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Purcell, Goble, and Knudsen Presented with Life-Saving Awards



On April 4th, 2023 Deputy Matthew Purcell, Officer Casey Goble and Communication Officer Andrew Knudsen were presented with Life-Saving Awards.

In the early morning hours of February 18, 2023 Kingman County received a 911 call about an unresponsive patient. Communication Officer Knudsen received the call, dispatched officers to the location and helped provide status updates and direction between law enforcement and Kingman EMS.

Under direction of Kingman EMS, Deputy Purcell and Officer Goble alternated giving CPR to the patient. The patient was successfully resuscitated and was transported to a hospital before ultimately being discharged. Upon review, Kingman EMS Director Zachary Bieghler determined that the CPR performed by law enforcement was a significant factor in saving the patient.

The Kingman County Sheriff’s Office wishes to congratulate and recognize Deputy Purcell, Officer Goble and Communication Officer Knudsen for their great work and thank Kingman EMS for their support and continued partnership in serving our community.

photo and story submitted by Sheriff Wood

Minutes from the
Kingman County
Commission
Meeting on
April 3

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 3, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Amy Wallace.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01

Staff: Sheriff Wood; Undersheriff Hillman; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk let the Commissioners know that Catherine Rohrer called and would not be able to make her scheduled time.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public Comment.

Sheriff Wood, Undersheriff Hillman and Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in to discuss the tower.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he talked with Motorola and KsFiberNet about the fiber installation and the quotes received.

Undersheriff Hillman let the Commissioners know that the repeater that they currently have installed was placed in 2003 so it is passed its life.

Commissioners agreed that things need to be installed to improve the service of emergency services.

Mr. Ewy said he is looking to have more quotes coming in.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Amy Wallace were in to talk about a CDBG Grant.

Commissioners discussed what all the district was wanting accomplish with the CDBG grant and if the public would be able to utilize the day care facility also.

Ms. Wallace explained the need for day care and that the hospital was supporting the daycare also for it would be a good incentive for employees to have day care available.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 27, 2023, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the March 27, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the City/County Joint meeting and that it should be coming up.

Chairman Henning let the board know that he called to talk to Sarah

Carroll from Invenergy about the Flat Ridge IV.

Chairman Henning discussed having an RFP put out for the Appraiser office and Emergency Manager’s ceilings.

Chairman Henning discussed putting an RFP out for the Storage building on A Ave and Spruce.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the coverage for the Shredder from File Safe from 4/1/2023 to 4/1/2024 in the amount of \$420.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let the Commissioners know that the Comp Use/Sales tax for March was \$82,482.98.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with to discuss a dumping issue in White township.

Mr. Goetz brought in a personal leave of absence request for a Sheriff’s Department employee.

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

Mr. Goetz presented Planning/Zoning meeting minutes and they had a request for a rezone to a rural residential district.

Planning/Zoning committee was not comfortable with the rezone request and denied the request for a rezone from agricultural to a rural residential district.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with engineering agreements from Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc for SW 70th Street pave-

ment repair.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement for Engineering services between Kingman County, Kansas and Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc. for SW 70th Street Pavement Repair. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave bridge updates to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reminded the Commissioners of the meeting in St. John, Kansas on April 6th, 2023.

Chairman Henning discussed that the Health Department parking lot, the area east of the storage building and Expo Center he would like sealed to protect the millings.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following quotes for asphalt to the County Commissioners:

Product	Ergon
Coastal	Vance Brothers
Asphalt Fuel & Sup.	
MC800	3.45 gallon
3.13 gallon	3.89 gallon
3.28 gallon	
CMS-1	2.91 gallon
2.93 gallon	3.14 gallon
CRS-1H	2.46 gallon
2.38 gallon	2.74 gallon

Commissioners asked Mr. Arensdorf to look through quotes and return next week to make a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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I started last week's paper on the weekend (April 2nd). I had a lot going on during the week, so thought I'd get a good start on our little missive. BUT I also had kitty health issues, which I was pretty sure weren't going to end well for us. Even with constantly worrying about and checking on my ZsaZsa and trying to get her to eat, I managed to finish the paper

And my beautiful kitty passed away Monday morning. ZsaZsa was my most constant reading buddy at night. I'd go to bed, pick up my book, and she'd come and lay on my right shoulder

Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood grew up together in well-to-do families in Auburn

'Ros' taught the older students and "Dotty" taught the elementary students. They put in long days teaching and studying to take the twelve exams to get a teacher certificate. The exams were given over two days. These are the subject areas they were tested over: arithmetic,

I am sure teachers reading this are thinking they would be hard pressed to complete these exams. If it were me, I'd have given up teaching before I started. Both girls though passed their exams: Dorothy's average was $90\frac{5}{12}$ and Rosamond's score was $90\frac{5}{6}$. Dorothy wrote home about their scores-- "I think Mrs. Peck (the Colorado county schools'

— *Brigham Young*

Dear Readers,
Four hundred forty-eight out of US-50's 3,019 miles meander across Kansas. Because it twists and turns, the KS portion of this major coast to coast route when viewed on a map looks like it's been drawn with a leaky pen. Not every mile runs straight East-West, but I can attest that five of them in Coffey County do because that's

my favorite way to get to Lebo, the town nearest the farm. However, this time of year, if fate finds me driving this stretch at dawn or dusk, I always think I am in the wrong place at the wrong time, simply because US-50 and the sun are in such amazingly perfect alignment. It is not always “fate.” Occasionally it’s poor timing on my part. Sometimes a chain

This is doubly true when serendipity touches my heart the way it did just this past week. I expected to have a good

time at a friend's family party. My friend had been modest when she'd told me, "there'll be good food." This was no ordinary meal. It was a a FEAST of flavors that would take me six columns to describe. And the love and laughter broke out contagiously, often. But the sense that I, that we, were all in the right place at the right time hit me as I listened to the stories told by the Yee and Sin Yang family. I was struck as Yee Yang talked about his friend, Larry Woodson from Kingman, KS and the role this life-long

I never had the honor of meeting Mr. Woodson. And I have only known one other man born in Kingman—my father. They were born 15 years apart, and I have no reason to think they were acquainted. But there was something inexplicable about it all. Both Mr. Woodson and my father lived their belief in service to others and always sought to contribute to their communities. They were proud to be Americans. And they

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



Spring has sprung on our central Kansas farm. The daffodils and apricot trees are in full bloom and being visited by the honeybees. The small flock of sheep we've been caring for all winter have now more

Like any spring, the Kansas weather has fluctuated from cold to warm and from cold to hot. I've

While state assessments are about to begin for my children, school will actually wrap up and the kids will be on summer break in less than 30 days. We've made it past the holiday celebrations, the winter concerts, the days of indoor recesses,

With that final countdown to summer break, there is also an elevated level of anticipation as we get closer and closer to the return of my son's cattle from their winter pastures. They will be worked in the coming days and then brought home to pasture over the summer months in the pastures nearest our house. I can't wait to see the cows grazing nearby while I look out my front windows. While we prepare the fencing and the water sources, we know the clock continues to tick for the herd's arrival

The countdown carries over as we also prepare to get the machines in the fields to begin spring planting. While we've been making final adjustments to the planter, we've also been anxiously awaiting a good spring rain before planting the seeds into the ground. While it seems we aren't in as big of a hurry as previous years to start planting, mostly due to the dry conditions, the countdown has clearly begun and we wait and watch to determine when

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, April 13 JH Track Meet at South Barber *** JH Track at Stafford	Thursday, April 20 5th grade: Kids Day on Farm *** State Music at Pratt: Large Groups
Friday, April 14 FFA Banquet	Friday, April 21 JH Track at Burrton *** HS Track at Burrton
Saturday, April 15 Regional Solo and Ensemble at Tabor College	Saturday, April 22 CHS Prom
Monday, April 17 Inservice: No School *** Trap Shoot -Recorded	Monday, April 24 6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet
Tuesday, April 18 HS Track at Kingman *** Trap Shoot *** Lions Club	Tuesday, April 25 Forensics Day *** 6:30 City Council



"What Were You Wearing"

The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. One of our campaigns we are doing to get more community awareness is the exhibit called "What Were You Wearing". It has become a social norm to ask survivors what they were wearing at the time of the assault. This exhibit is to show the community that it doesn't matter what you are wearing, sexual assault still happens. The "What Were You Wearing" exhibit will be displayed in the Pratt Community College Art Gallery from April 4th-April 27th.

