This may be the year to seek out someone you know who could benefit from time in the garden. Maybe they need a gardening mentor or space to grow a few veggies,” Domenghini said.

Or, she adds, perhaps you’re the one who could spend more time in the garden.

Domenghini encourages Kansans to check out the indoor gardening activities included in this week’s K-State horticulture newsletter to start gardening and reap the wellness rewards. Some ideas include:

Forcing paperwhites. Starting onions indoors. Starting garden transplants.

“Here’s to a year of improved well-being through gardening,” Domenghini said.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Domenghini at cdom@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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We're making a vegetable tray...

...fruit smoothies and spicy chicken.



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Football Facts & Fun



Read these clues about the history of football. Fill in the puzzle!

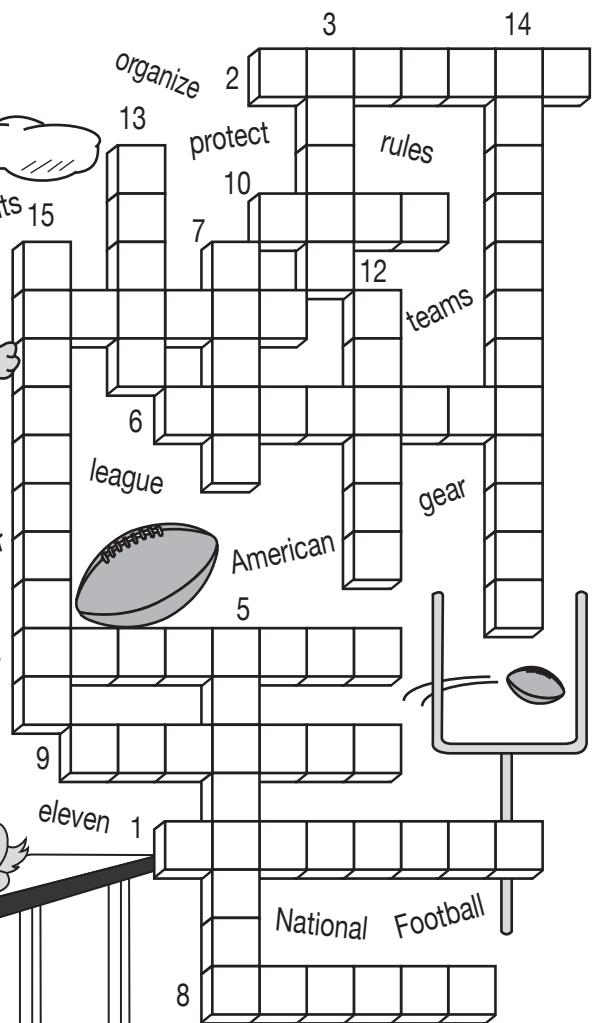
I might be a groundhog, but I'm also the world's biggest football fan. I'm supposed to hibernate from October through the winter months – but that's prime football season! So, I sneak out of my burrow to watch my favorite teams play. Even when I predict six more weeks of wintry weather I watch the Super Bowl!

- American _____ grew out of a rough game played in England called rugby.
- In the early days of football games, the rules were loose, and there were no special pieces of clothing to _____ the head or body.
- A man named Walter Camp, who played and coached football at Yale University, helped to set and write down the _____ for football.
- In 1920, some professional teams (meaning players got paid to play) started a league (APFA) to better _____ football.
- In 1922, the APFA league became the _____ Football League or NFL.
- A new league was formed in 1959 called the _____ Football League or the AFL.
- During the 1960's the NFL _____ played against the those of the AFL.
- In 1969 the NFL and the AFL joined into one _____ that we know as today's NFL.
- The football was nicknamed “pigskin” because the ball was covered in a pig’s bladder. Today the football is made with a rubber bladder covered with _____.
- Shoulder pads, helmets, facemasks, gloves and shoes with cleats are some of the protective clothes and _____ that have been designed for today’s players.
- There are _____ players on the field for each team.
- The object of the game is for each team to move the football forward into the other team’s end zone to score the most _____.
- The referees on the field keep _____ during the game. They make sure the rules are obeyed.

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We made a more healthful crust, cut the sugar and filled our pie to bursting with berries.

