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It Will Be a Disco Homecoming



*Cunningham Homecoming candidates are:
Brianna Dittmer, Maitlyn Jump, Joanna Hansen, Dakota Mertens, Rick King, and Kory Morgan.
Homecoming Festivities are Friday, February 2nd.*

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 17, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart and Melissa Tetric

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Melissa Tetric; Tammy; Heather

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add executive session with the County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved

upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Dale Enyart said Good Morning and Happy Wednesday.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he attended the City Meeting last Thursday and felt that the tone of the meeting seemed to have changed to not be a rush and get through meeting.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to discuss an email that she received about the NRP and housing assessment.

Commissioners discussed that she should call and explain to the WSU representative how NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Plan) works because the comments made are not right.

Ms. Stucky said that she would call and talk with the representative.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zone) program and that a Resolution 2024-R4 will need to be passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch approved **RESOLUTION 2024-R4, RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF KINGMAN**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2024. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a CIVIC Plus Contract for the County Website for 2024 and that there was an increase of \$850.01 from last year.

Commissioners instructed the County Clerk to let CIVIC Plus know that if they are going to continue to increase the annual contract that they will need to seek bids for new website provider.

Melissa Tetric was in to request a donation from the County for HYRA awards they give out as the costs have gone up quit a bit.

Mendy Frampton let the Commissioners know that the costs for HYRA has gone up about \$750 per weekend.

Commissioners told Ms. Tetric they would discuss it and get in touch with Mendy about their decision.

Mendy discussed having concrete

work done inside the Expo Center.

Commissioners approved the inside concrete work to be done.

Commissioners discussed looking into eight feet concrete on the south side of the ropers building and 4 foot concrete on the other sides.

Ms. Frampton discussed that the phone and the internet has been having issues for the past two weeks but has been fixed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a consultation request from Dale Township.

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

Mr. Arensdorf discussed staff numbers for Public Works with the County Commissioners and if he should look into hiring one or two new staff members.

Commissioners discussed looking into the cost of hiring staff positions.

Commissioners discussed the wind-farm working on eight additional

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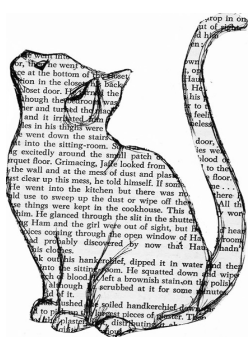
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Meanderings

Well, shoot! I am suffering from a little burnout. Not sure why. I love my newspaper. I REALLY love it when it is all done for the week and ready to share with everyone who feels like reading it.

I am very thankful I'm not called out on them more often. Last week, I was checking through the article I put together about the cornerstone/time capsule. You remember the article, continued over several pages, and gleaned from several newspapers over the course of a couple of years (1916-1918). I was wanting to verify the director of the school board at that time.

article when I stopped. "Wait, I just read that." And low and behold there was the same story, or part of it, at the end of the article. The article took up enough room, you'd have thought I'd have been trying to save some space and not repeat things.

I think most of you know that I enjoy making greeting cards (Thanks to Louise Armstrong). While I work on my cards I watch videos of other crafty folks. I listen to Gina Krupsky of Gina K Designs and Robin Armbrrecht of Really Robin Stamps, and Jess of Jess Crafts, and Tina Zink, and my personal favorite, Laura Bassen.

They come from all walks of life and live all over the world. It is a very interesting and learning experience to 'meet' these people via youtube.

Laura (Laurie) Bassen is my favorite because she shares so many stories about her family and her life. Her husband's name is Mark, they lived in Germany for a while, and she recorded her

videos while there. They came back to the states and her son, Boaz, stayed there to play soccer. He was lonely when the family came back and adopted a cat named Frank. When he came back to the States for a visit, he brought Frank with him, and their golden retriever, Hank (the Tank), had to adjust to another pet in the house.

On the day Bo returned to Germany, Frank went missing, so Boaz had to go without Frank, and Frank is now Laurie's crafting companion.

Okay, on to my point. As Laura works she talks about her projects, explaining what she's doing and how others may want to try something different, and she frequently breaks into song. It is rather charming and fun.

Some jerk complained about the singing. I couldn't believe it. Seriously? She doesn't have a bad voice at all. She is happy and upbeat and pleasant. I'd like to tell that commentator to go watch another person if she doesn't like the singing. I love it.

Laurie more or less laughed it off and vowed to cut back on it. But she can't help herself, and she will just start singing (she's especially fond of singing 'dimension is life'. Not a song, but a lit-

tle ditty she made up for her cardmaking videos.) I love the little ditties she sings, and I hope she continues to sing them.

The other day one artist was talking about feeling a bit bummed after the first of the year. (I believe it was "Jess") She'd been off the air for a couple of weeks and her followers were wondering where she was and what was happening in her life.

Well, in this video, she wanted to talk about her life a bit. She and her husband had moved into a larger home because her boys were growing up and they needed more room. She has a full-time job with as a supply person for a construction company and does the craft videos on the side. She suffers from anxiety, and crafting is a way for her to manage the stress and anxiety she sometimes feels.

One of the comments she made this past week in her personal video was "if you want to make comments about my cards and my crafts, I welcome them, but if I make a grammar error, you don't need to point that out. I am 40 years

old and you get what you get. I'm not going to change my speech patterns at this age. If you don't like it, please don't watch and most certainly, don't comment."