The CHS KAY club would like to invite all women and girls of the community to the Mother/Daughter Banquet.

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

Due to construction at the gym, this year's banquet will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham.

Monday
April 24
6:30 P.M.
At the Sacred Heart Hall,
Cunningham

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Circles of Hope, Pratt County

BIG VIEW CONVERSATION FOSTER CARE

Monday, April 24th, 6:15PM
The First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
1st/Main St.

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.prairiebombers.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!

Thanks for recycling
The Courier on April 17th
Recycle - Reduce - Reuse - Repurpose

Hall of Fame Committee to Meet

The USD 332 Hall of Fame committee will be accepting nominations for the 2023 Hall of Fame until April 20th. This distinction is given to qualified recipients who have made an impact within the USD 332 school district.

Recognition is given for community service, faculty member, coaches, academics, music, officiating as well as athletics. Nominees can be either living or deceased.

The awards will be presented at the May 4th Cunningham High School Awards/Athletic Banquet. Applications can be picked up at the high school and need to be returned to Bart Ricke, Committee Chair, by April 20th at the Cunningham Schools.

St. John Lutheran Church Concert
Nashville, Kansas
Sunday, April 30, 4:00 P.M.
Featuring:
Pratt Musical Expressions
Cunningham Cantata Group
Nashville "Note-able's"
Light refreshments following the concert.

Pratt Refresh April 28th

Looking for yard cleaning assistance?
Pratt residents are welcome to request FREE assistance removing unwanted items and debris from their front yard. Let's get your yard refreshed and ready for Spring! Reach out to the Chamber Office with your name, address & phone number!

Looking to volunteer?
We are looking for community members & organizations to help with this great community service project! Reach out to the Chamber Office to sign up!

If you are interested, please call or email the Chamber Office by April 21st to get on the list!
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Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce
City of Pratt

Kingman Conservation District

Please plan to join us every third Thursday for our monthly informal farmer to farmer meeting here at the Kingman County Conservation District office at 9:00 a.m. for donuts, coffee and Conservation Conversation!

Kingman's City Wide Garage Sale is coming soon!

It will be on April 28th & 29th!

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April 14 - 17
Super Mario Brothers Movie
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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1928

April 13– The Easter Cantata, “Easter Praise,” was presented at the Easter Sunday evening services at the Methodist Episcopal Church. The choir members who assisted in the presentation included Mrs. Frank Allbritten, and Misses Elsie Crow and Pauline Stanley, sopranos; Mrs. Charles Fee, Mrs. Waune DeLair, Mrs. John Groom, and Misses Carrie Poland and Ethelyn Franks, altos; Rev. John Groom and Mr. Alva Poland, tenors; and Mr. John Wymer and Mr. Avery Maxedon, bases. The musical treat was directed by Miss Artaruth Neill, Cunningham High School music teacher.

The orchard on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grier and family near Cairo has apparently escaped serious damage from last week’s storm, according to word from Mr. Grier. The Grier orchard is the largest orchard west of Wichita, and contains three hundred and sixty apples trees and over one hundred peach and apricot trees.

Mr. Ray Amick was elected Director of the Board of Education of Cunningham High School by one vote over Mr. Carde Cannon at the annual school board meeting last Friday afternoon. One hundred and forty-one patrons of the school district attended the meeting.

1933

April 14 – The operetta, “The Magic Piper,” was presented by the Cunningham Grade School last Friday evening to a packed house in the High School Auditorium. The cast of characters included Betty Carter, Donald Huhman, Evelyn DeLair, Betty Mae Anderson, Alden Halderman, Oliver Baber, Philip Fee, Lawrence Ebenkamp, Gwendolyn Price, Joan Anderson, James Nossaman, Dewey Cooley, John Raymond Fee, Charles Lakin, Charles Crow, and Joanna Franks. The operetta was directed by Miss Una Morine, with the assistance of the other school teachers, Principal Harve Manahan, Miss Cozette Taylor, and Miss Helen McClure. Miss Pauline Allbritten played the musical accompaniment at the piano, and Dr. Donald Thompson assisted very materially with some off-stage music, doubling on the flute and clarinet.

Mr. J. J. Amick suffered a dislocated shoulder Tuesday morning when the team of horses he was raking hay with, got scared and ran away. Mr. Amick was thrown from the hay rake to the ground.

The Young People’s Society of St. Leo’s Church presented their annual springtime play, “Poor-House Paupers,” at the St. Leo School Auditorium last Monday evening. Members of the cast were Albert Dick, Clarence Steffan, Brownie Fiegel, Mike Schnittker, and Evelyn Spade.

1938

April 15– A severe snow storm, reaching blizzard proportions struck this section of the country last week-end paralyzing highway and railroad traffic. The intensity of the storm was felt more because it followed a period of mild spring weather. Damage to fruit trees and growing crops cannot be ascertained at this time.

Emily Groves was elected May Queen, and Paul DeWeese was chosen May Chancellor by the Cunningham High School student body this week to reign at the school’s May Fete. Students also voted to make the school colors of red and white, and the nickname of Wildcatters with the insignia of an oil derrick official to the school.

1943

April 16– Preliminary work was stared the first of this week on the construction of a helium plant one mile west of Cunningham. The plant will be operated by the United States Bureau of Mines for the United States Navy. Mr. Robert Burbridge, Superintendent of the Fluor Construction Company of Los Angeles, Calif., which has the helium plant construction contract, arrived in town this week and established an employment office. Mr. Burbridge states that fifty houses would be built on the plant site, and construction of the plant would take about ten months. He said about five hundred men will b required to erect the plant, and fifty men will be required for plant operation.

Mr. George Simonson, 86, pioneer resident of this community, passed away Wednesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vance Baker, in Cunningham. Mr. Simonson was the “village black-smith” in Cunningham, coming here from Olcott to establish his shop in this city in 1889. Mr. Simonson was of an inventive mind and nature, and sold a patent to the John Deere Implement Company for a hand lever which raised and lowered the farm harrow for the sum of \$200.00. He also invented the oscillating washing machine, but never took out a patent on the invention.

A tornado of small proportion visited the Cunningham community Sunday afternoon but did only minor damage at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs.

Edwin Krug and family, nine miles southeast of town. The menacing storm clouds that afternoon, watched by hundreds of folks, were awe-inspiring, and at the same time appalling, and brought back vivid recollection to everyone of the disastrous tornado that struck the community May 1, 1938, when six persons lost their lives as a result of the storm.

1948

April 16– At their next regular meeting night on May 3rd, the City Council will sign a contract with the Western Light and Telephone Co., Inc., for installation of a new white-way lighting system for Cunningham.