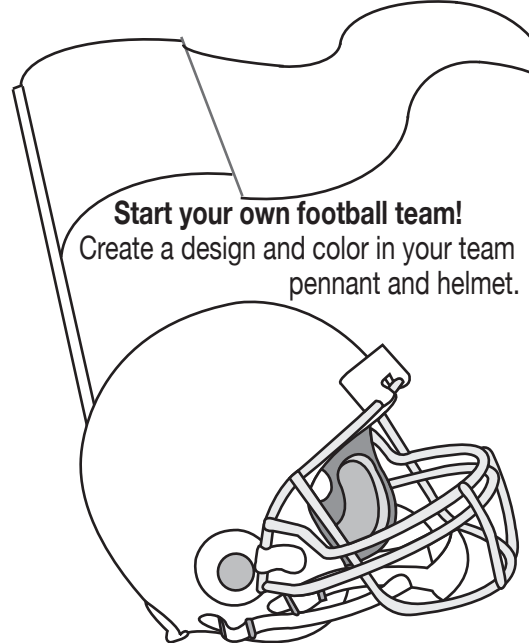
What are your favorite snacks?



- The Super Bowl is the yearly game for the _____.
- Thanks to _____, it is one of the most watched sporting events in the world.

Teams of the NFL

Read the team names to fill in the blanks. Once you have spelled them, search for the second half of the team name in the puzzle and circle it. The first one is done for you.



Start your own football team! Create a design and color in your team pennant and helmet.

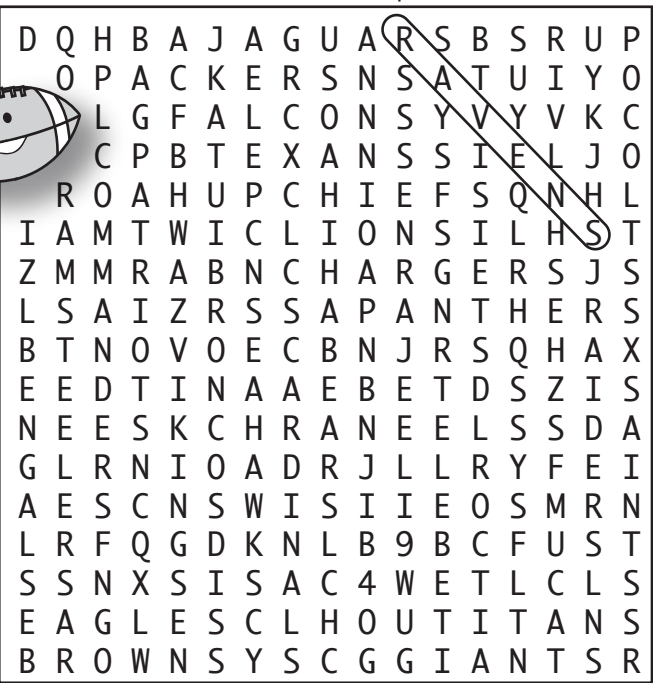
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Houston Texans
Indianapolis Colts
Jacksonville Jaguars
Tennessee Titans

NFC-South
Atlanta Falcons
Carolina Panthers
New Orleans Saints
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

There are 32 teams in the NFL. The teams are split into 2 groups called the AFC (American Football Conference) and the NFC (National Football Conference). These 2 are then split into 4 divisions: North, South, East and West. Each division is made up of 4 teams.



AFC-East
Buffalo Bills
Miami Dolphins
New England Patriots
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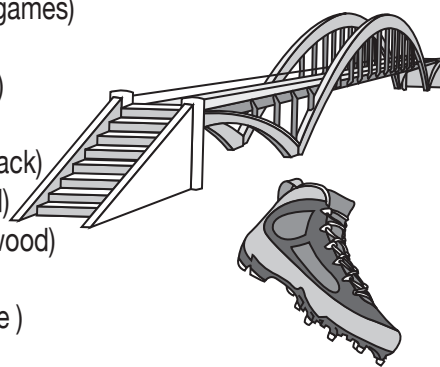
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Arizona Cardinals
San Francisco 49ers
Seattle Seahawks
Los Angeles Rams

Foot Fun!

Have you noticed that some words are made up of 2 words put together? The meanings of the 2 words are often “added together” to mean a new thing. For example: foot + ball = football. The new words are called **compound words**.

Match the two bold words to the meaning of the new word they make when “added” together!