When she mentioned the comment about the grammar, my mouth dropped open. I couldn't believe someone would make a ludicrous comment about the way she speaks. Is her grammar perfect? No. She makes many mistakes, but I would NEVER correct anyone who is obviously much more talented and knowledgeable than I am.

This is nonsense I expect on Facebook, because people have to be rude, I guess. I was hoping youtube followers would be better than that. These are professionals sharing their knowledge and wisdom, offering free ideas and templates and so much more, and some rude people have to be unappreciative and snarky.

I am a grammar person, and yet, Jess's grammar wasn't anything I noticed as being "bad". She is such a talented artist and has so many clever ideas, who cares?

It just makes me mad the more I think about it. Be kind when people are helping you and doing a service for others. Just be kind. Sheesh.

Robin Armbrrecht was a teacher before she got into the crafting business. She's good. She has

many ideas and she talks to her followers, welcoming them to her show by calling them by name. It is fun and personable.

There are a few folks I have tried to listen to, but just can't. I am voice sensitive and there is something about their voice that sets my teeth on edge. Do I complain to them? Well, no. It's my problem, not theirs. Some women (and men) have such strong accents, I find it difficult to follow. Usually those from overseas, Australia and sometimes the U.K.

And then there are those who talk too fast. THAT really annoys me. I'm not sure why they have to hurry so quickly through their spiel, but if I find I can't concentrate, for trying to keep up, I just stop watching. Do I complain to the people? Well, no. It's my problem, not theirs.

I do appreciate that my readers don't point out every little mistake. I really do. I usually find them myself at some point, or maybe I don't. When I was working with Jeff Dafforn on the paper he said, "When we put together a perfect newspaper, it will be time to quit." So there you go.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, For the last week, if I've wanted to get the mail I've had to swaddle myself in layers to avoid frostbite on my eighth of mile waddle to the road and back. So when a heat wave of 35 degrees arrived, I couldn't wait to get outside without wearing all THAT. For the first few moments I

happily hopped around the still frozen tundra of our backyard with a yardstick. Though I could move more agilely, I quickly regretted in that windy, blindingly white COLD that I hadn't pulled on my Michelin Man of the North gear. But I refused to turn back. I've had a gardening idea I think I want to try this Spring so I gritted my teeth and pressed on to survey a bit of fence.

No doubt, long time Readers who recall my massacre of innocent pumpkin plants are shak-

ing their heads. And they are not alone. Due to my 2020 murderous container experiment, some of my friends visibly twitch and shudder when I talk about planting anything anywhere. Those closest to me, and most familiar with my eccentricities, are unperturbed by my horticultural pursuits because any activity that keeps me out of the kitchen helps them feel safer.

I'll allow that both my cooking and my gardening methods can be whimsical. My failures tend to be more memo-

orable than my successes, probably because they're comical. Though my ways may be unorthodox, that doesn't mean I don't do research or think things through. I can always find lots of advice and tips from gardening (and culinary) gurus online, plus nearly everyone you meet has a cultivation (and cookery) opinion. And I do listen. But sometimes you gotta just try what you think will work best for you.

For example, when I set out to survey with a yardstick, my best friend

suggested it would be easier if I used a measuring tape. But I knew the fence line, though not pasture-long, was more extensive than any measuring tape in this house. And it was probable I'd BREAK IT if I tried to use it. Even if I could wrangle our best Stanley Powerlock to determine that fence's length, I'd still have to figure from that how many plants I needed. The shortcut I tried, that should have worked, was counting yards instead because that's how far apart the

seedlings in question are to be planted. What I didn't count on was how distracting the deer tracks in the snow would be. They were so fascinating that I failed twice to recall what yard-number I was on and had to start over. My teeth were chattering by the time I was done but I did get my number. I know how many I'll need to try growing...well for now, I'll just say it's not pumpkins.

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

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Maryfrances Wagner, who lives in the Greater Kansas City Area. Maryfrances began writing poems as an eighth grader and today writes mainly poetry and some essays. A unique fact about her is that she has been hit by a car, not once

but twice, while crossing the street! Among books she enjoyed writing is her latest, The Immigrants' New Camera, and Solving for X. ~David Harrison

Poetry from Daily Life: All you need are your senses and 17 syllables to write a haiku By Maryfrances Wagner

When I was a child, my mother wrote little poems and put them in our lunch boxes, my dad's hunting gear, my brother's duffel bag, and my overnight bag. We

never knew when we'd find one, but they came for many years periodically. They were short poems about nature. She had no training. She merely sat down, stared outside, and wrote about the trees, the birds, the flowers, the things she saw outside. My father loved to memorize poems, and he'd recite them to us when we went for ice cream on summer nights or to visit relatives. Later, I discovered, that all of those years my parents were married, he had been writing birthday and Valentine's Day poems for her, but I never knew that until I found them after they died.

When I began writing poems, no one told me what to do. When a teacher assigned us in eighth grade to write about country living, my parents suggested I try a poem instead of an essay. Together we brainstormed details, and I went to my room and wrote the poem. The teacher read it aloud and

put it in the school literary magazine. The journey had begun.

I've always believed anyone can write a poem. During my time as the sixth Missouri Poet Laureate, one of my goals was to get everyone to write haiku, so I started the Missouri Haiku Project, and over six months, thousands of people wrote haiku for me. Although the project is over, I'd like to challenge you to take the plunge and write some haiku. Here are the essentials of writing a haiku:

The Essence of Haiku

Haiku poems record an experience or observation, usually in nature.

Haiku can record a moment of revelation, of insight or presence that changes us.