The new lighting system will be set up along three blocks of the city on U. S. highway 54 and for one block north on Main Street.

The lights will be of the modern trend in street-lighting, whereby one light cuts the arc of another, eliminating all glare at ground level. . .

Delivery of the lighting material cannot be made for 30 weeks.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain Jr. on the arrival of a son, James Warren, at the Donley-Mitchell hospital in Kingman, Friday morning, April 9th. The boy weighed nine pounds.

1953

April 17– Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon of this city, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, April 15, in the Memorial Hospital in Kingman. The baby weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and has been named Kristen Sue.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, and paternal grandparents ae Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon, all of Cunningham.

The re-modeling bug seems to have hit the north part of Cunningham, with three jobs now in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn are re-modeling their newly-purchased residence (the former John Sterneker Sr. home): Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Millllhouse are modernizing their house, and Mr. Carl Poland is adding a room to his property now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greenlee and Greg. The Rochelle Nursing Home moved into the Myrtle Burgett property in the north-east past of town last week.

Revival services will continue for another week at the First Baptist Church in Cunningham.

The Cunningham High School baseball team won two games and lost one during the past week’s activity.

1958

April 17 – Approximately 400 people gathered at the High School Gym-Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, to enjoy a “This Is Your Life” program sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, to honor an outstanding citizen of the Cunningham community. The program was patterned after the television show of the same name.

Master of Ceremonies Kenton Shelman greeted the large audience as he opened the program with timely remarks. Going down into the audience to seek the honored guest, he greeted his father, Waldo Shelman, and then E. C. Dafforn, before finding Dr. Ferd Burnett, a practicing physician for over 50 years and a resident of this commuinty for 32 years, and greeted him with the statement, “This Is Your Life, Dr. Burnett.”

Two ushers, Mary Leiter and Jerry Hazlett, escorted Dr. Burnett to the flower-banked stage, and after he was comftrtably seated, there began the passing parade of relatives and friends, as a panorama of the doctor’s life was unveiled, and events presented in chronological order from his birth in Dixon, Mo., September 19, 1879, to the present time.

1963

April 18, 1963 – Price Bustin’ Sale at DeWeese Variety and Hardware
Proven gallon-size Garden Sprayer, \$5.99 with coupon
20-tooth spring steel Lawn Rake, 66c with coupon
Long-handled Utility Shovel, \$1.88 with coupon
Proven 4 cu. Ft. Wheelbarrow, \$7.99
Proven, 4-cycle 19” Rotary Mower, \$49.88

1968

April 18, 1968 – Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckle announce the birth of a son, Sunday, April 14, at the Memorial Hospital in Kingman.

He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, and has been named Ryan Eugene.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hergert of Cunningham, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riddle of Bell Plaine.

Sgt. Robert F. Leiter left Monday for Seoul, Korea, after spending a 25-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter. Sgt. Leiter is stationed at Camp Pelham, located north of Seoul and near the Korean DMZ.

Pvt. Dennis Raney arrived home last Friday from Camp Polk, La., to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raney, and Carol. He will report to Fort Benning, Ga., April 26, where he will be stationed for the next eight months.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

April 13- Hilltop Manor Happenings
Sunday services were brought to us by the Turon Bible Baptist Church. Those attending were: Rev. and Mrs. Ira Ramsey and children, Etta Mae Frampton and Gene, Lois and Lori Stout. The children sang “Jesus Loves Me.”

Thursday we saw our movies “Grandie’s Quilt” and “The Raccoon Who Thought He was a Hound.”

Seventh and eighth grade and high school students heard in an assembly a presentation by three young Indian men of the objectives of the “Longest Walk”, which passed through Cunningham on Wednesday morning, April 12.

These young men handed out information on bills pending in Congress that would be detrimental to Indians. They pointed out that there were over 200 walkers, representing the 75 Indian tribes as well as those of Japanese, black and white extraction. The walkers planned to spend Wednesday evening at the Fair Grounds in Kingman.

They started February from San Francisco, Calif., and are traveling on foot to Washington, D.C. to bring to the attention of the federal government their disapproval of legislation to terminate treaties made with the Indian people.

Ernie Peters, a native American Indian, marching with the Longest Walk, introduced himself at Pratt Community College. He told students who were made up of several social science classes that the Indian believed in sharing their land but they never expected that it would all be taken away. “We have only 54 million acres of land left to us,” Peters said. “And 85 percent of that land is covered in pollution.”

“All we ask is that the government honor our treaties, leave us alone and let us have our natural land base,” Peters said.

The Cairo EHS met April 4 at 2 p.m. n the home of Alda Hodgkinson with 13 members present. Roll was answered to “what causes me stress.”

It was announced that Carrie Fitzsimmons will make the May place cards for Hilltop Manor. A desitrick EHU meeting will be held May 5th in Pratt. Members were also reminded of the Belle Plaine and Wichita tour on April 27.

1983

April 14- “Up Where We Belong” was the theme for the Junior/Senior banquet and prom held Saturday, April 9, in the Cunningham High School gymnasium. The theme was carried out with the colors of dark purple and lavender silver starts, a silver staircase and a silver turning columns added the finishing touches.

Emcee for the evening was Lori Jarmer, junior class president. Sherry Simon, junior class vice president, gave the welcoming speech, followed by an acceptance speech by Lisa Spade, senior class president. Invocation was given by Father Jim Spexarth of the St. Leo Catholic Church.

The meal consisted of chicken and roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, hot rolls, butter, relishes, cherry cheesecake, iced tea and coffee. It was catered by Ken Theis of Turon. The meal was served by sophomores who had been selected by the junior class. The servers were Gail Fischer, Eddie Albers, Kam Smith, Janie Cornelius, Robbie Sterneker and Janene Werner.

Eight years ago Sherry Welch came to Cunningham Grade School to begin her first teaching job.

Today she’s still here and loving every minute she spends with her seventh and eighth graders.

Sherry graduated in 1975 from Sterling College, where she majored in elementary education. Her student teaching was done in Cunningham.

“The kids,” are what Sherry notes as the most pleasurable part of her job. But expounding on the subject a little more, she explains that helping them develop different strategies, preparing their thinking for the future and making adjustments at that level are things she specifically enjoys.

“I believe in child-centered teaching,” Sherry said. This is instructing the students on their level and using a mixture of methods, so each child has the opportunity to pick up material the way they perceive it on an individual basis.

Sherry explained that students in the seventh and eighth grades are most interested “in themselves and each other.” Scholastically she is involved in teaching them language areas and science. And in other areas she is helping them deal with outside pressures, such as trying to become adults.

“This is a very difficult stage they’re going through,” Sherry said. She noted students at the level are fighting peer pressure, “fitting in” and “trying to be cool”.

“You have to really like and understand them. I think I do and I enjoy helping them.”

Sherry said during the first few years of her teaching she found dealing with students this age most difficult. But she then came to the realization that a teacher has to just accept them as they. “I have two grown daughters (age 19 and 21) and that helped me reach an understanding, Welch stated.

Sherry said the greatest reward a teacher can get from her students is when even one comes back after becoming an adult and says “thanks”.

“Just that one kid makes it all worthwhile.”

Consider this... by Mike Johnson Play Ball!

Why do childhood memories burn so much brighter than adulthood memories?

In the 1988 movie *Stealing Home*, Mark Harmon plays Billy Wyatt, a former baseball player who must return home to deal with the death of Katie Chandler, a special woman from his past, played by Jodi Foster. Billy and Katie had gone their separate ways when Billy was 18 and hadn't seen each other in the ensuing 20 years before Katie's death.