- foot + ball** (sphere used in games)
- foot + man** (male human)
- foot + note** (short message)
- foot + wear** (clothing)
- foot + stool** (seat with no back)
- foot + hold** (to have in hand)
- foot + board** (flat piece of wood)
- foot + hill** (sloped area)
- foot + bridge** (built structure)
- foot + path** (walkway)



- structure only wide enough for a person to cross
- opposite of the headboard, found at the bottom of bed
- place to rest or start on a rock climb
- narrow trail for hikers
- sneakers, boots, sandals and high-heeled shoes
- popular sport that is played on the gridiron or field
- small hill at the base of a larger mountain
- servant who waits on tables or opens doors
- note at the bottom of page that helps explain the text
- place to rest your feet at the end of a long day

(Answers on page 10)

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels
- bleach

liquid laundry detergent
poop bag rolls
disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068

Beau

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Beau
Male Retriever, Yellow Labrador
He weighs about 45 pounds
He is about 8 months old
\$180.00
Beau was brought to the shelter on November 30, 2023
He is good with other dogs and loves people.
Beau is a former inmate of the Medicine Lodge police dept. He was a first time offender with no priors and shows exceptional potential. As a "juvie" his case will be closed as soon as he can find a permanent home. He's very laid back for such a young dog, walks well on the leash and is very friendly/social. He's looking for a 2nd chance and would love to be part of a family with kids.

Saxton

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Saxton
Male Domestic Longhair / Maine Coon
About 11 pounds and
8-9 years old.
\$40.00
Saxton was brought to the shelter on January 8, 2024
He is a laid back adult kitty, and would be a wonderful pet for an older person looking for a lap warmer. Not as big but looks like he may have some Maine Coon cat traits.

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



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.
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Ode to a Good Dog

"Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really."

- Agnes Sligh Turnbull

As I sit at my typewriter this morning, I am grieving. Our beloved family dog, Kep, died this week. He was the sweetest dog I've ever known, and we loved him. And he loved his family.

Kep was a big dog with kind and intelligent eyes. He was a ginger, red and white in color (he looked orange), with lots of curly hair. He was a handsome boy of good breeding and came from an old line of working dogs. Kep was an

English Shepherd. Years ago, dogs of his type were typically known as Farm Shepherds, or Farm Collies. You could find them on almost any ranch or farm in America until the early 20th century. They are less common today. We acquired him from a breeder in Ben Wheeler, Texas 13 years ago.

We named him Kep after a dog in the stories written by Beatrix Potter (our three kids loved these). Kep is the faithful dog that guards the henhouse and protects his chickens against the marauding fox. Kep was also the name of one of Potter's actual dogs kept on her farm in the Lake District of England in the early 1900s.

Our Kep had a wonderful and warm temperament, amiable, intelligent, and kind. And like the Kep in Beatrix Potter's stories, he was good with chickens. We made a point of exposing him to baby chicks early,

when he was a puppy, to ensure that he was poultry friendly.

Kep had many endearing qualities. Among these he was attentive and respectful. He would always wait for permission to leave the yard when we opened the gate to go do chores. A simple nod or word told him it was okay to pass. Ever obedient, he would patiently wait for that okay each time, even when the other dogs raced right through the gate leaving him behind.

Kep was a good-natured dog, and a friend to our children. He enjoyed music and liked being read to. He was a comfort for the family through our hardest times. My friend Colby always joked and called him our spiritual dog because on occasion I would share Kep stories when drafted to teach Sunday School. Kep was an example to me. His greatest desire was to simply spend time with his family - to be with us. I am convinced that

we are called to have that same attitude and posture with God, and with those He has given us to love.

Kep enjoyed and would participate in any escapades we planned. We once snuck him into our church talent show. He sat happily in front of the audience, wearing his red bandana, while our youngest daughter and I played O! Susanna on our harmonicas. Kep was the star of the show.

Kep loved to go on walks. He would often accompany my wife when she walked around our little community. Ever the good dog mom, my wife would make Kep sit and wait patiently by the mailbox when visiting with the neighbors, especially if there were cats in the yard. Perhaps Kep's only vice was his proclivity to chase Mrs. Medart's cats on these walks. Mrs. Medart was our colorful neighbor from down the road, and she and her sister Kay had cats. Lots and lots of cats.

Kep had his own cat, his best animal friend, at home, so I think he was only trying to play. Such was Kep's good nature that he would even allow his cat, and the chickens, to enjoy a meal with him from his supper dish. I've never known another dog to share his food like that.

As he aged, Kep grew to dislike storms. If left in the yard at home and alone during a thunderstorm, he would run and hide in fear. We lost him once during a bad storm, but he returned a day later, riding happily in the front seat of a neighbor's Jeep.