Haiku are sensory: sights, smells, sounds, touches, tastes that startle us.

Haiku are short: 6-17 syllables or short words. in three lines. They don't always follow 5/7/5 syl-

labic count.

The best haiku imply and don't explain what is left unsaid.

Haiku are momentary, intuitive, intimate and express what is in a moment.

Haiku often identify where, when and what.

Remember perspective: Large and small things are both large or small, when viewed near or far.

Haiku poems are not about the poet's feelings or interpretation or explanations of the content, only the observation of the writer and reader.

Here are a few of my own haiku. Please try your hand at writing one:

- Queen Anne's lace shelters a faun, feeds a bee— tilts her head to sun
In the dark, dogs find the opossum dead in the yard until we go inside
October sun backlights fallen sycamore

leaves— a lit path for stepping.

lady bug squeezes through a slit in the screen— flies to my shoulder

dogwood in bloom blossoms vibrate with bees

A cluster of pebbles sink roundly into palms— so many tiny clicks.

When you finish them, hand them to others as little gifts.

Maryfrances Wagner was Missouri's sixth Poet Laureate and winner of the Missouri Arts Council Individual Artist of the Year Award. She and her husband, Greg Field, have two rescued dogs named Annie Sexton and Lucille Clifton. For more information, visit https://www.pw.org/directory/writers/maryfrances-wagner/ and http://maryfranceswagnerwriter.fieldinfoserv.com.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, January 25 JH BB at Attica	Friday, February 2 Homecoming HS BB vs Norwich at HOME
Friday, January 26 HS Girls 54 Classic at HOME	Saturday February 3 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield
Saturday, January 27 HS Girls 54 Classic at HOME	Monday, February 5 Kingman Co. Spelling Bee *** JH BB at Fairfield- HOPL Tournament
Monday, January 29 JH BB at Pretty Prairie ** 6:30 City Council	Tuesday, February 6 HS BB vs Central Christian at HOME *** Lions' Club Meeting
Tuesday, January 30 HS BB at Fairfield	Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m. BOE Meeting
Wednesday, January 31st School Spelling Bee *** 7:00 Book Club	Thursday, February 1 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield *** Regional Scholars Bowl at HOME
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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turbines on the reconstruction project that is underway. Commissioners asked for a new action plan. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:10 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Elpers

seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:40 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:00 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:05 a.m. Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor discussed the KCAMP coverage for overlapping coverage.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the overlapping coverage to KCAMP for all but the Cyber Security overlap coverage for 2024. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners signed abatements and one addition: MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Keynote Speaker, Mark Potter
The Face of Depression
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Former Newman University Head Basketball Coach & Keynote Speaker, Mark Potter is on a mission to save lives. Founder of D2UP, dedicated husband and father, Coach Potter has dedicated his life to helping others find a way to seek help when suffering from depression and anxiety. After experiencing severe depression along with suicidal thoughts first hand, Coach understands what it's like to feel hopeless and alone. He has made it his mission to help others get out of severe depression and get help. Coach Potter, along with his wife Nanette Potter, have shared their message across the United States helping Universities, High Schools and Businesses bring awareness about mental illness to their communities and start taking action on breaking the silence about depression and suicide.

The Cunningham Community and Stakeholders
Are cordially invited to attend
Tuesday, January 30th, 2024
10:00am
Cunningham High School Gymnasium

Freed-Hardeman University Announces Fall 2023 President's, Dean's Lists

HENDERSON, TN (01/10/2024)-- FHU has released the names of students who made the President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall 2023 semester. To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester. The following student from the coverage area has been recognized: Hannah Pearce, a junior from Kingman, Kansas, was named on the Dean's List. Pearce is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. The mission of Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. With locations in Henderson and Memphis, FHU offers bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees. More information is available at fhu.edu.

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YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1929

Feb. 1 - The public meeting of those interested in getting a golf course and club organized here last Thursday evening met with a welcome response and a good number turned out for the meeting.

The C.H.S. boys basketball team lost to Spivey last Friday by a score of 37 to 8. The first quarter was a good exhibition of basketball, featuring the tight defense of both teams, the local boys leading 4 to 3. After that the Spivey boys could not be denied, sinking baskets from the center of the court and getting a number of easy shots.

The girls game was a thriller throughout. The C.H.S. girls took an easy lead, only to be tied at half time, 9 to 9. The locals started the second half with a bang, soon leading 13 to 9, and holding it until shortly before the end of the game when Spivey tied it at 16-16. A few seconds before the gun ended the game, Spivey tossed in the winning basket.

1934

February 2, 1934 - Last Friday night a good per cent of the town turned out to see the Zenda-Cunningham basket ball game.

The game was very interesting from the beginning to the finish. Zenda's team led throughout the first half, but Cunningham found the basket the last half and won a victory by a 26 to 22 score.

Day, playing center for Zenda, was the high point man with 17 points. Not far behind Day was Cozens of C.H.S. who tallied 15 points, eleven of these points being made in the last half.

The boys gave the spectators a surprise at the start by appearing in new scarlet jerseys.

The H.S. wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the public for their fine attendance at games, making these new suits possible.

We also want to thank the business men for their cooperation in getting the new score board which will be appreciated by the entire town as well as the H.S.

Cunningham Grade School Happenings

The Grade School Midgets defeated Maud in a game of basketball last Friday by a score of 11 to 4. Virgil Annett scored 9 points and Leroy Carter two. The other players were Charles Crow, Leroy Lash, Carol Caldwell, Bobby Lash, and Earl McCarter.

