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Wildcats are 6-Man Regional Champions

Three weeks without a football game is two weeks too long. After a forfeit by short-handed Southern Cloud County and a first-round playoff bye, the Cunningham Wildcats finally took the field when they welcomed the Natoma Tigers to town for regionals on November 3rd.

The Cats won the toss and received the kick. They immediately took out all their pent-up energy and frustrations on the Natoma Tigers, needing only six plays for their first touchdown. Luke M ran for 15 yards and a first down, but the highlight was a 35 yard completion from Trey to Lane. The final play was a 11 yard TD pass from Trey to Luke M. Dagim nailed the kick for an 8-0 lead. Natoma had the wind on their side, but that just meant that Dagim's kick settled inside the 5 instead of a touchback. The Cat defense pounced on the Tigers who had to punt in three plays. Trey promptly went 5 for 5 and Luke M went 1 for 1 throwing on the next drive. Trey's first two went to Luke Albers for 11 and Dagim for 18. Luke M hit Trey for a 30 yard completion. Trey finished the drive with a 1 yard touchdown pass to Trent. The kick was no good but the rout was on. 14-0 and the Cats were firing on all cylinders. Dagim pinned Natoma inside the 5 yet again. Luke M and Carlos tag-teamed a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. On the next play Jack

caused a fumble that Carlos pounced on. Trey passed to Will for the 25 yard touchdown and a quick score. A good kick meant the Cats were up 22-0. Another kickoff by Dagim pinned them deep for the third time in a row. The drive was similar to the others as well. A few plays in, Lane put an end to it by intercepting a pass. The first play of the drive was also the last. Trey passed to Luke Albers for a 5 yard touchdown. The kick put the Cats up 30-0 to end the first quarter.

The next defensive series was one play as well. Trey intercepted a pass to get the Wildcats offense back on the field, this time with the wind at our backs. The Cats made quick work of the Natoma defense yet again. Trey passed to Luke Albers twice, for 11 and 19 yards. The touchdown went to Will for 12 yards. No extra point but the Cats had a 44-0 lead. Natoma was picked off for the third time by Trey on their first play of the drive. On play number one Luke M scrambled for 17 yards and a touchdown. Dagim put another extra points kick in for a 52-0 lead. After the defense shut the Tigers down on the next drive the Cats took over with great field position. Jack had a nice run of 12 and Luke M had a 15 yard TD run. The extra point run was not good, but the Cats had a 58-0 lead. Trey ended Natoma's next drive with his 3rd pick to make a hat

trick, and the Cats finished off the drive with a 1 yard touchdown from Lane. Lucas got the rushing extra point for the final of 65 to 0. The Wildcats had 7 different players score in the dominating 2-quarter playoff victory. They

turned over the opponent 5 times. Fill the stands Friday November 11 at 6 p.m. to cheer the Wildcats on to a sectionals victory over the Wetmore Cardinals!

by Coach Lance McGuire
(more photos on page 6)



Senior Wildcats Trey DeWeese, Leo Hageman and Lane Halderson hold the team's trophies for District and for Regional championships

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for October 31st, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on October 31st, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were:

Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Ls; Joyce; Heather Kinsler; Adrian Harrel; Susan Hubbell

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Henning seconded

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

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and gave the Commissioners an update.

Mr. Ewy discussed that there are a lot of grants out there but some are not worth going for it takes more time to run it than the money they give.

Commissioner Henning discussed the Planning/Zoning meeting he attended October 24th, 2022.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 24th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the October 24th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with some updates for the Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the County received the Champion grant and Johnna Fairchild is their Champion.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that they have two appointees for the Economic Development Board

this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:10 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:15 a.m. no decision made.

Commissioner Henning discussed Invenenergy presentation at the planning/zoning meeting.

Mr. Ritcha discussed the meeting held with Invenenergy after the Commission meeting on October 24th.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a report on services given through the month of October.

Ms. Schwartz presented a quote for a desk-barrier for the front desk that will be tempered glass and won't scratch from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$748.29.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Department Head evaluations are coming up and

would like to start sooner this year.

Commissioners agreed that starting evaluations earlier would be a good idea.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the Department Head meeting will be next week at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Goetz submitted the planning/zoning meeting minutes to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Goetz let the Commission know that they had a re-zone request heard and there is a 14-day waiting period and will present a resolution on November 14th.

Commissioner Henning discussed that the individual putting in the subdivision is following all the County regulations.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Kevin Schrag for a house in the NW4 of Section 23, Township 27, Range 05W.

Dennis Hageman for a spa in Section 34, Township 29, Range 08W.

Jerod Bebemeyer for a house in Section 34, Township 30, Range 06W.

Thomas Bonil for a shop/shed in Section 12, Township 27, Range 05W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:20 a.m.

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Friday, November 11th,
to commemorate Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 10th USD 332 visit	Friday, November 18th HS FB 6 man sub-state
Friday, November 11th 10:00 a.m. High School gym Veterans' Day program *** HS FB 6-man Sectionals	Monday, November 21st JH BB at Chase
Monday, November 14th HS BB prac- tice begins *** JH BB vs Argonia at HOME	Tuesday, November 22nd NHS Blood Drive Please Donate
Tuesday, November 15th Lions Club	Wednesday, November 23rd Thanksgiving School break begins

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B-29 Museum

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Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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298-3163



Zenda
Public Library
Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
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Honoring Our Veterans

Cunningham High School NHS
will be having their Veterans Day
Program on Friday, Nov. 11th. NHS
students will serve coffee, juice,
and rolls to veterans and their
spouses as well as
spouses of the late
veterans at 9:30
a.m. The program
for the community
will start at 10:00
a.m. in the gym.
We hope to see you
all there.



Final Nashville High School
Alumni
Gathering

The first class from Nashville High School gradu-
ated in 1922; and now the final Nashville High School
Alumni gathering will take place on November 26th
12:00 noon to 4:00 at St John's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall, Nashville Ks All graduates, former
students, spouses, and friends are invited. For more
information or reservations contact Loetta Lohrke at
620 298 2762.

Community Thanksgiving
Service

Everyone welcome! Come and join the
three churches in Cunningham's Annual
Thanksgiving Service to held November
20th at 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist
Church.
More details next week.





When you browse the shelves for what's new at the library, you'll also enjoy an art display by local artist, Darren Parker. Parker's retrospective exhibit featuring art from the 1970's through today will be on display through November 30. Visit with Parker at the library's Open House on Sunday, November 27th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The come-and-go Open House will go through 8:00 p.m. PRIDE will bring their caroling group to the library around 6:30 for hot chocolate and cookies.

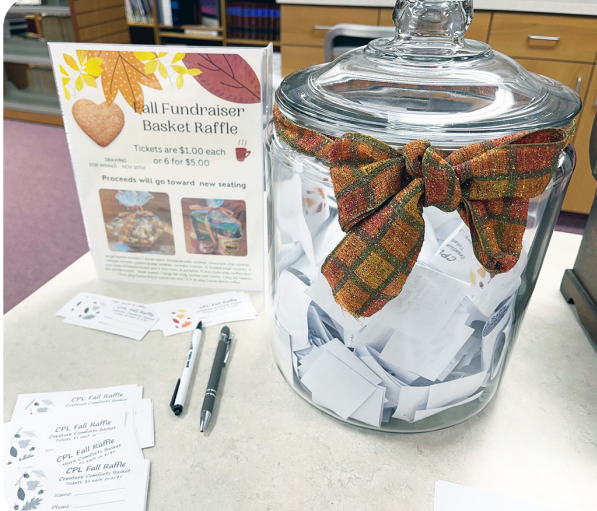
Cunningham Public Library Art
Show/Open House

The Cunningham Public Library
will be having an open house on
Sunday, November 27th from 3:00
p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We would like to invite the
community in to see local artist
Darren Parker's art on display. You
can also view his art during open
library hours starting now.

Library Fundraiser for New Seating

There's still time to get your raffle tickets for Rogene's Fall Comforts baskets. They're chock-full of Rogene's home-baked goodies, sweet treats, Cocoa Dulce hot chocolate and coffee and other fall-inspired gifts. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to re-
place reading chairs and add new, more comfortable meeting chairs. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six. You may get your tickets at the library or by contacting Kerri Steffen any library board member: Mary, Jane, Linda, Ingrid, Rogene, Cecile and Liz. The drawing for the winner will be Nov. 20th.





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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1927

Nov. 11 – Frank McClellan is driving a new Ford sedan, the editor is driving a new Chevrolet coach, Charley Wetherall is driving a new Hudson coach, and W. B. Rouse isn’t associating with the Chevrolet drivers anymore, and is now driving a new Buick coupe.

1932

Nov. 11 – The all-school play, “Kicked Out of College,” will be presented Friday in the high school auditorium with the following members of the cast: Alfred Thorp, Leon Walters, Wayne Lash, Waldo Shelman, John Baber, Richard Cozens, Norman DeLair, Willard Benningfield, Marvin Helmers, Alvin Haden, Warren Allen, Winton Lash, Victor Miles, Henry Hart, Doris Franks, Delores Doty, Majel Miles, Jessie Lee Lakin, Eleanor Crow, Thelma Baber, Martha Weber, Eleanor Shelman, and Mary Louise Anderson.

The high school pep club has been organized under the name “Pep-Pow-Wow,” and the basketball teams will be called the “Indian Braves” and a symbol of an Indian will be worn on their suits.