Kep always loved to go for rides. He spent his last days on the ranch, and his favorite thing to do was ride along with the other dogs on the Ranger to help with chores. A five-minute ride down to the sheep barn was the biggest thrill of his day. Even on his last trip, on a beautiful December afternoon, cold, clear, and sunny, he eagerly limped

to the truck, happy to ride, for his final visit to the vet's office and an end to his suffering.

Dogs are examples for us. Happy, loving and positive, they show us how to be better people. The thoughtful Gilda Radner once said, "I think dogs are the most amazing creatures. They give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive." Kep was a good role model for all of us.

We laid him to rest along the back fence in the big yard out at the ranch. On his small headstone, along with his name, we will add the Biblical reference - James 1:17. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..."

A faithful dog is a good gift. Rest in peace Kep. We love you...

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Football Facts & Fun



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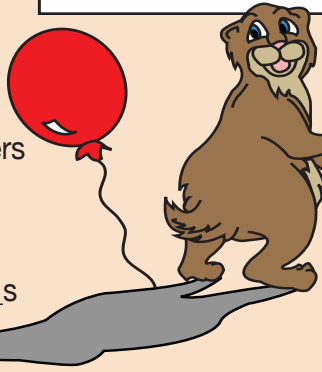
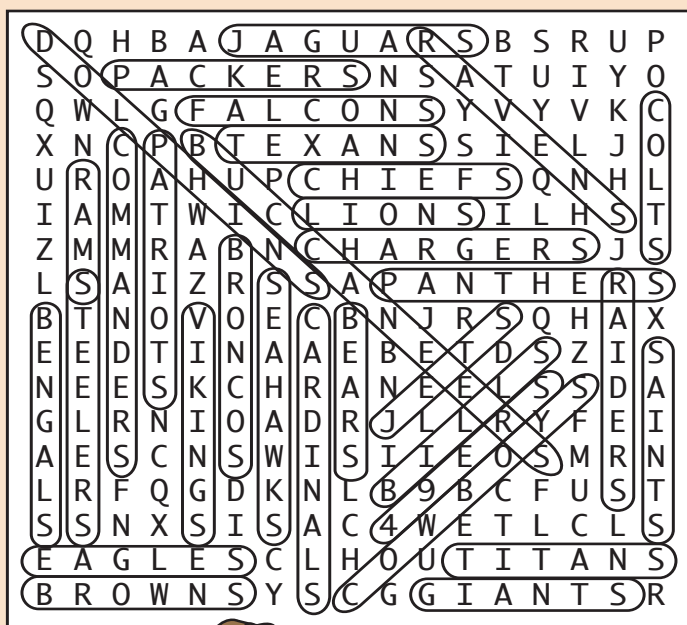
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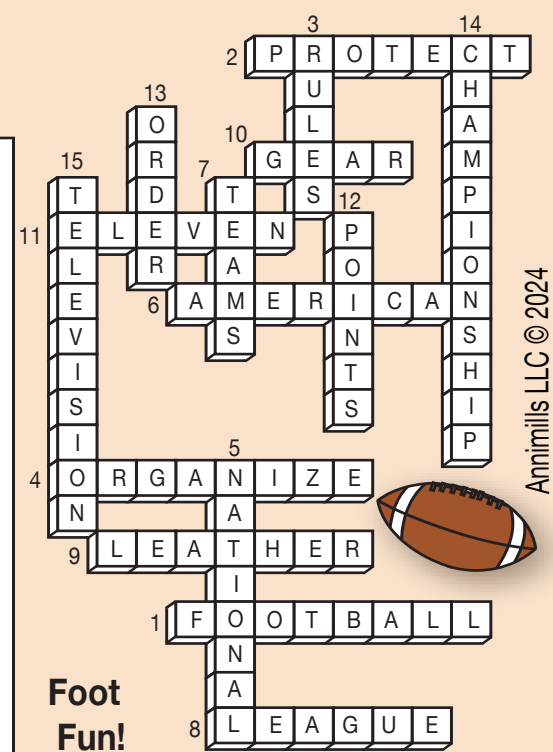
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10. foot + path



Foot Fun!

- A. structure for a walking person to cross a river
- B. found at the bottom of your bed
- C. place to rest or start on a rock climb
- D. narrow trail for hikers
- E. sneakers, boots, sandals
- F. popular sport that is played on the gridiron
- G. small hill at the base of a larger mountain
- H. servant who waits tables or opens doors
- I. note found at the bottom of a page
- J. place to rest your feet

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 8, 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 and Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Chairman Jones made a motion to appoint Rick Shriver as chairman for the year 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Legacy, The Peoples Bank and Fusion as the counties depositories for 2024.