Miss Taylor spent the week-end at her home in Wichita.

Total enrollment by grades for the first five months is as follows:

- First Grade, 19
Second Grade, 12
Third Grade, 24
Fourth Grade, 11
Fifth Grade, 19
Sixth Grade, 15
Seventh Grade, 17
Eighth Grade, 15
Total, 141

1939

Jan. 27, 1939 - This week's issue is being printed under rather difficult condition, as the Editor is taking a vacation in the hospital, and the paper is being issued by the rest of the family. The Editor entered the Veterans Hospital at Wichita last Friday for a medical check-up and several days rest.

One hundred and fifteen mothers and daughters attended their annual banquet in the Methodist church basement Monday evening.

1944

1944 - Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

Jan. 28, 1949 - Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Graves announce the birth of 10 pound 1/2 ounce daughter at Kingman Memorial Hospital, Sunday, January 22nd. She has been named Sue Ann.

1954

Jan. 28 - The difference was free throws last Friday night at Harper where Cunningham pinned a 53 to 47 defeat on Harper. Harper out-shot the Wildcats from the field, making 18 to Cunningham's 14 two-pointers, but the Wildcats made 25 free throws off 23 Harper fouls, while Harper made only 11 charity tosses off 12 Cunningham infractions. Billy DeWeese paced the Cunningham scoring at-

tack with 22 points, and Ronnie Adelhardt contributed 18 scores to the Cunningham cause.

Workmen have been busy the past few weeks installing the machinery necessary to operate the additional storage bins at the Gano Grain Corp.'s elevator in Cunningham. Large augers will be installed at the top and bottom of the bins to facilitate the moving of the grain from bin to bin and back to the main elevator.

Chili Supper and Bingo, Sunday, January 31, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Serving Starts at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Altar Society.

1959

Jan. 2 - Work has started on the new 250,000 bushel capacity Co-op elevator here last week-end by the contractors, Chalmers and Bordon Construction Company of Hutchinson.

Cunningham Grade School rolled past a good Norwich team by a 36 to 23 score in the finals to win the Kingman County Grade School Basketball Tournament for the third consecutive year under the coaching of Fred Garten.

Using a tight zone defense, some good shooting by Robert Leiter and Eugene Huston, and an excellent passing attack from Fred Myers, Mickey Miles, and Mike Krug, Cunningham took an early lead over Norwich.

Cunningham's season record now stands at seven wins and no losses.

The high school basketball team evened their season's record of five wins and five losses with a 56 to 43 victory over Isabel, Tuesday night.

Cunningham presented a well-balanced scoring attack, with Tony Hartle scoring 19 points, Bill Ridge 8, Gary Raney 11, Jack Baber 8, and Duane Wegerer 9.

Forty-four fouls were called in the game, 24 on Cunningham and 20 on Isabel, with Isabel losing three players via the foul route and Cunningham two.

1964

Jan. 30 - Cozy Cafe owners Glenn and Mary Harris feted the high school basketball teams to a chili and beef stew supper in the cafe, Monday evening. Nineteen boys and two coaches, Lewis Mann and Gary Sebbert, were present.

Cunningham citizens have been invited to join a cavalcade from Kingman going to Garden Plain next Tuesday to protest the re-location of US-54 across Kingman County at the State Highway Commission's first public hearing on the proposed relocation.

1969

Jan. 30 - John P. Eck, 78, of St. Leo, died Sunday at the Pratt County Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Eck was born in Hampton, Minn., and was married to Mary Reichenberger at Ost, May 3, 1911. He was a farmer and had been a resident of the St. Leo-Cunningham community since 1921. He was a partner in the Eck and Kincheloe Implement Company with the late Sherman Kincheloe in Cunningham during the late 1930s.

The Cunningham Wildcats lost their first Golden Plains League basketball game after five straight wins here last Friday night, going down before the Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds, 78 to 55.

The Thunderbirds soared off to a 16-7 lead at the end of the first quarter; stretched it to 34-21 at half-time, and had a 52-36 advantage at the close of three quarters of play.

Marvin Oller paced the Wildcat scoring with 10 points; Curtis Kitson had 9; Larry Lubbers 8; Gene Albers 7; Mike Schrant and John McCune 5 each; Eddie Panek and Tom Strohl 4 each; and Bill McGovney 3.

The Thunderbirds had four players scoring in double figures. Steve Adelhardt had 23 points; Eddie Vierthaler 18; Kenneth Thieme 15; and Randy Goetz 14. Kenneth Dirks made 4 points, and Mark Danahy and Steve Goetz had 1 point each.

Joseph J. Adelhardt, 69, died last Thursday at his home in St. Leo after a long illness.

Mr. Adelhardt was born in Howells, Nebr., and was married to Gertrude Landehr at Sharon, Feb. 28, 1922. He was a retired farmer and had been a resident of Kingman County since 1905.

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

January 31 - The proprietor of Mary's Cafe has a new occupation!

Or so it would seem with the large poster which appears on the wall in the cafe.

There's a large advertising poster, in color, pro-

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claiming a bullfight, apparently from Spain, and among the matadors is one MARY MCELLEND who would appear on the day's bullfight card.

The poster provides a pleasant addition to the decor of the cafe, but there's more to the story. Seems Mary's been throwing various customers out of the establishment - after they start saying things like "Always knew you were a bull slinger, Mary, but when did you take up fight them?"