Much of the movie consists of Billy's childhood flashbacks that

provide the perspective needed to understand why present day events are so poignant - and why Katie played such an important role in his life.

In one scene after the flashbacks, the now 38-year-old Billy picks up his high school friend Allan (played by Harold Ramis) and the two get drunk while discussing Katie's demise. Before you know it, the two are rummaging through their parents' house for baseball equipment, climbing into their high school uniforms and breaking into a stadium to once again play ball together.

Such is the pull of childhood memories.

In the summer of my 38th year, I found myself visiting the town where I grew up. The official reason was the 20 year

high school reunion. The REAL reason was the pull of those childhood memories.

For the first two days of the week-long visit, I drove alone to memorable place after memorable place. The memories rushed in such floods that I had to stop the car and quietly let them replenish themselves. Amazing how a place can instantly open mental file drawers long sealed and forgotten. After two days of refamiliarizing with places and memories, I was ready to do the same with old friends.

First on the list - Dobbs.

I met Dave in the third grade and we practically lived together until my family moved from the area when I was 17. Name a sport and we

played it. Baseball, tennis, and golf in the summer, football in the fall, basketball, hockey, and ping-pong in the winter and any or all of them in the spring.

Now adults, neither of us were very active.

I picked him up downtown and we decided to drive to "the pit," the place where we'd played so many of those games. Short on sports equipment, we found ourselves at his parents house - the one he grew up in - just a block away. Next thing you know, we're in the basement - the same one I'd spent so many hours in as a child - rummaging for sports equipment.

Today I can close my eyes and see it as clearly as then. Dobbs and I walking to the pit, glove thrust over the knob on

baseball bat balanced on my shoulder, Dobbs continually tossing a ball into his mitt. Walking the same path we'd walked hundreds of times 20 years earlier. And then a magical hour of slapping fly balls to each other in our childhood field of dreams. The entire time grinning ear to ear from creating my own scene right out of "Stealing Home."

As I look back on that week, that time with Dobbs burns the brightest of all other memories. Sure, it piggybacked on the hundreds of childhood memories that had come before. And it tied in nicely to that movie I love. But what made it so special was its simplicity. It didn't cost any money, lives weren't depending on our results, there

were no hidden agendas, no pressure to perform. For that magical hour, we were absolutely free from the demands of adulthood and had given ourselves permission to play.

Freedom. Fun. Friendship. Those were the emotional states that burned our childhood events so brightly into memories. So it's not really those memories we seek to relive today, what we really want is those emotional states. And emotional states can be accessed from only one place - inside our own minds.

Guess who has the ability to learn how to create those?



Missing Armor

By Jack Taylor

The crumpled avalanche of rainbow-colored teen-wear flowed from the closet like lava surging from an active volcano. Rhonda bit her lip, pivoted, and shut the door behind her. Her daughter's first date had turned a normally organized young woman into a frenzied mass of molten chaos. The emotional turmoil transformed a brilliant Dr. Jekyll into a hideous Ms. Hyde.

"Where is my blue dress?" Stephanie hollered. "I need to wear it tonight."

"It was in your closet last Sunday," Rhonda replied, halfway down the hallway. She straightened a picture frame boasting

her three daughters at various ages and stages of life. Stephanie, the youngest, Elizabeth, the oldest, and Sherry, the one in between.

"Nothing's in my closet anymore," the teen continued. "Did you wash it?"

Leaning against the wall by the bathroom, she took a deep breath. "I think that dress has to be dry-cleaned. Did you put it in the wash?"

"Mom! I don't have time for this. Jamey will be here in half an hour and I still need to shower. Can you look in the laundry basket?"

Rhonda stepped back toward her daughter's closed door. "Where is he taking you?"

Silence.

"Honey, where are

you two going today?"

"Mom, I need to find that dress. He said something about skating and a movie or ice cream and a Bible study. Did you look in the laundry yet?"

The knob turned easily but she refrained from pushing the door open. "There's a big difference between skating and a movie and ice cream and a Bible study," Rhonda said. "Maybe you could find something to wear besides the blue dress."

"No! Jamey saw me wearing it at church and told me how much he liked it. I have to find it. Did you look in the laundry yet?"

Rhonda slipped away and sauntered into the laundry room. The wicker basket held a pair of her socks and under-

garments but nothing else. Only a year ago, before the fatal crash, it had overflowed with her husband's jeans, running gear and her other daughter's clothing. If only she hadn't insisted that he pick up that necklace for Valentine's Day on his way home from skiing with the girls. The police report said that the dump truck's brakes had failed at the stop sign and that her husband and girls had died instantly. She shuddered and gazed out the window.

"Mom, did you find it?"

Stephanie was standing half-dressed behind her. "Mom, Elizabeth gave me that dress for my birthday last year. I need to find it."

"Didn't Elizabeth get that dress for Christmas?" Rhonda asked.

"Yes! But she gave it to me," Stephanie said. "It's the only thing of hers I still have. I need it."

"Maybe, check her closet," Rhonda said. "Sometimes I forget which dress belongs to

whom."

Stephanie faded away. Rhonda was still gazing out the window when the doorbell rang. It rang again.

"Mom, can you get that?" Stephanie yelled.

Jamey sported ripped jeans, a faded Bruins T-shirt and a Red Sox cap. His broad shoulders and clear blue eyes gave off an air of self-confidence. "Morning," he said. "I'm here to take your daughter out."

Ronda opened the door wider and stepped aside. "She said you'd be by. Where are you planning to go with her?"

The newcomer stepped inside and scanned the room. "Thought I'd ask her where she wants to go," Jamey said. "Skateboarding at the park, feeding the ducks, Bible study, Ice cream, movie, cruising. We've got all day."

She thought you wanted her to wear her blue dress," Rhonda said.

"I guess that strikes out skateboarding," Jamey said. "How's she doing without her sisters

around?"

There were no words. She'd forgotten to wear her emotional armor. Silence imprisoned her tongue.

"Sorry, ma'am," he said.

Stephanie emerged in her own version of jeans and a hoodie.

"What happened to the blue dress?" Rhonda asked.

"I looked out the window and saw what Jamey was wearing," Stephanie said. "Didn't look like the blue dress would match his style. I'll save it for another day."

"Wear what you wear wherever you are," Jamey said. "Don't worry, I'll take solid care of your daughter. She told me you'd want to hear from us every hour and I'm good with that. Remember, you're never really alone."

Rhonda shut the door and headed for the avalanche. Every piece of clothing held a memory and she relived every one as she returned things to their hangers.



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

Cunningham Sixth/Seventh Boys Score Another Run Away at Pretty Prairie JH Track Meet

Cunningham participated in the Pretty Prairie Junior High track meet on April 6, 2023. The 8th grade girls finished 3rd with 71 points and the 6-7th grade girls finished 4th with 54 points. The 8th grade boys also placed 2nd with 94 points and the 6-7th grade boys also placed 1st with 251.5 points. The teams participating included Cunningham, Central Christian, Fairfield, Burrton, Skyline and Pretty Prairie.