Tyson stated the Tri-County Tribune as the

county publication is by resolution and still in effect until a new resolution would be adopted.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development, reported Economic Development meeting for this Wednesday will be rescheduled. There are two grants being reviewed, along with grant for the child care center. She stated Pratt was named to receive one of the fast charging stations from KDOT. It will go into the Casey's location and will be owned by a private company. There is an application available for the medium chargers but she is waiting on more details. The legislature will be reconvening today. There will be a discussion on how the ad valorem tax is to be funded, she thinks it will be abolished not approved. The governor's bipartisan tax plan that deals with property taxes along with many other tax changes. Other plans reducing schools mills

from 20 to 18, and not taxing social security benefits.

Dr Michael Calvert, PCC President, gave a report on the economic impact and community engagement report for 2022-2023.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2024. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, presented checks for signatures. She asked if it was ok for the road department to treat their parking area and driveway. They have no problem with that.

A new hire pay slip was presented for Heather Stanton, treasurer office. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Heather Stanton for the treasurer office at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the salaries for the elected officials resolution 01-08-23. The salaries are as follows: Chairman \$24,500,

Commissioner \$23,500, County Attorney, \$120,189, County Clerk \$62,587, County Treasurer, \$59,935, Register of Deeds, \$55,692 and Sheriff \$73,726. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners did not take an increase. It was brought to clerk Voss attention the amounts for elected officials is incorrect. She will present an amended resolution January 16, 2024.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the raise slip for Joe Kasselmann, landfill in the amount of \$1.74 for his 6-month raise and the 4% cola. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for seven minutes at 2:37 p.m. for attorney/client matter concerning the Highway 61 property bid. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at

2:44 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health, presented contracts for Dr. Zook and Dr. Vogt. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract for Dr. Zook for the Health Department as health officer. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. There will no change in compensation. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract for Dr. Vogt for family planning. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. There will be no change in compensation.

She gave an end of year report. She presented Sherry Vierthaler's resignation letter as of March, 2024.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to accept the bid from Pratt Energy, LLC of \$3550 per acre for \$170,151.50 for 47.39 acres. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract for the sale of land. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. It was signed and notarized.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 2:58 p.m. for attorney/client matter discussing kdol matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the 7% raises for the EMS employees excluding Brian Atteberry. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the 4% cola raises for the county employees excluding EMS and sheriff's employees. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment vouchers for January 8, 2024. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn into executive session for five minutes at 3:41 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning raises. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:46 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Notice

FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE CUNNINGHAM COURIER, Thursday, January 18, 2024.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ROBERT F. LEITER, Deceased. CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-3

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 11, 2024, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in

this Court by Mary Leiter Swick.

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

Mary Leiter Swick, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke & Ritcha Law Office
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Attorney for Petitioner

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



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Andrew W. Piester, OD
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John Alley

John Alley, 83, of Cunningham passed away Monday, January 8, 2024.

He was born on June 13, 1940 to Lester Herbert and Viva (Roots) Alley in Coldwater. John was raised on the family farm and graduated from Cunningham High School in 1958. In 1960, John was drafted into the United States Army and served two years primarily in Germany.

On September 2, 1966, John married Linda (Cowan) Alley in Borger, Texas. They resided in Panhandle, Texas until 1976 when they moved back to operate the family farm. John also served as the manager for the Turon Feed Yard until retirement in 2010.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was known for his relentless work ethic, his excellent horsemanship, his love for ranching and livestock and his quick dry sense of humor. He was an active member of The First Southern Baptist Church and loved helping people with projects.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of the home; son, Johnathon Alley of Perry; daughters, Kami (David) Howard of Basehor and Jill (Todd) Rowland of Sterling; and grandchildren, Jordan, Alley, Austin, Grace, Kate and Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James and Jerry Alley; and his sister, Edna Riggs.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A private family graveside service will be held at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham. A Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding.

In lieu of flower, memorials may be made to First Southern Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrison-mortuary.com.



Leslie Krehbiel

Leslie R. Krehbiel, 52, died Jan. 12, 2024 at her home in Kingman.

She was born Dec. 23, 1971, at Junction City, Kansas the daughter of Bruce and Alona Olson Hedstrom. A longtime resident of the Kingman community, having also lived in Fowler and Manhattan, she was a self employed bookkeeper.