Closing shop due to lack of business and unavailable supplies. Pick up all clothing by Feb. 16. ACE Cleaners.

Chief Petty Officer Jack Crick returned Saturday from his two weeks Naval Reserve duty. He was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Cleveland LPD7 at San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scripsick have moved a mobile home into the southwest part of Cunningham.

Ilate Morissee was a Monday dinner guest of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crick and family.

Mrs. Roy Halderson and Kevin came Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall.

1979

February 1 - Greetings from Allan Schnittker, Bernie Albers, and Bob Kerschen.

Allan, Bernie, and Bob are on the way to Washington, D.C. they, along with Walt Hillard of Pratt, are sleeping in a camper furnished by Pratt RV Center.

Bernie and Walt both have tractors in the caravan.

We left home Jan. 18 at 10:30 in fog and rain all the way to Topeka. There was a meal served in Waharuska Sale Barn. Left Topeka around 8:30 and had a bad traffic jam in Kansas City. They blocked the Interstate with National Guards, road graders and patrols. The governor of Missouri refused to let us on I&S so we were routed to Highway 50 and camped on 50 on lanes overnight.

Jan. 20 was uneventful. Camped in Sedalia, Mo and Sunday morning went to church. Father Andy had the services. Went to a motel to watch the Super Bowl and some much needed showers. Seems the water tank doesn't hold enough for four guys.

Jan. 23, Tuesday, We were up at 6 a.m. and helped the tractors get out. Allen and I drove the pickup ahead of the tractorcade. We stopped in Greenville, Ill. Radio station and had another interview. More snow and icy rain. People are turning out to wave and to call "Right on!". Wednesday brought more snow, 4 inches so we spent most of the day working on the trailer, frozen drains just don't work well.

Thursday, snowbound, 1-70 is iced so we drained trailers and helped everyone fill water tanks. Bernie fixes the smoker on the tractor.

There are over 400 vehicles now and round 700 to 1000 pole with more Illinois people to join up tomorrow.

Will write more next week. Bob Kerschen, Cunningham, Ks.

The seventh grade and other grades enjoyed a story teller, Denny Day, who came on the 2nd of January. He told us a story about a boy and girls that lived beside a forest.

Then he called on Roger Panek to act as a strong lumberjack. After that he called on David Thornhill to do and say as he did, and it was all very funny. We all enjoyed the storyteller. -Reporter, Karrie Osborn

1984

Feb. 2 - The Cunningham fifth grade class has been studying Kansas history In the Kansas literature they read about the sate Capitol Square to be opened in the year 2061.

After discussing the time capsule, the class enthusiastically decided to prepare their own time capsule as a class project to be buried in 1984 and opened at the time of their graduation from Cunningham High School in 1991. Some of the items placed in the capsule include newspaper articles of current events, class pictures, coins, and items of inters to the students such as football cand basketball cards, computer programs, a Cabbage Patch Doll adoption certificate, Scratch and Sniff stickers and other interesting mementos. The class also included a tape recording of the group singing, playing their band instruments, and a brief summary of themselves. Members of the fifth grade class are: Becky Horst, Susan Gridley, Nora Allen, Dusty Ormiston, John Patton, Rebecca Rohr, Kathy Rosenbaum, and Julie Theis.

Kay Schnittker has been promoted to branch manager of Mid-Continent Federal Savings and Loan Association at 1113 South Main in Winfield.

She will be managing personnel, customer service and the savings and loan department.

Kay Ratcliff Schnittker originally from Cunningham, attended a business college prior to employment at the United American State Bank in Wichita. She spent three and a half years with this firm before accepting a position with the People's Savings and Loan in Manhattan.

Husband Tom operates Schnittker Ag Services and is farm manager for those land owners who are not present to care for his task.

The Schnittkers have a seven year old daughter, Lori.

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Ode to Dad

Here is the Shop,
Where we all tended to go
As kids it's as tall as the tree that now grows.
And cozy, we all know.
Here is the Shop
Where we all went when we couldn't find you.
Learned how to cuss (but never in the house!) and
maybe fix something at some point in the past!
Plus spend time with Dad too! It was a blast!
At the end of the day it was 'a peck on the cheek
and a hug around your neck!'
Your spirit is here and the flag is for YOU! Melvin
A. Oller.
By Matt Oller 6/6/19

The Horse's Rear

By Graham Insley

Joe's palms were flat on the table as he leaned over and whispered, "I'm telling you I heard it come from his own lips. Sue took the children and went to her mum's."

"Naa, can't be right. Pastor Dave and Sue wouldn't break up. They's happy as pigs in mud."

"I didn't say broke up, but she sure left. Well, he done told me himself and I ain't making it up."

"We better get a prayer chain going."

"Yeah. I'm going home and tell Diane. She'll know what to do."

Joe left the cafe as Bill pulled his phone and hit speed dial. "Babe, listen I got some really bad news. Joe told me Sue's left Dave..... What?..... No,

Joe said she just packed her bags, took the kids and went to her mum's place..... Ring some of the girls and get them praying, I'll go see if I can find Dave."

Sue dropped the phone and instantly picked it up again. "Hey, Jenny, have you heard about Dave and Sue?..... No? Well, there's been a big fight and Sue's taken the kids and gone home to her folks..... No, I'm not joking -- they had a hum-dinger of a quarrel and she's gone. Look, I'll ring Sally and you ring Jane, we need to get some prayer happening..... Okay, see you at the prayer meeting tomorrow night."