1937

Nov. 12 –
At Wetherall Bros.
Flour, Kansas Best, 46 lb. sack, \$1.55
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Grapefruit, 6 for 25c
40% Bran, 16 oz., 2 pk., 25c
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1942

Nov. 13 – Mathias Theis, 83, of St. Leo, father of Nick Theis of this city, passed away Sunday at the home of his son, Frank, near St. Leo, with whom he had made his home for several years.

Word has been received by relatives here of the death of Corporal Richard Cozens, 26, who was drowned a week ago, Nov. 4, in the Panama Canal Zone.

1947

Nov. 14 – Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley on the birth of eight-pound Ina Marleen, at the Kingman Memorial hospital, Tuesday, November 11. Grandfather is Glenn Cooley of Cunningham

1952

Nov. 14 – Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blasi of Cunningham, were informed Thursday evening by telegram from the Secretary of the Army that their son, Private First Class Daniel Blasi, had perished in an airplane crash somewhere in Alaska last Friday, November 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasi had received a previous telegram on last Saturday afternoon informing them that their son was missing in action. The telegram stated that he was a member of an advanced party flying from Elmendorf Air Force Base to Big Delta. The plane crashed in a remote area and was sighted by rescue and search airplanes and a helicopter was rushed to

the scene of the crash but there were no survivors. Ten other Air Force members lost their lives.

1957

Nov. 14 – Local Service News

Jack Meyers has received his induction notice from the Kingman County Selective Service Board. He will leave Tuesday, December 3.

Airman Third Class Dick Dunn, of Ardmore, Okla. Air Force Base, spent a short furlough here this past week, visiting his mother, Mrs. R. L. Dunn and family.

Airman Third Class Allan Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schnittker of Nashville, is stationed at Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico.

Airman Third Class Elmer Freund of Dover, Del., Air Force Base, arrived here this week to spend a 15-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freund and family.

County officials are drawing up plans for the new bridge across the Ninnescah River a mile north of town. The new structure is reported to be about 600 feet long and constructed of concrete.

Norvin Lawson of Penalosa, purchased Barber County’s old courthouse building at Medicine Lodge last Friday. The consideration was \$1.00, cash in hand.

Mr. Lawson, who is in the building-wrecking and salvage business and who maintains a storage yard at the family farm east of town, agreed to raze the old building and remove the basement walls to a depth of 18 inches below ground level.

Mr. Lawson recently completed the razing of the old Barton County Jail at Great Bend.

1962

Nov. 15 – Cunningham’s street improvement program of this summer, came to an end last week with the completion of the soil-cement surfacing of the two-block section south across the railroad tracks on Elliott Street.

The completion of this section eliminated the “jog” around the depot. It is still closed to traffic until the Santa Fe Railroad’s work crew can complete their bridging along the track crossing.

The railroad’s work crew arrived in town this week, and has started a re-modeling project on the depot.

Plans call for the entire depot to be “skidded” some 50 feet west of the present location. The building has been “modernized” to the extent of having been piped for natural gas and water. Plans are not as yet definite as to whether the interior of the depot will be re-modeled.

Martin Pelzl started construction, Wednesday morning, on his new home to be built just south of the new home he recently completed for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers and sons in the southwest part of town.

The Pelzl home will be of the brick veneer two-bedroom type, with full basement and attached garage.

1967

Nov. 16 – The Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charles Yingling, will present a concert in the high school gym-auditorium, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, at 3:30 o’clock.

The band will play a variety of martial selections and a portion of the concert will feature a Dixieland Jamboree. Members of this group are Kris Sheldon (trumpet), Mark Steffen (trombone), Mary Cundiff (clarinet), Charles Huslig (bass), Monte Rose (tenor saxophone), and Mike Cunningham (drums).

The Junior Class of Cunningham High School, will present the three-act mystery-comedy, “Finders Creepers,” in the high school gym-auditorium tomorrow night (Friday) at 7:30 o’clock.

Members of the cast are Phil Theis, Harold Bayer, Rhonda DeArond, Susan Fisher, Hollis Lackey, Marilyn Rohlman, Diane Dunn, Mark Steffen, John

McCune, Ruth Eck, Sue Hellar, Brad Mantooth, Charles Huslig, Geronimo Kaster, and Ron Albers.

The play is under the direction of Jim Kelso, high school speech and debate instructor. Advance ticket are on sale at 60c and 35c; tickets at the door will be 75c and 50c.

Two Cunningham Wildcat football players, Wayne Jarmer and Jim McCune, were named to the Golden Plains League All-Star Football Team, selected by the coaches. Two Wildcat players, Frank McClellan and Harold Stark, were named to the second team. All-Star Teams are fine, but they’re short of positions for players like Ned Albers, Larry Lubbers, Tom Schnittker, Alan Albers, and John McCune, who together with their chosen teammates know they can beat everybody in the league.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

Editor: Joyce Hartmann

Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

November 17-
Zenda New:
Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham and family, Wichita, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Rose Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. James Youngers and three children were Sunday supper guests.

Hospital Notes:
Stacy Magnett is a patient at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita after surgery. Her room number is 408.

Ryan Kerschen has been released from Pratt Hospital.

Ellen Larson is in Wesley Hospital in Wichita following surgery. Her no. is 4-2321.

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson returned last week from a two weeks-vacation visiting Mrs. Thompson’s sister, Josephine and husband, Bill Hummel in Middleburg, Pa.; then her niece, Ann Fewin and family at Greenville, Pa; then on to Bowling Green, Ohio, to visit their son, Warren Allen and family.

Preliminary plans were made for the superintendent and board members to attend the convention of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlanta in February. The board also reviewed the agenda for the annual convention of the National Association of School Bards to be held in California in April. Several board members expressed an interest in attending the convention called “Educational World of NSBA.”

The Cunningham faculty narrowly edged their way to victory in three volleyball games in the gymnasium on Tuesday night, November 8. Scores were 22-20, 21-19, 21-18.

The faculty members who played for the entire evening were Warren Meireis, Mike Mueller, Skip Herd, Debbie Glenn, Diane Ross, and Pat Ulenhop. Seniors playing were Annette Jarmer, Cheri Mantooth, Darla Stucky, Kevin Stillwell, Steve Simon, and Bob Renner. Juniors Joe Strohl and Rich Cain substituted until enough seniors arrived on the scene. Sherry Ratcliff was the referee.

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Steven Davies



Steven John Davies, 75, of Hiawatha, with family by his side, passed away October 29, 2022, at Amberwell hospital in Hiawatha, KS after a prolonged illness.

He answered to many names: Dr. D, Dr. Davies, Steve, or Steven John, called himself Fat Steve, and Slim Davies. His most desired and cherished title was “daddy.” For those who were blessed to know him, mere words are insufficient to describe this unique personality. His storied life began in Kingman, Kansas, January 28, 1947, delivered at home by his father. His parents owned and operated Livingston Mortuary, which at the time also operated the ambulance service and the furniture store. He was born with a heart condition, fortunately to educated parents, his father with medical related training and his nurse mother, who saved his life. Despite this condition, he was a strong and active child who dreamed of being a cowboy. It was during his senior year he suffered a heart attack and was told his life expectancy would be short. He was advised to not pursue college as the strain would be too much. Steve remained determined to do whatever he set his mind to do, and he certainly did not slow down!

To say that he was highly educated is a vast understatement. After graduating high school, he began his higher education career with a BA in speech pathology, simultaneously obtaining a BA in elementary education from Wichita State University. He continued with an MA in Speech Pathology, a certification in Special Education Administration at ESU, an MS in Special Education from KSU, Education Specialist degree in Administration, Master’s degree in Criminal Justice

from WSU, and topped it off with a PhD in Adult and Continuing Education from KSU. He belonged to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity throughout his college years and was active in student government. He highly valued educational achievement, but had a down to earth style that many found surprising.

Steve’s professional working career began in Hiawatha, KS as a speech/language pathologist and audiologist and over the years included multiple positions in the fields of speech, education, and criminal justice. Most notably, his career intertwined his education and criminal justice backgrounds including, the Superintendent of Education at Kansas State Industrial Reformatory in Hutchinson, KS, USD #105 Rawlins Co-Atwood, USD #331 Kingman-Norwich, Secretary of Corrections for the State of Kansas, Chairman of the Kansas Parole Board, and he returned to Brown County as Director of Special Education Interlocal #615, followed by Superintendent of Schools for USD#430 South Brown County from which he retired in 2017 after 16 yrs of service to the community.

He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, and friend. At the age of 46yrs he married Tracy, who he met while teaching as adjunct professor at Pratt Community College. They wed in his hometown of Kingman, KS on April 1st, 1993, April Fools Day, his favorite day of the year. On this day, he also instantly achieved his lifelong desire to become a father, upon the consent of Raven (age 3yrs) and again in 1994 with the birth of their son Drew.

Steve always considered northeast Kansas his home and friends here his family. Regardless of his role, Dr. Davies devoted his life to kids to help them develop a positive self-image, he always had their best interests at heart.

Steve championed various organizations too numerous to list such as: Lion’s Club, Jaycees, Boy Scouts of America, KARC, NASA, etc. that supported the development of young people, the disabled, and the disenfranchised. In a 1985, publication of the College

of Education at KSU Perspectives in Adult Learning and Development Vol 9, Steve wrote an article entitled A Chance to Square Up where he detailed the value of a quality stair stepped educational program to support the needs of the inmates 85% of whom had not completed high school or a GED as he would later be quoted that 90% of incarcerated people return to the community and that the purpose of corrections is to return them as good neighbors. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop #112, and coached little league soccer and baseball. He devoted his time to mentoring youth, and networking to help people young and old achieve their goals. He had a passion for horses, vintage cars, and collecting antiques.