Adam Sterneker hands off to John Paul Kerschen



Sage Thimesch reaches for the baton to be passed by Morgan Oldham

Results:

	6-7 th Girls	8 th Girls	6-7 th Boys	8 th Boys
High Jump	Keyonna Raney 3 rd 4' 2"		Cole Hageman 1 st 4' 8" Weston Rogers 3 rd 4' 2" Adam Sterneker 5 th 3' 10"	
Pole Vault		Macy Neufeld 1 st 6' 4"	John Paul Kerschen 1 st 7' 4" Hank Adams 2 nd 6' 10" Weston Rogers 3 rd 6' 4"	Kollin Fischer 1 st 7' 10" Jack Harden 2 nd 7' 4"
Long Jump	Kaitlyn Ogg 4 th 11' 3"	Kaylee Mertens 6 th 7' 2"	Andrew Kerschen 1 st 13' 9.5" Wesly Preisser 4 th 11' 11" Gunner Glenn 5 th 11' 7.5"	
Triple Jump	Sage Thimesch 6 th 22' 5.5" Morgan Oldham 7 th 22' 2.5"	Macy Neufeld 4 th 24' 11"	Liam McGuire 1 st 30' 8" Andrew Kerschen 2 nd 30' 6.5" Adam Sterneker 7 th 22' 3.5"	Kollin Fischer 5 th 29' 10.5"
Shot Put	Kourtnei Fischer 1 st 35' 7.75" Andi Young 8 th 27' 5" Maelyn Jump 12 th 29' 7"	Nora Huff 1 st 26' 6.5" Janessa Schnittker 2 nd 25' 5"	Brody Bock 1 st 32' 3.5": Wyatt King 2 nd 29' 8.5" Caden Johnson 6 th 21' 9"	Stephen Kerschen 2 nd 39' 2.5" Cole Ruckle 9 th 22' 11.5"
Discus	Kourtnei Fischer 2 nd 68' 3" Andi Young 8 th 48' 4" Maelyn Jump 15 th 26' 7.5"	Nora Huff 1 st 69' 9" Janessa Schnittker 3 rd 59' 10"	Hank Adams 1 st 91' 7" John Paul Kerschen 2 nd 90' 8" Wyatt King 3 rd 85' 1"	Stephan Kerschen 1 st 131' 1" Cole Ruckle 10 th 54' 4"
100m	Kaitlyn Ogg 4 th 15.04 Makenzie Hartley 14 th 16.39 Leah Dukes 16 th 18.55	Macy Neufeld 4 th 15.64 Kaylee Mertens 8 th 16.96 Breanna Adelhardt 11 th 17.75	Cole Hageman 1 st 13.32 Jeremiah Slayden 15 th 20.53 Kane Reid 16 th 20.64	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 12.71 Kollin Fischer 4 th 14.06
200m	Kaitlyn Ogg 2 nd 31.06	Rylee Miller 5 th 33.71	Cole Hageman 1 st 27.8 Liam McGuire 3 rd 29.40 Gunner Glenn 10 th 33.98	Stephen Kerschen 1 st 26.35 Kollin Fischer 4 th 29.52
400m	Sage Thimesch 6 th 1:15.67	Rylee Miller 5 th 1:26.28	Andrew Kerschen 2 nd 1:13.05 Myles Thimesch 5 th 1:19.46 Caleb Lohrke 6 th 1:23.31	Jack Harden 1 st 1:01.81
800m			Adam Sterneker 3 rd 3:07.6 Will Halderson 4 th 3:07.62 John Paul Kerschen 6 th 3:22.86	Jack Harden 1 st 2:32.14
1600m			Wesly Preisser 2 nd 6:17.63	
3200m			Will Halderson 1 st 14:01.91	Jack Harden 2 nd 12:36.98
100m Hurdles			Liam McGuire 1 st 17.23 Cole Hageman 2 nd 17.97 Weston Rogers 6 th 20.79	
200m Hurdles			Liam McGuire 1 st 31.41 Weston Rogers 2 nd 35.81 Carson Strohl 4 th 37.65	
4X100 Relay	Jump, Young, Oldham, Hartley 5 th 1:12.16	Adelhardt, Huff, Schnittker, Miller 2 nd 1:08.3	JP Kerschen, Lohrke, Rohlman, Sterneker 2 nd 1:03.01	
4X200 Relay	Harley, Oldham, Thimesch, Raney 3 rd 2:18.59		Glenn, Adams, Strohl, Preisser 2 nd 2:15.79	
Medley Relay	Thimesch, Oldham, Ogg, Raney 5 th 2:27.89	Adelhardt, Mertens, Miller, Neufeld 3 rd 2:24.00	Bock, Strohl, Thimesch, Rohlman 1 st 2:25.26	



Cole Hageman



Katie Ogg

Scholarship Applications Due

West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Applications may be found on line at www.usd332edfoundation.webs.com or www.usd332.org/. Applications are to be given to the CHS Counselor, taken to the high school office to Kristen Young, or sent to Janet DeWeese, 397 NW 150th Ave., Cunningham, KS 67035. If you have any questions, please call 620-532-9025.

Photos from the Pretty Prairie High School Track Meet



Blake Swope



Luke Albers



Dylan Halderson



Hannah Ellis

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CJHS GIRLS' TRACK TEAM



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Front row: Maelyn Jump, Morgan Oldham, Sage Thimesch, Katie Ogg, Leah Dukes

Marcy Allbritten

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Carol Freund

Louise Armstrong

Johnna Freund

Jane Meyers

Joan Thimesch

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Registration Deadline for Boys State of Kansas 2023 Session Approaches

The registration deadline for the 2023 session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas, which will be held Sunday, June 4, through Saturday, June 10, at Kansas State University in Manhattan, is set for Sunday, April 30. This will be the program’s 31st consecutive session at KSU and 85th overall.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for individuals who will complete their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program has again expand the pool of registrants for this year’s session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a “learn-

ing by doing” political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It’s also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$350; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50. Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksstate.org to register. While the deadline to register to guarantee a spot in the 2023 program is April 30; registrations are accepted after that date on a space-available basis.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals should visit ksstate.org/sponsor-a-delegate. Questions? Contact the ALBSK at info@ksstate.org or (785) 550-6492.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is an interactive simulation that teaches high school seniors-to-be the value of democracy and civic

duty. Participants form mock governments and campaign for positions at the city, county and state levels. After the elections, participants find out firsthand the difficult decisions made daily by those in government through a series of challenging simulations. Delegates, nominated to attend by their high school counselors and other influential people in their lives, are sponsored by American Legion posts and various civic organizations from across the state. All delegates demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in student government, athletics and/or other activities.

The Boys State program was founded by Legionnaires Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in Illinois in 1935, and was first held in Kansas two years later in Wichita. The Kansas program moved to the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 1963 and remained there until 1991. The following year, it moved to its current location at Kansas State University in Manhattan. For more information about the American Legion Boys State of Kansas, visit ksstate.org.

We are learning about animals...

...that are at risk or may go extinct.

Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Do you know what the word **‘extinct’** means? When we say an animal is extinct, we mean that there are none left!

Animals and plants have disappeared through natural causes such as storms, volcanic eruptions or diseases. Some animals have been wiped out because people were hungry and killed them for food before they had a chance to replace their populations.

Animals may be threatened by loss of their homes or by sprays used to kill pesky insects. Some are hunted for their furs or horns.

When numbers of these animals drop so low that they may become extinct, we call them ‘endangered’ and may work to protect them.

Animals at Risk

Fill in the puzzle with some animals that are at risk:

- Arctic; melting ice threatens their habitat
- hunted for furs and food; found only in Vietnam; looks like an antelope, in same family as the cow
- Florida; swampy homes drained; hunted for skins, food
- few small groups left in mountainous bamboo forests of China
- large gentle animals in African jungles; not enough room for gathering food, raising families; killed for body parts
- followed by fishermen seeking tuna; drown in nets; now companies support ways to fish that do not kill needlessly
- Africa, Asia; poachers kill them for their horns
- beautiful cat of India, Russia; killed for skin or fur
- ocean animal; largest animal in world; hunted
- giant lizard; very few left

Thanks to a global effort to save giant pandas, they have been moved one step up to a “threatened” species.