Jenny hung up and dialed. "Jane, I've got an urgent prayer request for you. Now don't go spreading it around but Pastor Dave and Sue have

split up..... Well, apparently they had a big fight and, look I don't know for sure, but you know, push leads to shove and she wouldn't take it and left..... What?..... Oh, she took the kids with her..... Yeah, we all better get praying and hope it's not too late for God to save their marriage..... Tell George to start praying..... Yeah well, he'll need all the friends he can get now."

"Hey, George! I just had a phone call from Jenny and you are not going to believe this."

"What is it honey?"

"Apparently Pastor Dave got violent with Sue and started pushing her around. Anyway, she wouldn't take it, it got worse and he pushed her over -- she took the kids and left."

"No way, Jose. I don't believe it."

"Well you better."
"Here, give me that phone. I'll ring Dave myself."

But there was no answer, so George rang John instead.

"Hey, Johnno, listen we got some serious praying to do..... Hey? No, it's Sue and Dave..... What, you've heard already; bad news travels fast..... Yeah, seems like he lost it and clouted her..... Makes you wonder, hey?..... She don't have to put up with that and obviously don't intend to..... Interesting to see if he turns up tomorrow..... Yeah, I'm off to pray now, see ya there."

"Bruce, it's Johnno. Mate we got a drama going on..... Sue and Dave..... He must be on crack or something. Well, seems he lost control during a fight and

gave her a touch up..... Yeah, hit her a beauty..... Well, 'course she just ups and goes..... Gone home to mum and ain't never coming back..... Needs a lot more than just prayer, man, they's in real trouble..... Okay, see ya tomorrow night."

"Hi, Sheila."

"Hello, Bruce, how's things?"

"Listen, has anybody told you about Dave and Sue?"

"No. You're the first call tonight. What's up?"

"Well, seems like Dave has been secretly drinking and doing drugs."

"Get out of here!"

"True as. She's left and is looking for a divorce."

"I don't believe it. Where's all this coming from?"

"Straight from the horse's mouth; Dave told Joe himself. Joe bumped

into him coming out of a bar; he was tipsy and spilled the beans. Yeah, we'll see what happens tomorrow night at prayer. See ya there."

Pastor Dave was surprised at how many turned up to prayer the next night -- the place was packed and everyone was looking straight at him.

"Listen guys, we have an important prayer request tonight. Sue's mum, Anne, is seriously sick. So Sue has taken the kids over there for a few days to be with her mum and to try and help. Anne goes for a few tests tomorrow, so let's pray for a good report."

When you start to share what comes straight from the horse's mouth, make sure you ain't talking out of the other end of the horse.



Catholic Churches

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

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

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

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

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

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680



Giving Opportunities in our Community

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

JH Wildcats Take Down Fairfield Falcons

On January 18th the JH Wildcats hosted the Fairfield Falcons. You could say we have a target on our backs every week with an undefeated season on the line. Teams play their best game of the year aiming to knock off the Cats, which was certainly the case against the Falcons. The Wildcats played team ball, passed well, and defended pretty well, but the Falcons played from deep and put up three pointers to offset our size advantage. Two very opposite team goals in the game. The Falcons made 7 three pointers and only four two point baskets. In contrast, the Cats made 15 two point baskets and shot 15 free throws. The boys fed the inside over and over. We outrebounded the visitors, and when they could not stop us on the inside they had to foul. Every time it seemed like the Cats were ready to pull away, the Falcons would drain a 3. It was an exciting game where both teams played hard. In the end it was the Cats on top with a 7-point win.

Nathan led in rebounds with 10 followed by Liam with 7. Steals were down somewhat, but the boys made up for that in assists. It is hard to remember a JH game where there were so many assists. Cole had 4 and Liam had 3. But the Cats had 12 on the game which makes for fun basketball to watch.

-Coach McGuire-

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	9	9	11	10	39
Fairfield	8	6	7	11	32

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	17
Brody Bock	13
Liam McGuire	6
Adam Sterneker	2
Tyler Osner	1



Grady Smyth



Nathan Ndambuki



Caysn Miller



JH Lady Wildcats Take On Fairfield Falcons



Katie Ogg



Keyonna Huffman



Morgan Oldham

Molly Morgan photos



Middle School cheerleaders perform during a recent ballgame.



Molly Morgan photos

Wildcats Begin 54 Classic with Win Over Stafford

The Cunningham Wildcats played the Stafford Trojans in the first round of the 20th Annual 54 Classic held at Skyline. The Cats ran away with a 69 to 39 victory on January 16, 2024.

The Cats started slow in the first quarter but soon found their rhythm and finished with 17 points. The defense did its job and held Stafford to eight points. Will

Wegerer led the way with six points. Luke Albers made four points and Dagim Reed added three points. Luke McGuire and Nate Sterneker each added two points.

The Wildcats extended their lead with 14 more points to nine for the Trojans. The half ended with Cunningham in control 31 to 17. Wegerer added six more points to his total. Albers scored four points with Sterneker and Kendall Rogers each scoring two points.

Cunningham came out of the half with de-

fense on their minds forcing many of the Trojan's 33 turnovers that resulted in many scoring opportunities. Wegerer again led with eight points. Albers added seven points and McGuire added four points.