Leslie was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church; and was a member of the USD 331 school board.

On Dec. 18, 1993, she married Corey Krehbiel at Burdick, Kansas. Other survivors include sons Drew (Cassidy), Riley (Alyvea), and Seth; her parents Bruce and Alona Hedstrom; brother Spencer (Becky) Hedstrom; sister Tana (Jeff) Riffel; father and mother-in-law Riley and Kay Krehbiel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at the Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Family comital services will be at a later date. The Church will live stream the services at <http://www.youtube.com/@cornerstonefellowship4382>.

Memorials may be made with the Kansas State FFA in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Gladys Pagenkopf

Pratt, KS - Gladys M. Pagenkopf, 101, passed away on January 13, 2024, at Parkwood Village in Pratt.

Gladys was born in Nashville, KS on July 14, 1922 the daughter of Robert and Martha (Bortstede) Pagenkopf. She lived in Nashville and graduated from Nashville High School in 1941. She moved with her parents and sister Alice to Wichita in 1944.

She was baptized and confirmed in St. John Lutheran Church, and was a member until moving to Wichita, where she was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for 77 years.

She always worked to help the family during the depression. She led a quiet life, but liked to help people who were less fortunate or just needed a helping hand. She worked at the Nashville Hospital for Dr. Waylan after high school until she moved to Wichita. In Wichita she worked at the Dixie Dress Shop as a salesperson for 4 years. She also helped with a catering service, serving noon meals at Beechcraft. Later she remained at home and was the primary caregiver to her parents who both lived to be 100.

Gladys traveled with her sister, they took over 25 Bus Tours all over the United States. She was very involved with her church, participating in many activities, preparing meals, making school and health kits, and quilts for World Relief. She always enjoyed being of service to others.

She is survived by her sister, Alice Pagenkopf of Pratt; brother, Dean Pagenkopf of Nashville; nephews, Dennis (Lois) Pagenkopf, Allan (Teri) Pagenkopf and Brad (Deb) Pagenkopf; and nieces, Nancy (Ken) Killion and Bobbi Pagenkopf.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Francis and his wife Marietta Pagenkopf; sister-in-law, Eunice Pagenkopf and nephew, Roger Pagenkopf.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, KS with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Nashville.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wichita or St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Eudora Beste-Crouch

Eudora Beste-Crouch, 93, died Jan. 13, 2024 at Kingman Healthcare Center.

She was born Aug. 20, 1930, at Paris, Texas the daughter of Hubert and Delora Smyers Tilson. A longtime resident of Kingman, she was a retired cashier for Safeway Grocery Store.

Eudora was a member of the Kingman First Baptist Church.

On June 4, 1951, she married Robert "Bob" Beste; he died May 28, 2004. On April 14, 2006, she married Charles Crouch; he died Nov. 6, 2015. Survivors include sons William and his wife Connie, Leroy and Edie; daughter Sandra Heldenbrand and Steve; 8 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by daughter Mary Brown; brothers Elmer, Hobert and Robert; and sisters Edith and Norma; and a granddaughter Cassie Heather Hardcastle.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday, at the First Baptist Church, Kingman. Friends may call after 3:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kingman Healthcare Center and the Kingman First Baptist Church, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



John Trollope

John C. Trollope, 85, went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior Jan. 13, 2024, at Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

He was born May 6, 1938, at Conway Springs, Kansas, the son of Merle C. and Margaret Perkins Trollope. A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a press operator for Don Dye Co.

John attended and served the Kingman First Baptist Church; and previously served for years as an active member of the Kingman County Historical Society.

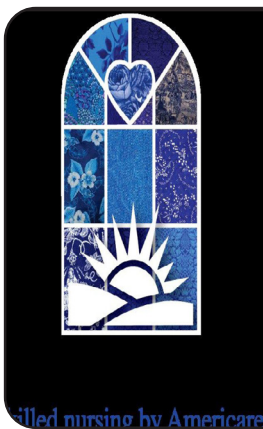
On June 1, 1962, he married Mary Besore at Anthony, Kansas; she died Sept. 25, 2012. Survivors include sons Ron (Theresa), Mark (Christy), Lyman and Don (Virginia) Dimitt; brother Lyman; sister Iona (Richard) Easter; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother Merle; and infant son Terry.

Memorial will be Saturday, January 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Kingman First Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kingman First Baptist Church, Rivercross Hospice and Prairie Sunset Home, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



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