Some kinds of mice are at risk too!

Wow!

Can you fill in the sentence below with these vowels?

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Some _____ are _____ r s k _____ n d n g r d .

Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution is a growing problem that threatens our oceans. Plastic items can be harmful to ocean wildlife and may threaten the whole ecosystem.

Extinct Animals

When animals are “extinct” it means that there are no more of them. The dinosaurs are probably the best known of the extinct animals. **Can you find and circle the names of some extinct animals listed below?**

dodo bird	woolly rhinoceros	sabertooth tiger
triceratops	woolly mammoth	tarpan wild horse
red gazelle	desert bandicoot	golden toad

The dodo bird was a flightless bird and is extinct. People only know about it from a few sketches, writings, and some bones.

Who Am I?

(e e t c h a h)

Africa is my home. I run faster than any animal in the world. People hunt us for our beautiful fur. Our numbers have dropped.

What Could It Be?

For years concern has cropped up for this winged animal. Reporters have been talking about “colony collapse disorder.” Swarms of these little, flying creatures had been disappearing and now their numbers seem to be leveling off, but still no one knows why.

We need this animal to pollinate fruits, vegetables and flowers. They provide honey too. Our food supply might be in trouble if too many of these disappear!

Use this color key to fill in the puzzle to see what it could be!

B = black	Y = yellow	W = white	G = green
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(Answers on page 10)

Nominations Open for 2024 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year Contest

Farmers are invited to submit nominations for the 2024 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest, which comes with cash prizes and bragging rights. This is the sixth year of the contest, supported by Purina, which celebrates farm dogs and the many ways they support farmers and ranchers in producing nutritious food for families and their pets across America.

The grand prize winner – Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year – will win a year's worth of Purina Pro Plan dog food and \$5,000 in prize money. The winner will be recognized at a Farm Dog of the Year award ceremony at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in January 2024. Up to three regional runners-up* will each win \$1,000 in prize money.

The 2024 Farm Dog of the Year will also be featured in a professionally produced video. The profile of the 2023 Farm Dog of the Year Tough from Kansas can be viewed at <https://www.fb.org/land/fdoty>. And you can read about Tough on the Kansas Living website here.

Eligibility guidelines and submission requirements are available at <https://www.fb.org/land/fdoty>. Farm Dog of the Year nominations, which include written responses to questions, at least one still photo and a video clip (optional), must be received by July 14, 2023, for consideration.

Social Security Honors Our Military Heroes

On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. Families, friends, and communities pause to remember the many great sacrifices of our military and ensure their legacy lives on in the freedoms we all enjoy. We recognize these heroes who, in President Lincoln's words, "gave the last full measure of devotion."

The benefits we provide can help the families of deceased military service members. For example, surviving spouses and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at www.ssa.gov/

survivors.

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when an injury prevents them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. Are you a veteran with a 100% Permanent & Total compensation rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs? We will expedite your disability claim. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Social Security Administration have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits under one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending on your situation, some of your family members, including your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Want more information? Visit www.ssa.gov/people/veterans for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit our webpage, You Can Get Both Military Retirement and Social Security Benefits, at www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

Please share this information with the military families in your community. To the veterans who bravely served and died for our country, and to the military service members who serve today, we honor and thank you.

Governor Signs Bill Naming Official State Land Fossil


TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today signed Senate Bill 3, a bipartisan bill that designates the Silvisaurus Condrayi as the official state land fossil. The Silvisaurus is the only known dinosaur from the Dakota Formation in Kansas. It was a medium-sized, four-legged, armored plant-eater, and its remains were discovered by a rancher in Ottawa County in 1955.

"Designating this state fossil helps educators further demonstrate Kansas' relevance to eras

long before the founding of the United States," Governor Laura Kelly said.

The fossils of this dinosaur can be viewed at the University of Kansas Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum.





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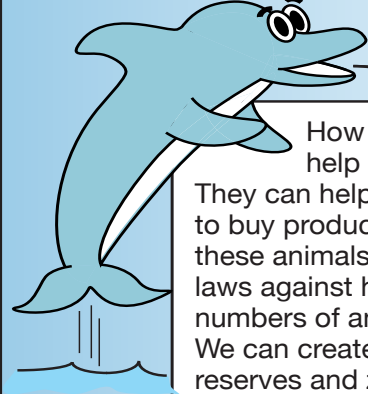
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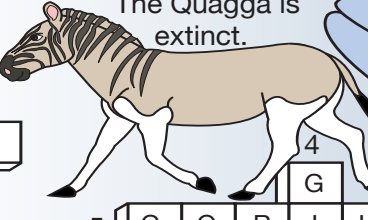


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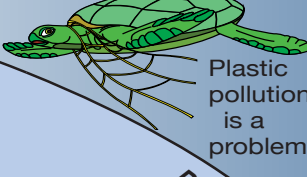


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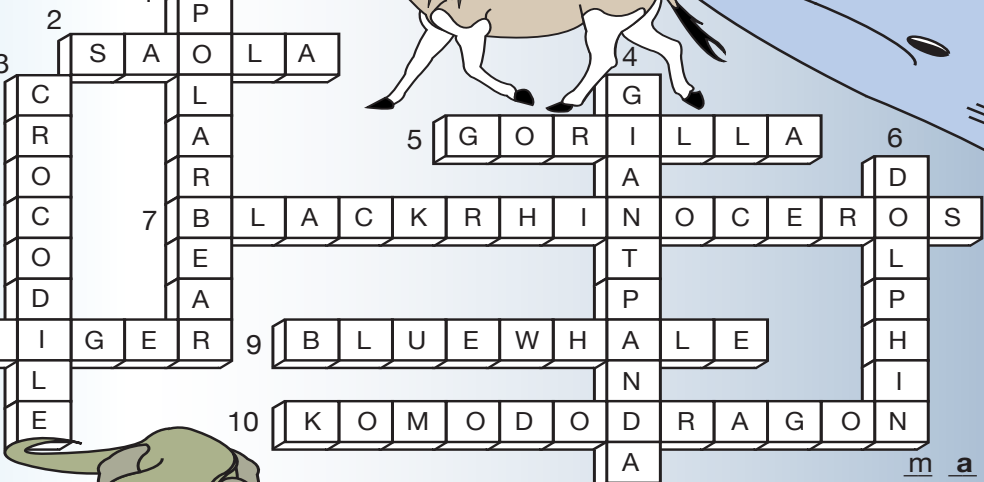
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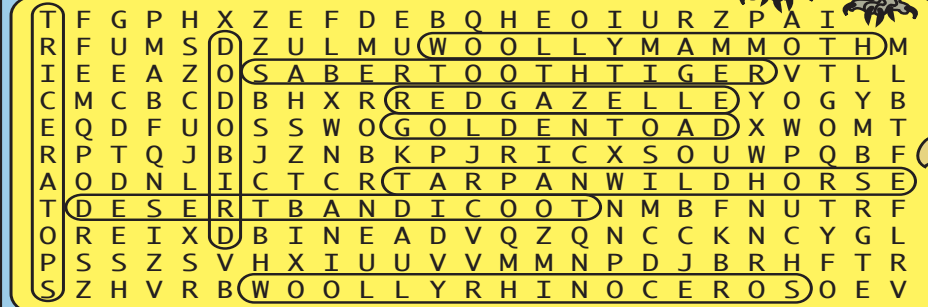
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What Could It Be? **B E E S**

The dodo bird, an extinct bird, was not able to fly.



Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development/ COVID consultant, reported she applied for the KDOT EV charging grant. She has a contact at KDOT to follow up. Kyle Hoffman will be at PCC April 20, 9:00 am to assist with applying for grants. Completing the four lane from liberal to Wichita has been in discussion for the past two weeks. She reached out to a local business that is interested in the HEAL grant but the deadline is close. She recommended reaching out sooner than later, also, do not start any work on the build-

ing prior to applying and receiving approval. Last week for the legislature before their three-week recess. There will be more money available for local health departments. The house passed a budget. They are still working on the tax plan. ARPA filing deadline is April 30, 2023. She needs to have copies of receipts that have not been turned in previously as soon as possible. Commissioner Shriver asked about the private business related to public competition bill. When a new business comes to town versus a government funded one, the personally owned business would receive a tax break. He asked since government money is given to businesses are they considered government funded. She doesn't think the bill is clear on that. She will try to find the answers.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the road crossing at SE 25th Avenue, SE 10th

street, SE 30th Avenue, SE 60th Street and SE 10th Avenue for SC Telcom to install fiber optic cable. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

JT Daniels and Kris Huffman, ABGI, explained the 179D form on behalf of Landmark Architect. It allows the 179D deduction for energy efficient construction and upgrades. ABGI will perform the analysis of the public safety building. By signing Pratt County gives permission to ABGI for a one hour visit to visibly verify the drawings by Landmark Architect that the work has been completed and file for the deduction on behalf of Landmark Architect. The county will get a report on the efficiency of the public safety building. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve signing section 179D form for ABGI on behalf of Landmark Architect. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, reported on a recycling company closing down that bought product from Pratt County. The prices of recycling are way down, he is storing until the prices increase. He will be attending the core conference with one of his employees. He stated the loader should be here later this week or next week. The state inspection passed with no infractions. May 1-6, 2023, is clean up week. He would like to purchase an alternative daily coverage machine that sprays a cover coating on the landfill to keep everything from blowing. He presented two quotes one

from LSC Environmental Products LLC, new applicator for \$55,875.00 and cover pellets for \$21,615.00. Second bid from Road Builders Machinery and Supplies Company, new applicator for \$54,500.00, used applicator for \$44,500.00, they did not quote pellets. Commissioner Adams made a motion to purchase the alternative daily coverage

Applicator from LSC environmental products, LLC for \$55,875.00 and pellets for \$21,615.00 to be paid out of landfill special equipment. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

George Stevens, American Legion rider, requested a donation of \$4000.00 for the Fourth of July fireworks display at the lake to be held Monday, July 3, 2023. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the donation of \$4000.00 to the American Legion rider for Fourth of July fireworks. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:41 p.m. for seventeen minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning tax appeal. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:55 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to allow Tyson to contact Morris Laing on a tax appeal matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jimmy White and Jake Streker, INA Alert, Inc, presented security equipment quotes for the jail and courthouse. Commissioner Shriver stated he had talked to Heather Morgan, and there is terrorism grants available and she will apply for those grants to fund this project. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the bid 4452-23 from INA Alert, Inc for the jail in the amount of \$111,333.87, to be paid out ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve bid 4455-23 for \$107,811.13 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The project manager will contact Jimmy. The project should start around June 2023.

Tony Helfrich, USD 382 superintendent, and David Schmidt, assistant superintendent, explained the bond issue coming up for election, May 9, 2023. One of the renovations will be the old high school. Project will be the 2023-2024 school year. They are looking for a place to move the preschool and offices during renovations. They have explored different options in Pratt. They would like to walk through the old PRRC building and see if it is feasible for their temporary use. Commissioner Shriver stated he had no problem with a walk through. Tyson stated if they would want to use it, bond council will have to split it off from the hospital property. They

will contact clerk Voss to get the key to do a walk through.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, presented information on #254, the tank has been removed, the bed is rusty and needs repaired. The bed can be sandblasted and repainted. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve sandblasting and painting the bed on #254 in the amount of \$2,667.00 to emergency fire equipment to be paid out of fire/rescue special equipment. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported they had training for storm spotters and grain entrapment. Open House April 7, at the public safety building. April 14 and 15 he is having a vehicle rescue training. The cost of trash service at the public safety building was discussed.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to keep the existing policy with Blue Cross with no plan changes. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve option 2 on the employees share of the policy.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for April 3, 2023.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:52 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Request for Proposals

To Provide

A Ceiling replacement in the Appraiser's Office and Emergency Manager's Room (Request No. 2023-2023001)

Issued: April 10th, 2023

Closing Date: Monday, May, 1, 2023

Closing Time: 10:00 a.m., Local Time

The Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas (the "County") is soliciting proposals from qualified vendor contractors for the replacement and installation of new ceiling tiles at the Kingman County Appraiser's Office and Emergency Manager Office located at 130 N Spruce St in the City of Kingman, Kansas. Copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Kingman County Clerk at the address set forth below. The Request for Proposals also is available on the County's web site:

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For information regarding this Request for Proposals, contact:

Jerry Henning

Telephone: (620) 532-6217

Email: jhenning@kingmancoks.org

Pre-Closing Date Conference

A Pre-Closing Date Conference will be conducted on Monday, April 24, 2023, in the County Commissioners' meeting room

on the lower level of the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce, Kingman, Kansas @ 4:00 p.m. The Pre-Closing Date Conference is to provide all prospective Interested Parties an opportunity to view the ceilings in the bid and an opportunity to pose questions or provide comments regarding this Request for Proposals. Prospective Interested Parties and their representatives should familiarize themselves with the terms and provisions of this Request prior to the Pre-Closing Date Conference. All Interested Parties are encouraged submit questions and comments prior to the Pre-Closing Date Conference to the attention of the County Clerk in writing or in electronic format to noblite@kingmancoks.org. The Commission requests all Prospective Interested Parties attend the Pre-Closing Date Conference, failure to attend may remove your bid from consideration.

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KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Request for Proposals

To Provide

A Remodel of the County Storage Facility on A Avenue (Request No. 2023-2023002)

Issued: April 10th, 2023

Closing Date: Monday, May, 8, 2023

Closing Time: 10:00 a.m., Local Time

The Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas (the "County") is soliciting proposals from qualified vendor contractors for the Remodeling of the Kingman County Storage Facility on A Avenue in the City of Kingman, Kansas. Copies of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Kingman County Clerk at the address set forth below. The Request for Proposals also is available on the County's web site:

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Pre-Closing Date Conference

A Pre-Closing Date Conference will be conducted on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the County Commissioners' meeting room on the lower level of the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce, Kingman, Kansas @

4:00 p.m. The Pre-Closing Date Conference is to provide all prospective Interested Parties an opportunity to view the buildings in the bid and an opportunity to pose questions or provide comments regarding this Request for Proposals. Prospective Interested Parties and their representatives should familiarize themselves with the terms and provisions of this Request prior to the Pre-Closing Date Conference. All Interested Parties are encouraged submit questions and comments prior to the Pre-Closing Date Conference to the attention of the County Clerk in writing or in electronic format to noblite@kingmancoks.org. The Commission requests all Prospective Interested Parties attend the Pre-Closing Date Conference, failure to attend may remove your bid from consideration.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ALOAH C. EHRHEART, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 29

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 28, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Karen Pereira, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Aloah C. Ehrheart, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled

thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Aloah C. Ehrheart, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 18, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Loretta Looney

Loretta May Looney, 90, passed away quietly and peacefully, at her home, on Monday, April 10, 2023. She was born on March 25, 1933 in rural Stafford County on Jeff and Blanche Dark’s farm, who were her grandparent’s. She was born on her grandfather’s 50th birthday.