Wegerer and Albers again led the team in the fourth quarter with 10 and 7 points, respectively. Kory Morgan chipped in two points and the Cats finished with a 69 to 39 win. - by Coach Stackhouse



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2		2/2	6	6	6	4	1
Halderson					3	2	2	
Wegerer	6	3	9/10	30	7	4	8	
Albers	8	2		22	3	4	7	
Sterneker	2			4	4	1	1	
Rogers	1			2	1		2	
Morgan	1			2	1			
Reed	1		1/3	3	3	1	1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	17	14	19	19	69
Stafford	8	9	8	14	39

Wildcats Advance to Championship Game in 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats came away with a hard fought win against Norwich in the second round of the 20th Annual 54 Classic hosted by Skyline. The final score was Cunningham 48, Norwich 41.

The Cats jumped out to a 16 to six lead in the first quarter as the team was performing at a high level. Luke Albers made five points. Luke McGuire, Will Wegerer,

and Nate Sterneker added three points each. Kendall Rogers put in two points off of a nice assist from Wegerer.

The remaining three quarters turned into a dog fight with Norwich cutting into the ten point lead with a ten point second quarter and holding the Cats to six points. Wegerer and Sterneker scored four and two points respectively for the Wildcats. The half ended with Cunningham leading by a 22 to 16 score.

Both teams found their shooting touch in the third quarter, each scoring 18 points. The

turnover bug hit the Cats which gave the Eagles many fast break layups. Wegerer kept the Cats in the lead with 12 points, which included six for six from the free throw line. Albers, Halderson, and Sterneker each added two points.

The fourth quarter was a test for the Cats as Norwich closed the gap several times but the Cunningham squad did buckle and made key shots from Albers and Halderson. Wegerer sealed the game with two free throws late. The final was Cunningham 48, Norwich 41.

-by Coach Stackhouse



Dagim Reed



Photos by Molly Morgan

Kory Morgan

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1		3	3			
Halderson	2		0/2	4	7	2		
Wegerer	6		9/9	21	5	3	5	
Albers	3	1	2/3	11	12	3	1	
Sterneker	3		1/3	7	3			
Rogers	1			2				
Kinsler					1		1	
Reed	1				5	2	2	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	16	6	18	8	48
Norwich	6	10	18	7	41



Wildcats Place 2nd in 54 Classic



photos by Molly Morgan

The Cunningham Wildcats came away with the 2nd place medals in the 20th Annual 54 Classic hosted by Skyline on January 20, 2024. Medicine Lodge won the tournament for the second consecutive year with a 66 to 34 victory over the Wildcats.

The Indians set the tone of the game in the first quarter putting in 17 points and their tough man-to-man defense held the Cats to six points. Dylan Halderson scored five points and Luke McGuire added the other

point.

Cunningham slowed the Medicine bunch in the second quarter allowing just nine points. The Wildcats could not make up any ground on the Tribe as they managed eight points. The half ended with the Cats trailing 26 to 14. Will Wegerer scored three points. McGuire and Luke Albers each added two points and Halderson added another free throw.

The rim continued to be unkind in the second half for Cunningham and Medicine Lodge found

the range scoring seven three point baskets in the half. Dagim Reed led the Cats in the half with eleven points. Wegerer added six more to his total and Stephen Kerschen scored a traditional three point play. The final score was Cunningham 34 and Medicine Lodge 66.

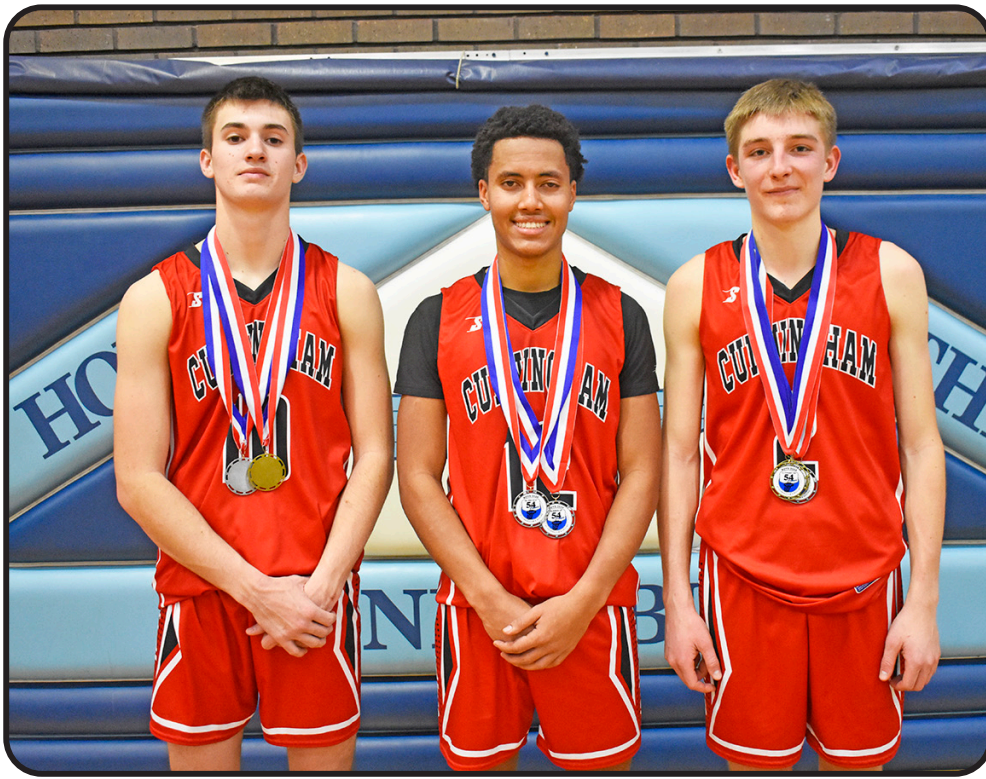
by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		1/2	3	3	3	1	
Halderson	1		4/6	6	3		1	
Wegerer	4		1/2	9	5	1	1	
Albers	1			2	4	1	1	
Sterneker						1		
Reed	4	1		11			1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	6	8	10	10	34
Medicine Lodge	17	9	20	20	66



More photos on page 8



Congratulations to Will Wegerer placing first in the 3-point shooting contest. Dagim Reed placed second in the free throw contest. Will and Luke Albers also made the all-tournament team.