Although he had a giant personality to match his size and would go “toe to toe” with anyone who wanted to challenge him, he was a sentimental, tender hearted, humble man with a phenomenal sense of humor. You always knew where you stood with Steve. He was a true humanist and treated everyone with respect, and in turn was widely respected.

Ironically, he was told his life would be limited due to his weak heart, along with several other infirmities that came his way, however, he chose to live a vibrant life that he was so willing to share with others. Ultimately, it was his heart that proved to be the strongest, outlasting everything until the very end.


Steve is survived by his wife Tracy Davies of Hiawatha, KS, his daughter Raven Sharice Milam Davies of Topeka, KS, his son Drew Christian Davies, of Kansas City, MO, and his sister Karen Jo Vickery, of Cincinnati, OH.

Steve was preceded in death by his father Joseph Newcomer Davies, his mother Gladys Marguerite Hanson, and his sister Deanne Wagner.

A celebration of Steve’s well lived life was held Sunday, November 6, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha. Tony French officiated.

Graveside services were held Monday at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman, Kansas.

Jim Shriver



James “Jim” Milton Shriver, 80, passed away Monday, November 7, 2022 surrounded by family. He was born on March 13, 1942 in Pratt to Paul and Wanda (Storey) Shriver.

James graduated from Coats High School in 1960. He attended Pratt Junior College and Pitt State. He worked as a farmer. He enjoyed racing and building race cars and Model A’s, trains, farming, meeting his friends for breakfast, lunch or coffee and family time.

He is survived by his sons, Gary (Teresa) Shriver

of Liberty, Missouri, Rick (Julie) Shriver of Coats and Christian Shriver of Dodge City; sister, Prudy (Ken) Lewton of Coats; grandchildren, Braeden Shriver, Josh Shriver, Keaton (Julia Myers) Sunley, Jared (Nicole Voss) Shriver and Colby (Morgan Polson) Shriver; and great-grandchildren, Bella Sunley and Emmy Myers.

James “Jim” is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Monday, November 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Inurnment will be at a later date at Coats Cemetery, Coats.

Memorials may be made to Skyline FFA in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Free Bread & Baked Goods


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10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.


Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ

Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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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

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

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Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols

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(Additional Celebrations can be found on page 14)

Christian Humor: Jokes You Can Tell in Church

Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?
"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

How do you know that atoms are Catholic?
They have mass.

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?
"I'd prefer a house with no den."

Who in the Bible knew the most people? Abraham knew a Lot.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya

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West Kingman County Education Foundation

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(to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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Wildcats are 6-Man Regional Champions



Lane Halderson (#14) and Luke McGuire



Carlos Hurtado



Jack Ruckle



JH Wildcats Open Against Macksville

It’s basketball season... Nope it’s football season.... Actually it’s both! If you like sports it is a great time of year as HS football playoffs and Jr High preseason basketball overlap, providing lots of entertainment for the Wildcat faithful. The Junior High basketball team hosted the Macksville Colts on Nov 7th for their season opener. Macksville and Cunningham junior high boys have had some memorable games over the years. Both teams are aggressive and have no trouble getting physical. We beat the Colts by 1 point last year in their Stable, adding a little spice to this year’s matchup. Offensively, there were some struggles

for the Wildcats. In the first quarter there were no makes. Zero points. The Colts were up by 7 which looked like a pretty big challenge. The second quarter was more even but the halftime score still showed the Cats down 8, 6-14. With such struggles getting the ball to go into the basket there has to be a focus on getting more shots than the opponent. A full court press is one way to do that. The Wildcats were in a full court press for nearly the whole game. The up tempo play and press combined for a lot of crazy bounces and hustle plays. As the third quarter progressed it was evident that the Cats were literally grinding down their opponent. We had

more boys than they did. Ten players chipped in with a few minutes here and there. Fouls were irrelevant; we just subbed another boy to play tough defense. The Cats outscored Macksville 14 to 7 and tied the game 20-20. The more the Colts turned it over and seemed to wear down, the more the Cats seemed to gain energy. The fourth quarter was a repeat of the 3rd. The Wildcats just getting after the visitor, never letting up. The result was a 32 to 24 win. Stephen led the team in rebounds with 8 followed by Layne with 5. Layne led the team with 8 steals followed by Cole with 4.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Nathan Ndambuki



Cole Hageman



Layne Green

Wildcat Scorers	
Layne Green	13
Stephen Kerschen	7
Andrew Kerschen	4
Cole Hageman	4
Kollin Fischer	2
Brody Bock	2

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	0	6	14	12	32
Macksville	7	7	6	4	24



Jr Girls Basketball Opens Season with Win Over Macksville

On Monday, November 7, 2022, the Cunningham Jr High girls’ basketball team opened the 22-23 season at home against the Macksville JH Lady Colts and came away with a 34-17 win. The Lady Wildcats started the game a little slow and found themselves behind 3-4 after the first quarter. After a Lady Wildcats hit a free throw to tie the score early in the second, Macksville would score a basket and a free-throw to make the score 4-7 when the Lady Wildcats would catch fire and go on a 13-4 run to finish the first half with a 17-11 lead. The Wildcats

would extend their lead in the third quarter to 24-13 and then would finish the game with a 10-4 run in the fourth quarter to bring the final score to 34-17. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 6, Rylee Miller 15, Nora Huff 1, Andi Young 2, Whitney Mead 9, Kourtnei Fischer 1. In the b-team game the Lady Cats raced out to a 14-0 lead at the half and came away with a 29-4 victory. Scoring for the b-team Lady Cats: Morgan Oldham 7, Andi Young 8, Kourtnei Fischer 14. The Lady Cats will be back in action on Monday, November 14 at home against Argonia. B-team girls will start at 4:00.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Above left: Macy Neufeld tips off



Above right: Rylee Miller drives at the basket



Right: Whitney Mead shoots for 2 points



SPOTLIGHT ON CHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM



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Leroy Panek
Janet Sterneker
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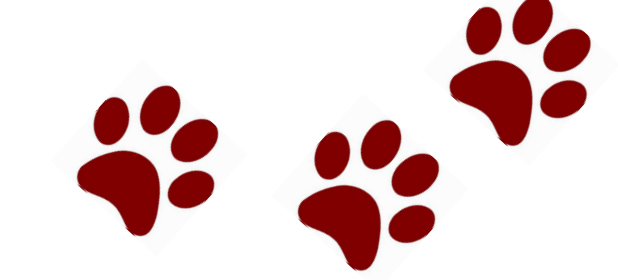
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Minutes from
Kingman County
Commission for
October 24th,
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(con't from front page)

with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the

motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with no decision made. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the 2023 Hot Mix Overlay

Projects cost estimate about \$200,000.00 per mile. Mr. Arensdorf gave updates on the following bridge replacement projects: FF.4-24.0 -south-west of Norwich to start 10/31/2022. W.3-8.0 - Rehab Project-SE 10 St-to start

November 7th, 2022. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the vacation extension of a Treasurer's office employee. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner

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



CAST	Julia Hageman Brownie Chucky	Ellie McGuire Sydney	Andrew Schultz Alfred Hitchcock Jason Vortees Mick	CREW:	
Ava Bock Ron Thelma	Joanna Hansen Waiter Rachel	Emily Ogg Paige Boxing Girl Fred	Taylor Schultz Hermione Little Girl	State Manager: Kyra Morgan	Make-up Shanelle Romine
Brianna Dittmer Candie Mom	Alice Huelskamp Taudry	Elizabeth Paris Cupcake Shiggy	Skyler Thimesch Scream Man Freddy Frueger	Lights: Dakota Mertens Nate Sterneker Soundboard: Isabel Thimesch Sean Kostner	House Manager: Dylan Halderson
Hannah Ellis Carol Anne	Matilyn Jump Piper Daphtne			Stage Hand: Kendall Rogers	Set Crew: Dakota Mertens Brianna Dittmer Hannah Ellis Alice Huelskamp Sean Kostner



SCCF Awards
Over \$24,000
to Kingman
County
Organizations

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) was excited to award \$24,863 in community, children’s health, and teacher’s grants to the communities of Kingman County this fall.

Covering seven counties, SCCF’s goal is to reach many different sectors of each community, hopefully making a large impact with limited funding. Overall, SCCF awarded over \$180,000 this year, impacting nearly 140 nonprofits and Teacher’s in South Central Kansas.

“Awarding this amount to our seven county service area is a wonderful accom-

plishment,” said Holly Launchbaugh, SCCF Executive Director. “Our Founders and Board of Directors work so hard to make this a possibility, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to share this with our rural nonprofits and schools.”