Loretta’s parents were Woodrow Wilson Holmes and Elizabeth May (Dark) Holmes. Loretta was one of seven children.

She graduated from St. John High School in 1951.

Loretta met Harvey Looney at a roller-skating rink in St. John, Kansas and their first date was on June 4th of 1950. They later married on August 12, 1950 at the ages of Harvey, 25 and Loretta, 17. Throughout their marriage they continued their love of roller skating. They were married for 29 years and through out those years, Loretta helped Harvey by performing odd end jobs to help support their family until Harvey’s passing on February 12th of 1979. Loretta then worked for the City of Pratt until her retirement.

Loretta had another love which was music. She taught herself how to play the piano at the age of 5 or 6 by playing by ear. The very first song she learned how to play on the piano was “Jesus Loves Me”. She also learned how to play the accordion. Loretta could listen, hear the notes played, and start in singing harmony. She loved to sing. Loretta came from a musical family that taught themselves how to play different instruments and sing. Later on, Loretta, also belonged to a small singing group the Joyful Singers.

Loretta told her family of many fishing trips that she and Harvey went on. She never fished but cooked the fish so Harvey and the family could enjoy their rewards.

She loved her kitchen and all the food that came from that kitchen could feed several families, to which it did. She was known for her peanut brittle at Christmas time, her home-made cinnamon rolls, and chicken and noodles any time of the year. Loretta once said, “Cooking brings me Joy.” and it did.

Loretta’s peaceful and quiet moments were when she was outdoors with the fresh air, listening to her songbirds, and seeing her peonies coming into season. She spoke that peonies were her favorite flower.

We will miss Loretta. Her smile and laughter which would fill a room with joy and love. Her quick wit, her love of music, never afraid to start up a song and have everyone join in. Then there was the quiet side of Loretta where you could sit with her and listen to the long-ago stories from another time. She gave us a life with her we will always cherish.

Today, we say our goodbyes knowing that she is singing with the angels in God’s glory.

She attended First Southern Baptist Church was a previous member of the Lions Club and volunteer with American Red Cross. She enjoyed music, cooking, spending time with her grandchildren, tending to her yard and gardening, and family dinners.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Kay Looney of Pratt; sons, Randall Eugene (Angela) Looney of Kiowa County and Steven Michael Looney of Pratt; brothers, Frank (Marilyn) Holmes of Pratt, Stanley (Shirley) Holmes of Wichita and Leo (Louise) Holmes of Pratt; sisters, Evelyn Marie Dunnegan of Pratt and Karen Holmes of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Jodi (Kevin) Strohl, Josh Looney, Jennifer Looney, Rebecca (Trace) Stone, Cody (Kirsten) Meireis, Brandie (Dwayne) Osenbaugh and Michael (Cristine) Looney; and great-grandchildren, Brent Whitney, Logan Chadd, Daylen Chadd, Devin Strohl, Layla Banta, Jackson Banta, MaKenzie Meireis, Shane Osenbaugh, Riley Osenbaugh, Emersyn Osenbaugh, Krista Looney, Carrie Looney and Ellena Looney.

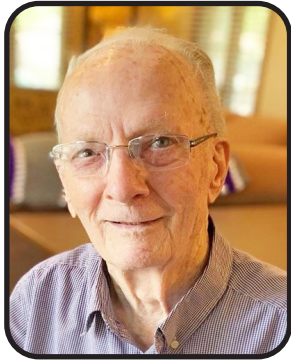
Loretta is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harvey Eugene Looney; brother, Kenneth Holmes; brother in-law, Merle Dunnegan; son in-law, Jerry Jones; and daughter in-law, Carrie Looney.

Friends may sign the book Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 14, 2023 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to ProMedica Hospice or American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Jerry Schafer

Jerry J. Schafer, 90, Retired Veterinarian, died Friday, March 31, 2023. Rosary will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am, Thursday, April 20, 2023, at Church of the Magdalen Catholic Church. Preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Marie Schafer; wife, Evelyn Schafer; 4 brothers. Survived by his daughters, Cindy Schafer of Wichita, Susan (Ron) Wendland of Leonardville, KS, Judy (Ronnie) Jones of Owasso, OK; sons, Greg (Cindy) Schafer of Wichita, Dennis (Nancy) Schafer of Anacortis, WA; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with: Arrowhead West, Inc., 1100 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd., Dodge City, KS 67801. Share tributes online at: www.dlwichita.com



Marvin Helsel

Marvin Leonard Helsel, 80, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield. He was born on November 3, 1942 in Pratt to Harry Delbert and Orpha (Leonard) Helsel. Marvin married Judy (Branch) Helsel on July 29, 1972 in Pratt. They were married for 50 years.



Marvin graduated from Pratt High School in 1961. He joined the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He attended Pratt Community College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He worked for Terminex for several years and then opened A1 Pest Control. In 1994, he and Judy opened Quality Laundry in Pratt and operated it for 30 years. He was a member of Pratt Free Methodist Church and Gideons. He was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, building things, walking, watching his daily television shows and westerns, taking day trips, repairing and maintaining household appliances, and loved being a husband, father and Papa. He never complained about anything in life.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Christina Helsel and Mary (Tron Kitson) Divine; grandchildren, Conrad Burns and Audrey Burns all of Pratt; sister, Margorie (Allen) Long of St. John; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marvin is preceded in death by his father, Harry Delbert Helsel; mother, Orpha Deselms; sister, Vera Alice Scott; brother, William Richard Helsel; and son in-law, Robert Divine.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Carl Whitfield presiding. Burial with military honors followed at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

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

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Gary "Charlie" Brown

Gary “Charlie” Dale Brown, 70, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born on September 11, 1952 in Herington to Clarence Dale and Betty (Ruppel) Brown. Gary married Deanna Sue Dix-Brown on October 6, 2001 in Pratt. They were married for 21 years.



Charlie graduated from Herington High School in 1970 and was a member of BPOE Elks Lodge, Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees Division (BMWED) and American Railway and Airway Supervisor Association (ARASA). He worked for Union Pacific Railroad and retired as a track inspector after 42 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, mowing the yard, washing cars, and spending time with friends and family. Charlie never met a stranger!

He is survived by his wife, Dea; son, Tyler (Leslee) Brown of Wichita; daughters, Amy Brown of Wichita and Kylee (Charlie) Bacon of Andover; sisters, Gaylene Staatz of Herington and Glenda (James) Payne of Abilene; brother, Jerry Brown of Marysville; and grandchildren, Lauren and Ty Brown and Jackson and Hudson Bacon.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Shawn Brown.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Woody’s Sports Bar. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Herington.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society or Phoenix Home Care and Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Relda Statz

Relda J. Statz, 88, passed away on April 7, 2023, at Wheatlands Health Care Center, in Kingman, Kansas. Relda was a long-time Kingman resident and served for many years as a dispatcher for the Kingman Police Department. She was married to Gerald Statz, who preceded her in death, with whom she had three children, Stephen Statz who also preceded her in death, Carla Iott of El Dorado, Kansas and Bradley Statz of Madison, Alabama. She leaves behind five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A graveside service and burial at Kingman Walnut Hill Cemetery was held April 12, 2023. Livingston’s Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main Street, Kingman.



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