Holding a Grant Ceremony in each county to celebrate the 2022 Grant Recipients, SCCF is proud to announce the following Kingman County Recipients:

2022 SCCF \$5,000 Children’s Health Grant Recipient:

City of Cunningham: Playground Safety Surfacing

2022 SCCF Community Grant Recipients:

Kingman Community Christmas Fund: Angel Gifts & Christmas Meals \$2,000

St. Patrick Catholic School: History & Poetry

Books \$434

Horizons Mental Health Center: Group Room Supplies \$2,000

Kingman County Historical Society: Firehouse Electrical Update \$500

Youth Core Ministries: Social Emotional Learning Program for Adults \$1,420

Kingman Community Theatre Association: Theatre Audio System & Speakers \$1,300

City of Kingman: EMS Training Manikins \$2,000

Norwich United Methodist Church: School Supplies & Food \$500

4C Daycare: Daycare Remodel & Supplies \$840

Cunningham Public Library: Network & Computer Project \$869

Kingman Area Ministries, Inc.: Food

Bank Supplies \$2,000

Kingman Carnegie Library: Window Woodwork Restoration \$500

Kansas Food Bank Warehouse, Inc.: Food Bank Supplies \$2,000

City of Cunningham: AquaZumba Equipment \$2,000

2022 SCCF \$250 Teacher’s Grant

Recipients:

Norwich Elementary & Middle School: Portable Pickleball Nets Emily Warner

Norwich Elementary School: Sensory Inspired Literacy Intervention Brandi Schroeder

St. Patrick Catholic School: STEM Project Supplies Valerie Rohlman

Kingman Elementary

School: Elementary Music Classroom Upgrades Patricia Dixon

USD 331 - Kingman Schools: Sensory Learning Supplies Jodi Kaufman

St. Patrick Catholic School: Classroom Supplies Hannah Stephan

Community Grant:

Front Row: Mary Pearce (YMAD), Nichole Balkenbush, Sharon James, Sharon Kostner, Betty Boese, Jenny Clouse, Taylor Schutlz (YMAD)

Back Row: Morgan Freund (YMAD), Debi Dunlap, Feliz Rainoselc, Leesa Beam, Lucy Shipley, Mike Romme (SCCF Board Member), Zach Bieghler, Amy Fouse, Linda Fouse, Kerri Steffen

Children's Grant:

Mary Pearce (YMAD), Morgan Freund (YMAD), Sheena Albers, Rhett Albers, Taylor Schultz (YMAD)

New on the Shelf

at the Cunningham Public Library

Oceans of Grain: How American Wheat Remade the World

By Scott Reynolds Nelson

A revelatory global history shows how cheap American grain toppled the world’s largest empires. To understand the rise and fall of empires, we must follow the paths traveled by grain-along rivers, between ports, and across seas.

In *Oceans of Grain*, historian Scott Reynolds Nelson reveals how the struggle to dominate these routes transformed the balance of world power. Early in the nineteenth century, imperial Russia fed much of Europe through the booming port of Odessa. But following the US Civil War, tons of American wheat began to flood across the Atlantic, and food prices plummeted. This cheap foreign grain spurred the rise of Germany and Italy, the decline of the Habsburgs and the Ottomans, and the European scramble for empire. It was a crucial factor in the outbreak of the First World War and the Russian Revolution.

A powerful new interpretation, *Oceans of Grain* shows that amid the great powers’ rivalries, there was no greater power than control of grain.

Summary provided by publisher - Basic Books, 2022, nonfiction.

Misfire: The Sarajevo Assassination and the Winding Road to World War I

By Paul Miller-Melamed

The story has been so often told: Archduke Frans Ferdinand, heir to the throne of the Hapsburg Empire,

was shot dead on June 28, 1914, in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo. Thirty days later, the Archduke’s uncle, Emperor Franz Joseph, declared war on the Kingdom of Serbia, producing the chain reaction of European powers entering the First World War.

In *Misfire*, Paul Miller-Melamed narrates the history of the Sarajevo assassination and the origins of World War I from the perspective of the Balkans.... Contrasting the vast disproportionality between a single deadly act and an act of war that would leave ten million dead, *Misfire* contends that the real causes for the world war lie in «civilized» Europe rather than the endlessly discussed political murder.

Summary from jacket cover, publisher - Oxford University Press, 2022, nonfiction.

Children’s Non-Fiction

Good Night to your Fantastic Elastic Brain

by JoAnn Deak, PhD., Terrence Deak, PhD, pictures by Neely Daggett

Preschool to 3rd grade

A growth mindset book for kids about the amazing things your fantastic elastic brain does after you say goodnight.

When you go to sleep, what does your brain do? Does it rest too? It can’t because it’s busy working while you snooze! It repairs, and resets, and helps your body even when you aren’t awake. Using up-to-date research to explore our brains’ critical functions when we are asleep, psychology experts JoAnn and Terrence Deak invite kids (and adults) to unpack all the amazing things your brain is doing when you’re not awake-and why it’s so important to get your sleep!

Summary provided by publisher – Sourcebooks Explore, 2022

A not-so-new non-fiction from our young-adult collection:

A Wreath for Emmett Till

By Marilyn Nelson, illustrated by Philippe Lardy

a 2006 Coretta Scott King Honor Book

Accelerated Reader™ - Points: 0.5/Level 6.3

In 1955, people all over the United States knew that Emmett Louis Till was a fourteen-year-old African American boy lynched for supposedly whistling at a white woman in Mississippi. The brutality of his murder, the open-casket funeral, and the acquittal of the men tried for the crime drew wide media attention. Award-winning poet Marilyn Nelson reminds us of the boy whose fate helped spark the civil rights movement. This martyr’s wreath, woven from a little-known but sophisticated form of poetry, challenges us to speak out against modern-day injustices, to “speak what we see.”

Note from the librarian: The above book profile can be found on our library catalog website, cunnngham.biblionix.com. If you haven’t visited the site, give it a try. You can search for materials by title, title phrase, author or subject. Meanwhile, below is an email we received from a library patron after having read the book.

“A Wreath for Emmett Till was heartbreakingly beautiful. Thank you for putting it on display so it caught my eye yesterday. I just loved everything about it. Of course, it evoked strong emotions, but it was also so educational, giving us a peek into the writing and illustration process.” ~ a verified library patron

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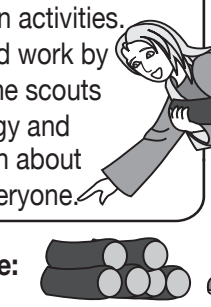
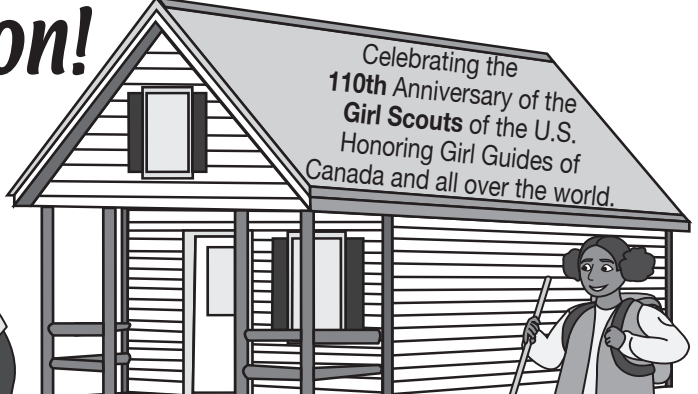
...robotics, rocketry, engineering...their choice!

Kids: color stuff in!




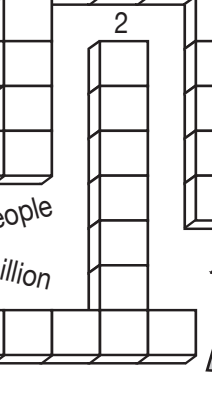
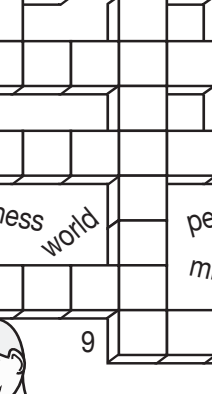
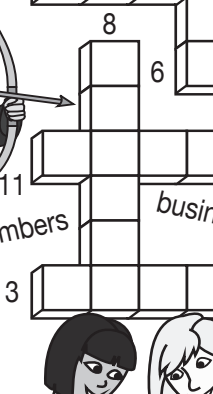

Girl Scouts & Guides In Action!

Have you ever thought about joining a Girl Scout group? Millions of girls and women across the world gather to have meetings, plan their schedules and then spring into action! Girl Scouts can work in groups to help their communities and take part in fun activities. They also can choose areas of interest of their own and work by themselves to build skills and earn badges. Some of the scouts I know are interested in the fields of science, technology and engineering. They are designing or programming robots. I like to learn about and cook up dishes from around the world. There’s something for everyone



Read the clues to learn about the Girl Scouts and to fill in the puzzle:

- in Savannah, Georgia in 1912, Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low held the first meeting (18 girls) of what would become the Girl _____ of the USA
- in the U.S. there are over one _____ members (including adults); worldwide there are 10 million girls and adults in 152 countries
- _____ are grouped by grade: Daisies (K-1), Brownies (2-3), Juniors (4-5), Cadettes (6-8) Seniors (9-10), Ambassadors (11-12)
- they meet in groups at schools, churches and homes and are led by adult scout leaders who help them _____ what they want to do
- Girl Scouts keep learning and doing; they earn _____ of their choice
- they learn about _____ and wildlife while having fun – hiking, camping
- they gain _____ skills by selling cookies and earning money
- they take field trips to visit places and mingle with _____ everywhere
- Girl Scouts try to be honest, friendly, caring, _____ and respectful...
- they learn _____ tips, how to live well, and even learn some first aid
- _____ service projects, like food drives, are high on their lists
- Girl Scouts work to “...make the _____ a better place”



Learning and Earning!

Girl Scouts can choose areas of interest, like **photography**, and work on skills that will earn badges for those areas. During the first years of the Girl Scouts, there were about 25 badges to choose from. Today there are hundreds of badges offered, ranging from cooking and product design to entertainment technology and programming robots. You can even create and design your own badge (to build a skill!)

Fill in the blanks to spell the names of some of the badges girls can work on and earn. Then, find and circle all of the subjects in the “badge.”

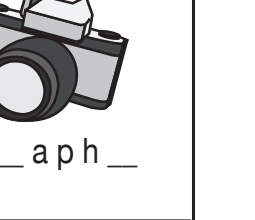
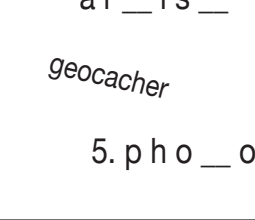
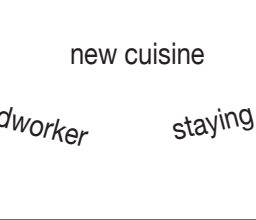
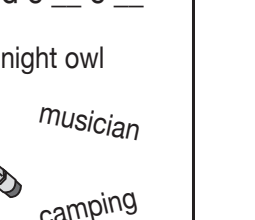


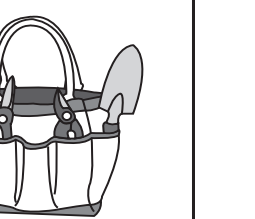
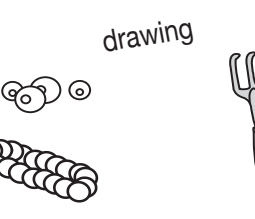

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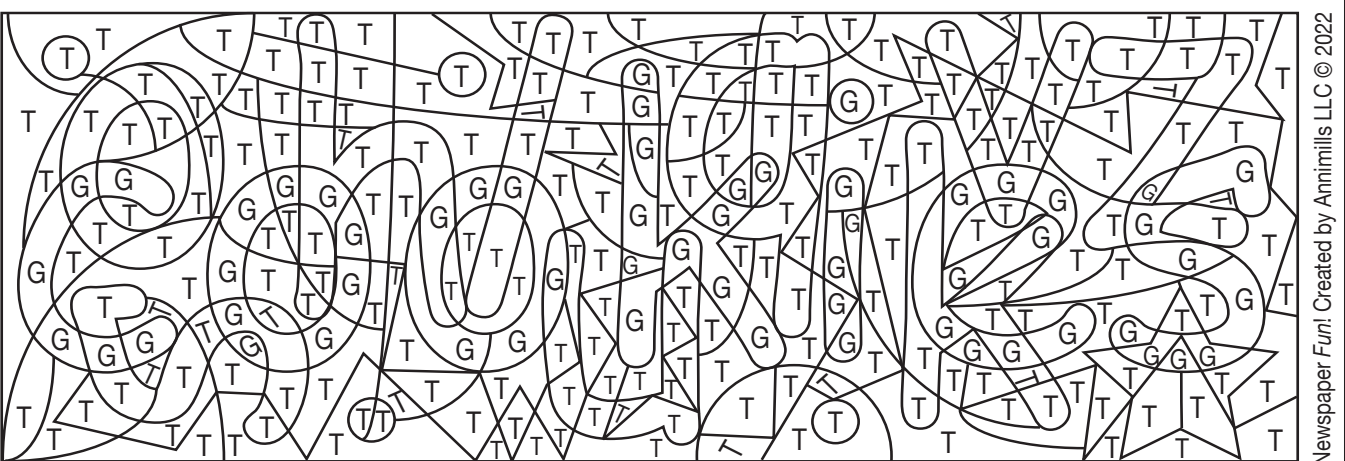
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Famous For Selling

Members of the Girls Scouts run the largest business in the world that is by run by girls and women. The girls learn about business and earn money for their projects. They add new products to their line. One that has been popular is called “S’mores.”™ What do the Girl Scouts sell? **Follow this color key to see:**

G = Green T = Tan



(Answers on page 10)

Thurber's Tail.com



by Tom Purcell

Friends turned on friends.

Family members spoke ill of other family members.

Strangers on social media wrote posts that are unprintable in most newspapers.

That’s what happened 21 months ago when I asked people for advice on what to name my new puppy.

At First, His Name Was Willy

During the eight weeks they nurtured my puppy and his eight siblings, his breeders, Mike and Maryanne, gave each of them a temporary name. They named my future puppy “Willy.”

He wasn’t the smallest in the litter, nor the largest. He wasn’t the best looking, nor the worst. He was the most laid

back, however.

Whereas some of the pups were clearly Type A personalities — bossy and demanding and way too smart, energetic and alert — my guy was sleepy and silly and happy to stand back from the pack.

“Willy” really was a good name for this pup and I was tempted to keep it.

But I had always had a name in mind for a puppy that I had stumbled upon decades earlier.

A Thurber Carnival

When I was in the 10th grade, in 1978, my best friend Ayresie and I found a paperback book on a shelf in his basement that had the cover torn off.

I’d later learn the book was called “A Thurber Carnival,” a collection

of observations, short stories and, best of all, funny cartoons, produced back in the 1930s and 1940s by the famous New Yorker magazine humorist James Thurber.

The cartoons and captions were offbeat and original. Ayresie and I laughed out loud as we thumbed through the book looking at them.

Homework soon beckoned for Ayresie — unlike me, he was a dedicated student and went on to graduate from West Point — and I agreed to go to the local library with him so he could research a paper.

We took “A Thurber Carnival” with us.

Ayresie didn’t get much work done though because I kept pointing out the funny cartoons and captions and reading them to him.

We laughed out loud so often we got repeated warnings from the librarian to “keep it down.”

Then I came across a short story called “The Dog that Bit People.”

It’s about one of the many dogs that Thurber, a life-long dog lover, especially loved, even though this dog had a penchant for biting people.

The dog’s name was “Muggs.”

“There was one advantage to being a family member,” Thurber wrote, “Muggs didn’t bite family members as often as he bit strangers.”

Ayresie and I laughed so hard at that line the librarian finally kicked us out.

But I didn’t care, because that moment trans-

formed my life.

James Thurber’s mastery with words and humor inspired me at that exact moment to become a writer.

Thurber shares his love of dogs throughout “A Thurber Carnival” and his other books, which I have read over and again. His humorous and affectionate drawings of the many pups he shared his life with are pure joy.

His writings and sketches would eventually leave me with another thought:

If I ever get a dog, I’m going to name him “Thurber.”

Passions Run High

“Thurber! You can’t name him Thurber!” shouted my otherwise soft-spoken sister, who had named her own dog “Snowball.”

“What the heck kind of name is Thurber?” said my friend, Griff, who has a Jack Russel named “Chip.”

“You need to name him a short, manly name like ‘Sam’ or ‘Jake’ or anything but a goofy name like ‘Thurber,’ you imbecile,” was the gist of the posts strangers left on my social media feeds.

Though some of the comments I was getting could be considered rude and belligerent, they were not without merit.

According to The Scotsman, “Max” is the most popular name for male dogs on the planet.

That is followed by nine other top names that include “Charlie,” “Buddy,” “Rocky,”

“Jack,” “Milo,” “Toby,” “Leo,” “Rex” and “Bruno.”

Though I love all of these names, I wanted to give my pup a more original name — one that related back to the very funny writings of James Thurber.

“Muggs,” the name of the dog that bit people, was one I’d considered.

“Now you’re talking,” said Griff. “‘Muggs.’ I dig it.”

“ ‘Muggsie!’ ” said my sister Lisa. “You have to name him something cute and ‘Muggsie’ is perfect.”

But I didn’t want to name my dog after a surly mutt who bit people.

I had considered “Rex,” too, since Thurber and his brothers had given that name to one of their many dogs.

But when it came right down to it, I had known what I’d name my future pup since that day in 1978 when Ayresie and I got booted from the library.

I Named Him “Thurber”

Despite my overthinking and indecision, I kept coming back to the name “Thurber.”

I’ve always loved the sound of the name — the soft “thurrrrr” followed by the decisive “brrrrrr!”

Besides, my pup shared the warm, lovable look of many of the dogs James Thurber affectionately sketched.

As I said, he was unlike the other pups in his litter. He was content to sit in the background, observing his litter mates — much as his human, a

writer, prefers to do.

Truth be told, I thought it would be pretty fun to probably have the only dog in the world named Thurber.

So naming him after one of America’s great humorists was definitely the way to go.

I called Mike and Maryanne and asked them to call my pup by his new name, and to do so immediately.

“ ‘Thurber’ it is,” said Mike.

But He Wasn’t the Only Dog Named Thurber

When Thurber was nearly 18 months old — as he blossomed, his name most definitely reflected his inquisitive, playful, silly nature — my Uncle Bert called me.

“Your dog isn’t the only dog to go by the name of ‘Thurber,’ ” he said.

“He’s not?” I said, a little disappointed.

“In the 1960s, a famous singer gave one of her beloved dogs the very same name,” Uncle Bert said.

“Which famous singer?”

When he told me, I laughed out loud.

She is one of my favorite musicians of all time: Janis Joplin.

According to a New York Times article, she was a dog lover throughout her life and also named one of her beloved pups after the great humorist, Thurber.

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Poppy

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Chihuahua, Long Coat
12 pounds
Age: 3 years +
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: October 5, 2022
Good with cats; Good with other dogs; Housetrained; People friendly
One size fits all laps.

Jake

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Shorthair
4+ pounds
6 months +
\$75.00 adoption fee
Intake Date: July 8, 2022


Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!

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


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




Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30
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on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
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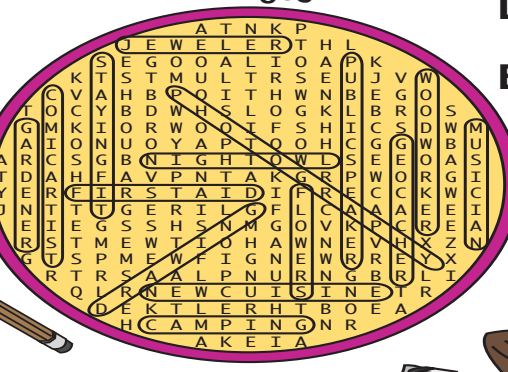
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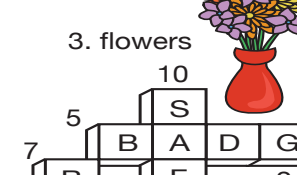





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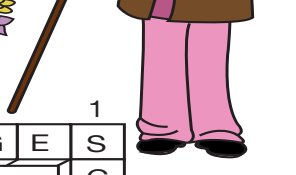
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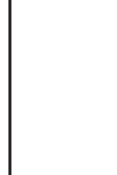
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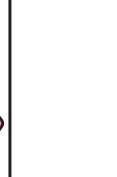
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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on October 31st

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 31st, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director. Rick Shriver was absent.

Heather Morgan, working with the city of Preston tearing down an unsafe structure. KDHE does have funds available for this project. She will continue to work with them.

Also, the city of Pratt received a city connecting link for improvements on Hwy. 281.

Prairie food is having a forum for their customers. She visited with Kyle Hoffman about economic development going forward after the election.

Amy Jones, treasurer, presented Ashlee Prisbrey’s six-month raise in the amount of \$.50. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the raise for Ashlee Prisbrey in the Amount of .50. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Tyson stated the tax delinquent sale will be held Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.Nineteen properties will be sold, a couple might be redeemed. Nineteen tracks have been fully redeemed for a total \$98,970.36. They paid court costs in the amount of \$7,125.00. Two additional tracts with applications to be redeemed that have paid \$750.00 in court costs.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a road crossing for Haviland Telephone. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the road crossing for Haviland Telephone at SW 20th Street, SW 130th Avenue and SW 110th Avenue for buried fiber optic cable. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

He would like to ur-chase three vehicles before the end of the year if there are any available. He will have to take what is available. He has visited with Doug Reh Chevrolet and will check with other dealers. Commissioner Jones made a motion to remove the purchasing policy to purchase three available vehicles due to the lack of inventory and to purchase if found. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Bill Hampton, fire/rescue chief, reported the Pratt Rotary had presented checks to buy pizza for the local fire departments. He had a check for Commissioner Shriver for Township 10. He presented pay slips to move people around for fire/rescue positions.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Gary Smith, safety officer at \$38.50, biweekly, Morgan Ttrinkle, captain at \$46.15 biweekly, Chris Klein, lieutenant at \$38.77 biweekly and Terry Williamson, lieutenant at \$38.77 bi-weekly. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. He

presented quotes from SCBA sales & Rentals, LLC for carbon fiber cylinder 20 for \$11,600.00 or 15 for \$8,700. Since Commissioner Shriver is not in attendance, it will be discussed next week. He asked permission to get a couple more visa cards to put in the trucks when needed. He will check into options and will report back.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the October 24, 2022, minutes. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

There was a message on chat about how long it will be before the phones are up and going at the new PSB. Mark stated there have been supply issues and they are testing to make sure it is correct. He also reported there have been no large spikes in the power at the new building. Jamie Huber with the city of Pratt will keep checking on it.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for October 31, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS

director, reported they will be getting medic 3 Thursday morning in Jefferson City, MO. He presented prices from Fernoems for automated CPR devices that give unmanned compressions for \$9,999.00. He also presented a Lucas 3 compression system for \$18,882.00. He would like to purchase three. He was told to check with Heather to see if ARPA funds could be used. He will check with other services to see if they have any experience with the Fernoems brand. He will report back.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA director, reported a change in staff in the intake position, one has resigned at the end of October. Micheal Blackford will be picking up the extra calls and covering four counties. She presented a pay increase for Micheal Blackford to \$500.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the pay increase of \$500 bi-weekly for Micheal Blackford. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Moton carried 2-0. She reported on the state software they are using and the chal-

lenges they are facing. Tyson reported on the land south of the new public safety building, he is working with the city of Pratt. He is in contact with Kirkham Michael to get costs. If they are still interested in selling, he could then get Nancy Milford out of Kingman to do the appraisal.


DJ McMurry, would like to advertise for another position in his office. Commissioners stated if he had the budget to go ahead.

John Cromer, questioned the cost of the public safety building. He questioned if it had been done for \$6.7 million. Tyson gave a rough estimate of the cost so far. He stated it was a rough estimate of \$7,972,331.56. He questioned why it was more than the stated at \$7 million total. He asked if any more staff was added to the new building. It was stated no.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 pm. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Kingman County

4-H

Achievement

Celebration

Held

The Kingman County 4-H Achievement Celebration was held on Sunday, October 23 at the Kingman Historic Theatre. Members and families from all five county clubs attended.

Hosting this year’s event was the Norwich Boosters 4-H Club. Kingman County 4-H Ambassadors along with Melissa Thimesch, Kingman County Extension Agent, were on hand to serve as emcees and hand out awards. Recognition was given to leaders and members who had completed their record books. Other awards were given to 4-H’ers who filled out a pin application. Pins were

cific to a 4-H’ers interested area. Participants can fill out a Kansas Project Report Form for any project in which they are enrolled. Award winners are as follows: Junior Dairy - Wyatt Neywick County Champion, Bryant Bergkamp Reserve County Champion; Senior Dog Care & Training

Reese Allan County Champion; Junior Bucket Calf - Brody Dick County Champion; Junior Clothing & Textiles - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate Clothing & Textiles -

Jocelyn Frith-Koerner County Champion, Joey Thimesch Reserve County Champion; Junior Energy Management - Jacob Dietz County Champion, Sammy Thimesch Reserve County Champion; Intermediate Energy Management - Joey Thimesch County Champion; Junior Food & Nutrition - Hannah Haar County Champion, Intermediate Food &

Nutrition - Addyson Belt County Champion, Raynee Dick Reserve County Champion; Intermediate Horse - Gus Morehead County Champion, Addyson Belt Reserve County Champion; Senior Leadership -

Nash Young County Champion; Junior Photography - Sammy Thimesch County Champion;

Intermediate Photography - Ethan Kostner County Champion, Kane Reid Reserve County Champion; Senior Plant Science - Caden Sowers County Champion; Junior Rabbits - Owen Marshall County Champion; Intermediate Rabbits - Rollin Robertson County Champion; Intermediate Reading - Brin Bergkamp County Champion; Junior Rocketry - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate Rocketry - Joey Thimesch County Champion, Ethan Wood Reserve County Champion; Senior

Rocketry - Sean Kostner County Champion; Intermediate Sheep - Kristyn McAndrew County Champion, Addyson Belt Reserve County Champion; Junior Shooting Sports - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate Shooting Sports - Joey Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate STEM Architectural Block Construction - Joey Thimesch County Champion; Junior STEM Astronomy - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate STEM Astronomy - Joey Thimesch County Champion; Junior STEM Computer Science - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate STEM Computer Science - Joey Thimesch County Champion; Junior STEM Robotics - Jacob Dietz County Champion, Sammy Thimesch Reserve County Champion; Intermediate STEM Robotics - Joey Thimesch County Champion;

Intermediate Swine - Clancy Morehead County Champion, Haidyn Hartley Reserve County Champion; Junior Visual Arts - Sammy Thimesch County Champion; Intermediate Visual Arts - Joey Thimesch County Champion, Isaac Dietz Reserve County Champion; Senior Visual Arts - Noah Dietz County Champion, Brecken Bergkamp Reserve County Champion; Intermediate Wildlife - Joey Thimesch County Champion.

Kingman County 4-H is in full swing of our new year and enrollment has begun. For more information on the 4-H program, you may contact the Kingman County Extension Office at 620-532-5131 or visit the office at 125 N. Spruce in Kingman. You may also visit online at www.kingman.ksu.edu.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 30th	
Traffic Stop	6
Suspicious Activity	220 W Stanley Ave, Spivey
Damage to Property	1124 SW 90 St, Kingman
Monday, October 31st	
Traffic Stop	5
Traffic Complaint	13000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	214 E Fourth Ave, Cunningham
Check Welfare	1821 E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Harassment	14994 SE 100 St, Norwich
Suspicious Person	2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	15000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Tuesday, November 1st	
Traffic Stop	3
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave, Rago
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Supicious Person	4525 N Berry Ave, Kingman
Wupicious Vehicle	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Wednesday, November 2nd	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	SE 10 St & SW 100 Ave, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	SW 50 Ave & SW 60 St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	11000 W 54 Hwy, Cunningham

Thursday, November 3rd	
Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	2000 SW 90 Ave, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	NE 10 St & NE 100Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	11558 SW 90 Ave, Zenda
Animal Complaint	1000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	701 E D Ave, Kingman
Friday, November 4th	
Traffic Complaint	7000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	13000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	13185 SE Rago Ave, Rago
911 Accidental Dial	260 W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Saturday, November 5th	
Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	SW 70 St & SW 40 Ave, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	11000 S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	1000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Animal Complaint	SW 40 Ave & SW 50 St, Zenda
Suspicious Person	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Check Welfare	14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Trespassing	14242 NE 20 St, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	14000 E Hwy 54, Cheney



The Sound of Rain

Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer
and rancher

There’s something to be said about waking up to the sound of rain on a roof and thunder rumbling in the distance. Add in a dash of lightning momentarily highlighting an otherwise dark sky, and we have the start of a glorious fall day!

It’s no secret I prefer the warm sunlight to awaken me from my slumber. But, after experiencing an incredibly hot and dry year that undoubtedly impacted our crops and attitudes, I jumped out of bed before my alarm clock went off to start my day. After all, it was raining, and it would continue to rain for the duration of the day.

It was a cold and dark morning, which required wool socks and warm coffee as we got the kids moving and prepared for school. Generally, I’m not a fan of feeling cold

in the morning, but I threw on a sweatshirt and happily packed the kids’ lunches and then gleefully made their breakfasts because it was raining and it would continue to rain for the remainder of the day.

After getting the kids on the bus, my husband and I decided to make a trip into town to enjoy a warm breakfast together at our local cafe. It’s a tradition we haven’t practiced in a while but enjoy whenever there is a morning rain.

I quickly put my hair up in a ponytail while

walking out the door and cheerfully accepted that I’d probably have a bad hair day. But that didn’t matter. It was raining and it would continue to rain for the rest of the day.

Oh, how this morning rain was perfectly timed! After all, we had just wrapped up our fall harvest the day before feeling tired and deflated knowing it wasn’t the greatest of harvests. We gave thanks at the dinner table for the harvest we did have, asked for the rain forecast to hold, and then went to bed.

And in the cold and

dark early hours of the morning, the rain indeed arrived. And it remained a steady presence for the rest of the day and into the evening.

The sun remained hidden behind the clouds and the temperature required me to keep my wool socks and sweater on all day. We enjoyed warm soup for lunch and office work that had been neglected because we haven’t had an opportunity to break from fall harvest.

To others it was probably an otherwise no good, dreary and drab

November day. A day that one would prefer to avoid for the sake of comfort, morale, or even style.

But for me, it turned out to be a glorious fall day! All because I awoke to the sound of rain.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Questions from Campaign Kids

As the election cycle ends today, Treasurer Lynn Rogers has taken the time to collect some questions from his grandkids and the kids whose parents work on the campaign. Kids ask the darndest things sometimes, and we wanted to answer those burning questions that kids 12

and under have about the office of State Treasurer. These questions all come directly from the kids themselves.

Questions from a 5 year old for the State Treasurer:

Do you get to play with a lot of money?

Well, we don’t get to play with it because that money isn’t ours, but the Office does handle the \$20 billion that makes up

the state budget and helps manage several large investment portfolios.

What do you have for snack time?

Don’t tell Kris, but we snack on all kinds of goodies. There’s a couple chocolate stashes in the office and we occasionally have other treats come in. Kris has actually sent over two big snack boxes that have an assortment of chips, cheez-its, and some sweets to snack on in the last couple months.

Who is the line leader?

We have a couple line leaders. I’m the first one, but each part of the office follows a different leader who has the experience to support their staff as they get their jobs done. We

make sure that we have open communication between our line leaders and those walking along with them.

Question from a 4 year old

Where do you find your treasure?

The most important treasure we have is you, because family is where I find my value in life. The treasure for work is collected by the Department of Revenue and is used by the state to invest in the things that support Kansas communities and families.

When do you play?

We have worked hard to make sure working at the Treasurer’s office is fun. We have inside

jokes like everyone else. It’s a serious job though, so we keep most of our playtime outside of work. Campaign season means there’s a lot less time for play though, I’m a little jealous of youkids who still get recess.

Do you have any pretty jewels?

Unfortunately not, the state keeps our funds in bank accounts.

Questions from a 6 year old:

What’s 10 times 10?

1000, which is about how many times I’ve been asked what the treasurer does in a given day.

Do you have a treasure map?

I’ve heard there’s a secret one on the back

of the original Kansas Constitution, but only Nicolas Cage is allowed to read it. They won’t let me spray it with lemon juice no matter how many times I ask!

Question from a 12 year old:

How can the Treasurer help protect animal rights?

That’s a tricky one. The Treasurer’s office doesn’t directly have an involvement in animal rights, but because we have a public platform advocating for the wellbeing of our animal friends. It’s important that we are respectful of the lives we share the planet with.

2022

Heart of the Plains League

All-League

Kierstin Adams, Norwich, Junior

Kady Anschutz, Skyline, Senior

Allie Blurton, Attica, Senior

Yesenia Espinosa, Fairfield, Senior

Emma Hendrickson, Pretty Prairie, Senior

Randi Hoffman, Skyline, Senior

Kaylee Kauffman, Central Christian, Senior

Shelby Ryan, Burrton, Senior

Haley Sheetz, Norwich, Senior

Sidney Swingle, Attica, Senior

Chloe Traffas, Attica, Sophomore

Bailey Young, Pretty Prairie, Senior

Honorable Mention

Kory Anschutz, Skyline, Sophomore

Belle Barnett, Central Christian, Sophomore

Emerie Boman, Central Christian, Senior

Copper Collins, Pretty Prairie, Senior

Autumn Drake, South Barber, Junior

Trinity Kruse, Pretty Prairie, Senior

Brooklyn Richardson, Stafford, Senior

Taylor Schultz, Cunningham, Junior

Flu Season May Impact Red Cross Blood Supply

Healthy donors needed to give now

[KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA, NOV. 7, 2022] — The American Red Cross urges blood donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this

year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors – especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets – can help bolster the blood supply now by making an ap-

pointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn more about flu safety and prevention at redcross.org/flusafety.

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering several opportunities to donors this month:

All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details

are available at rcblood.org/perks.

Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.

All who come out to help Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Details are available at rcblood.org/together.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Roberta and Courier Readers,

After reading Mr. Alan Albers’s article in the newspaper a few weeks ago, I questioned the accuracy of some of his allegations concerning the Republican Party in Kansas. Rather than writing my own response, which would be mere speculation and opinion, I reached out to our family friends, the Mastersons, from Andover. Ty Masterson is the current Kansas State Senate President. He was busy campaigning, but recently had his personal staffer pen the following article, which I received a few days ago. There is a classic quote that goes something like this, “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” I believe that that quote is extremely relevant.

This is what Ty’s staffer replied verbatim:

“I am writing in response to an editorial entitled, “What About Kansas History? written by Alan Albers and was published in the October 20th edition. While Mr. Albers fancied himself as a teacher of history and certainly has a right to his liberal views, his rant about so-called radical Republicans contained several inaccuracies that need to be corrected.

First of all, he claimed that the Kansas legislature “gerrymandered the entire state” and “transferred” Democrats into Republican areas, thereby erasing Democrats. This is incorrect. In fact, the state legislative maps were passed by bi-partisan majorities and were signed into law by Governor Kelly. The Congressional map, though opposed by Democrats, was upheld by the Kansas Supreme Court and would not alter the political makeup of the Congressional delegation. The reality is that all the maps were fair

and reflected the common-sense, conservative nature of Kansans.

Second of all, he falsely claims that the Constitutional Amendment would repeal the ability of the Kansas Governor to veto measures passed by the legislature. This is not true. The amendment actually has nothing to do with veto power, at all - it would remain in place. What the amendment does is allow the elected state legislature to repeal regulations imposed by unelected bureaucrats who have no accountability to the people. If we don’t like our legislators, we can vote them out!

Third, he falsely claims that the Kansas Legislature reduced the period of early voting. This is also not true. The legislature did not shrink the early voting period at all - it remains in place at 20 days, where it has been since the 1990’s.

Finally, Mr. Albers spills considerable ink trying to portray Republicans as radical, ignoring the real-

ity that it is actually the Democratic Party which has shifted to the left. There was a time when conservative Democrats existed, including in Kansas. Nowadays, anyone not in lockstep with the left is ostracized by the Democratic Party.

Meanwhile, Republicans are focused on solving problems caused by the disastrous policies caused by President Biden and his party - including a border crisis, violent crime in America’s cities, and turning unprecedented prosperity into record inflation we have not seen since the Carter Administration. Here in Kansas, Laura Kelly has done nothing but largely walk in lock-step with Biden and Harris, and Kansans are fed up.

This is why new leadership is so needed, and why on November 8th, I will be voting a straight ticket, as well - for Republicans!”

In addition to the above information, the Mastersons also informed me that the “Drag Queen Halloween festivals” in

Wichita were sponsored by the Kansas Department of Commerce, whose secretary is none other than Laura Kelly’s lieutenant governor, Toland.

Although this information will not reach the readership of this paper

before Election Day, I still believe that facts, not opinions, needed to be heard.

With Utmost Sincerity,
Karen Cornelius Eck

Public Notice	
<i>First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, November 3, 2022.</i>	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 Executor of the Estate of VoncileA. Bolinger, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS	You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 22, 2022, 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.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VONCILE A. BOLINGER, (Deceased.)	Gage Young, Executor Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioners
Case No. 2021 PR 22 (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 October 26, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Gage Young, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Voncile A. Bolinger, deceased, praying Petitioners 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	

Effective June 1, 2022: Ads are \$6.00 per column inch. Front page ads are \$10.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.
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The Courier on
October 31st

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)
DONALD R. MERTENS, Deceased.
Case No. 2022 PR 21
(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 November 3, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary B. Mertens, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Mertens, 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 Donald R. Mertens, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 29, 2022, 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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Isabelle Staab



Isabelle Marie Staab was born on March 8, 1920 in Severin, Kansas to Emil and Katherine Dinkle Schmeidler and died Friday, November 4, 2022. She was a wife, mother and homemaker. A longtime member of St. John the Apostle Church, St. John KS and most recently Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt, KS. A devout Catholic, she was an active member of the Altar Society and served as an extra-ordinary minister of Holy Communion for 28 years.

She married Seraphin Staab on September 16, 1940 at St. Severin Church in rural Ellis County, KS. He died April 18, 2004. Isabelle was a resident of Stafford, KS since 1942, when she and Seraphin moved there from Hays, KS. She moved to Pratt in August 2009.

She is survived by two sons: Jerry (Mary)Staab, Rose Hill, KS and Dean (Anita)Staab, Pratt, KS. Daughter, Diana (Scott)Schaeffer, Oklahoma City, OK. Daughter-in-law Donna Staab, Great Bend, KS, and family friend Sandra Haworth, Pratt, KS. Seven grandchildren: Jeff (Lorraine)Staab, Malibu, CA; Angela (Bill)Maddy, Great Bend, KS; Jeremy (Julie)Staab, Lawrence, KS; Cami (Cory)Anson, Lake Havasu City, AZ; Cody (Carrie)Staab, Grimes, IA; Cass (Bill) Terry, Lakewood, CO; Justin (DeVynna) Blackwelder, Edmond, OK. She has seven great-grandchildren.

Isabelle was preceded in death by 2 sons: Lawrence and infant son, Gerald. A sister, Mary Ann Lang and 6 brothers: Joseph, Marcellus, Isadore, Robert, Albert, and Elmer Schmeidler.

Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Burial follow edat Stafford Cemetery, Stafford, KS.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Penny Wilkinson



Penny Lee Wilkinson, 64, passed away Sunday, November 6, 2022 at Wheatland Health Care Center. She was born on December 19, 1957 in Pratt to Merlin Lavon and Norma Louise (Noble) Parker. Penny married Brad Wilkinson in May of 1975 at Pratt Free Methodist Church. They

later divorced.

Penny graduated from Pratt High School in 1975. She worked as a rural postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years. She was a member of BPOE Elks Lodge #1451, VFW and American Legion. She enjoyed horses, dogs, cats, UTV’s, 4-Wheeling, attending Chiefs and K-State football games, traveling, rodeoing, bonfires, social gatherings and having a toddy or a cold beer. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Natasha Wilkinson of Kingman; inherited daughter, Leslie (fiance’, Rick Harrison) Cherry of Kingman; inherited sons, Wes (Amy) Cherry and family and Austin (Tracy) Caruthers and family all of Williston, North Dakota; sister, Jill (Jerry) Stone of Council Bluffs, Iowa; nephews, Joel Stone of Olathe and Chris Parker of Scappoose, Oregon; niece, Jenni (Craig) Hansen of Council Bluffs, Iowa; great-nephews, Dane Hansen and Drew Hansen both of Dallas, Texas; inherited grandchildren, Dalton Leis and Destiny Leis both of Kingman.

Penny is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Tim Parker.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Elks Lodge, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Elks Lodge or American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

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Susan Schrepel



Susan Nell Schrepel, 86, died peacefully on September 23, 2022, in Lawrence, KS, surrounded by her children. Susan was born in 1936 in St. Louis, MO, to Charles and Nellie Lee Frederick. Susan married Dan F. Schrepel on July 19, 1958. Susan was preceded in death by her husband, Dan; parents, Charles and Nellie Lee Frederick; and brother, Bob Frederick. She is survived by her children: Ann Klockau (Chris), Jane Schrepel (Eric Boldt), and Robert Schrepel (Kelli Ziegler); grandchildren: Emily Keizer (Dustin Jones), Patrick Keizer, and Henry Boldt; step-grandchildren: Kate Klockau (Ryan Mazur) and Kit Klockau (Gabrielle); sister-in-law, Margey Frederick; and four nephews and their families.

Susan graduated from the University of Kansas in 1958 with a degree in education. While at KU she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, elected to the Mortar Board, and President of Associated Women Students. She later earned a Master of Education from Wichita State University. For 27 years she was an educator with the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative.

Susan and Dan raised their family in Pratt, KS. Susan loved being a part of the community and was active in many civic organizations, including the Pratt Public Library, the Vernon Filley Art Museum, Pratt Regional Medical Center, and P.E.O. She was also a dedicated member of the Pratt Presbyterian Church.

All who knew Susan experienced her gift of hospitality. She welcomed friends and family into her home with open arms, hosting many dinner parties, pool parties, and holiday gatherings. Susan will be remembered for her smile that lit up a room, kind heart, and generous spirit. After a life well lived, Susan is now a lively addition to God’s kingdom.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 8 at Pratt Presbyterian Church,

Memorial contributions may be made in Susan’s name to the Vernon Filley Art Museum or the Pratt Public Library, and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th St., Lawrence, KS, 66044, or Larrison Family Mortuaries, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, KS, 67124.

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4-H Elects New Officers

October is the start of our new 4-H year. The Cunningham 4-H’ers do a lot this month that includes 4-H Promotion Week, 4-H Sunday, 48 hours of 4-H, and 4-H Achievement Celebration.

During 4-H Promotion Week the 4-Hers brought their previous years projects to the school and put them on display. We also wore our 4-H shirt on Tuesday’s spirit day to promote 4-H in our school. This is a great time of year for new members to join.

For National 4-H Sunday, our club chose to attend the Lutheran Church in Nashville where our members Jessica and Brianna Dittmer attend. On October 16th, 22 4-H members attended their 10:30 am service. After church, they served cinnamon rolls and pumpkin pie.

Our Cunningham 4-H monthly meeting was held in the afternoon on

October 16th. It was also our first meeting with our new leaders: Marci Adams and Jennifer Neywick. During the meeting we elected our new officers. They are as follows, President: Taylor Schultz, Vice-President: Alice Huelskamp, Secretary: Ava Bock, Treasurer: Nate Sterneker, Reporter: Kendall Rogers, Historian: Kaitlyn Ogg, 4-H Council Reps: Andrew Schultz and Brianna Dittmer.

After our meeting, we met at Hilltop Manor to complete our 48 hours of 4-H service project. 48 hours of 4-H is when the 4-Hers do something good for our local community. At Hilltop Manor, we were unable to go inside so we wanted to clean their outside windows and wave to the residents inside. It was great for both us and the residents.

On October 23rd, we had the county-wide achievement celebration. It was held at the Kingman Historic Theatre. This ceremony recognizes the 4-Hers achievements from the previous 4-H year. Our club received a purple seal under our leader Judy DeWeese. This is the highest award our club can get. 23 of

Billie Gilstrap

January 24 1923-October 7, 2022

Survivors include; Wife of 13 years Dorothy Gilstrap, Tucson AZ, His five children; Barry Gilstrap, Wichita, KS; Dianna Gilstrap; Gary and Janet Higgins; and Donna Vasquez of Tucson, AZ; Joseph Gilstrap, Wichita, KS. His nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; William and Lillie Jane Gilstrap, his brothers and sisters; Jess Gilstrap, Jack Gilstrap, Lillian McGuire, Naomi Huffman, Lee Roy Gilstrap, Betty Jo Ann Watts. His wife of 60 yrs. Lina Faye Gilstrap, son William David Gilstrap, grandson. Jeremiah Woodworth.

A service for Billie will be held on at 2:00 p.m. at the Cunningham Christian Church on Saturday, November 12th.

(Billie's full obituary appeared in last week's paper. It has been edited for this week's edition and the service information has been added.)



Lynda Higdon

Lynda Sue Higdon, 65, passed away Monday, October 31, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center. She was born on March 2, 1957 in Pratt to Robert Agnew and Donna Simon.

Lynda attended Pratt High School. She worked as a Certified Medication Aide at Pratt Regional Medical Center, Southwind Hospice and South Wind Home. She enjoyed reading, music, her weekly shopping escapade with Linda Hadley and Anna Brown, crafting, making jewelry, scary movies, painting and her cats.

She is survived by her son, Greg (Liz) Higdon; grandson, Brayden Higdon all of Hutchinson; and brother, Steve (Cindy) Kerr of Mulvane.

Lynda is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Mike Agnew.

Lynda was a donor and gave the gift of life to several recipients. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, November 4, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Tom Harrison presiding.

Memorials may be made to Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

(Additional Celebrations can be found on page 5)

our members completed their record books. The following awards were also given to our club’s members:

Membership Pin: Wyatt Neywick

Bronze Pin: Jessica Dittmer, Leah Rogers, Ty Schultz, Adam Sterneker, Nate Sterneker
Clover Pin: Mackley Glenn

Emerald Pin: Ava Neywick, Kaitlyn Ogg, Kane Reid, Weston Rogers

Silver Pin: Ada Adams, Gunner Glenn

Silver Guard Pin: Emily Ogg, Kendall Rogers, Andrew Schultz

Leadership Pin: Taylor Schultz

Purple Activity Seals: All listed pin award members above along with Henry Adams, Brianna Dittmer, and Keyonna Huffman

Jr. Dairy Project Report Form County Champion: Wyatt Neywick

Intermediate Photography Project Report Form Reserved County Champion: Kane Reid

Most Involved 7-8 year old in KM County 4-H: Wyatt Neywick, Jessica Dittmer

Most Involved 9-10 yearold in KM County

4-H: AvaNeywick
Best 4-H Story 7-8 year old: Leah Rogers

Best 4-H Story 11-13 yearold: Kendall Rogers

Officer Champion: Emily Ogg, Historian/Reporter Book

Officer Champion: Ada Adams, Treasurer Book

4-Her of the Year: Kendall Rogers

New ambassadors were also announced at the celebration. The ambassadors are High School 4-Hers who were interviewed and selected to be a part of the county-wide ambassador team. They lead, promote 4-H, volunteer, and represent our county. Kendall Rogers and Taylor Schultz will be joining the team this year. Brianna Dittmer is also a current ambassador from our club.

At the Achievement Celebration, Judy DeWeese was recognized for her service to 4-H. She had been our Cunningham 4-H Club leader for 12 years. We are very grateful for all she has done for us and she will be missed.

-Kendall Rogers, Reporter