Luke McGuire



Kendall Rogers

Lady Wildcats



Grace Hageman



Whitney Mead



Maranda Lohrke

95 Acres m/l of Kingman
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Auction

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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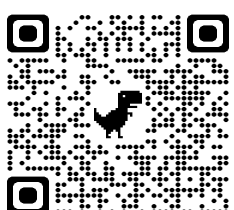
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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 14

Disabled Vehicle 800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Theft 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic Control 13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 1000 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 1000 Blk E C Ave, Kingman

Monday, January 15

Traffic Stop 1
 Fire / Structure 1800 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle NW 30 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 9000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Abandoned Vehicle 9000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk W Sherman, Kingman

Tuesday, January 16

Check Tag 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Check Welfare 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham

Wednesday, January 17

Traffic Stop 3
 Civil Paper Service 3
 Suspicious Person 130 North Spruce, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Fire / Grass 15000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich
 Citizen Assist 700 Blk N Sugar St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Thursday, January 18

Traffic Stop 3
 Civil Paper Service 2
 Disabled Vehicle SW 50 St & SW 140 Ave, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 14000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Debris In Roadway W D Ave & N Lincoln St, Kingman
 Alarm 100 Blk E A Ave, Kingman
 Theft 9000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock

Friday, January 19

Traffic Stop 3
 Warrant Service 300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint NW100 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Return Property 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Check Welfare 200 Blk N Main St, Spivey
 Disturbance 200 Blk E A Ave, Kingman
 Interview 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Saturday, January 20

Traffic Stop 1
 Disturbance W F Ave & N Broadway St, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 15000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Fire / Structure 200 Blk W A Ave, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Traffic Complaint 13000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

We're making lanterns to hang...

...and trying some Chinese dishes too.

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Kids: color stuff in!

2024 The Year of the Dragon

Chinese New Year Celebration



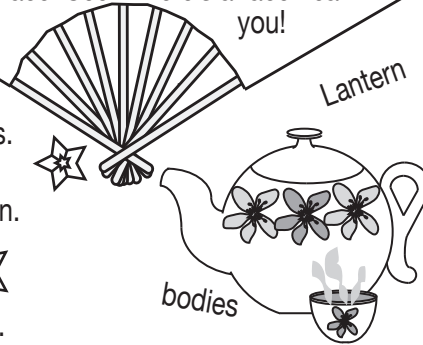
The Chinese New Year celebration starts this year on Saturday, February 10th and will last 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival on Saturday, February 24th. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with each year represented by an animal. This year is the Year of the Dragon, the most powerful animal. It is said that the people born in each animal's year have some of the characteristics of that animal.

The New Year is a time of family. In many large cities there are lots of fun family events: dinners, parades, concerts, races, zoo visits and fireworks. Vendors sell flowers, fruits, candies and pastries. The U.S. Postal Service has even had a stamp with the design of a dragon on it to celebrate this holiday. Everyone can join in the fun!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about the Chinese New Year:

- This year, 2024, is the Year of the _____.
- It is to be full of _____ - following the quiet Year of the Rabbit.
- The dragon is one of the best known symbols in _____.
- It is mostly a symbol of good _____.
- The dragon is said to come from the sky - a heavenly, _____ creature.
- Dragons are wise and said to visit the Emperor to _____ him.
- Chinese dragons have long _____, short legs, five toes, sharp teeth and claws.
- Some are pictured with _____ and some are not, but they all can fly.
- A dragon dance is part of the _____ Festival held on the last day of celebration.
- A team of _____ makes up the dragon and controls the head and body.
- The _____ the dragon the more luck it will bring.
- _____ born in the dragon's year are said to be smart, leaders and risk takers.

Later, during the year, many areas have a Dragon Boat Festival. The boats are long, brightly painted, and shaped like dragons. The crews paddle to a drumbeat to win the race. See if there's a race near you!



Dragon 1 2
 China 7
 3
 powerful 6
 10
 5
 12
 9
 8
 4
 11
 luck
 wings
 People
 longer
 excitement
 guide
 dancers

12 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

Connect the dots to see what glowing thing people make to hang for...

The Last Day

2008, 2020 1. _ a _
 2009, 2021 2. _ o _
 2010, 2022 3. _ i _ e _
 4. _ a _ i _
 2011, 2023 5. _ _ _ _
 2012, 2024 6. _ _ a _ e
 2013, 2025 7. _ o _ _ e
 2014, 2026 8. _ _ e e _
 2016, 2028 9. _ o _ _ e y
 2017, 2029 10. _ o o _ e _
 2006, 2018 11. _ o _
 2007, 2019 12. _ i _

Each animal of the traditional Chinese calendar has qualities that are said to be shared by people born in its year. This year, 2024, is the Year of the Dragon. Dragons are smart and willing to take risks - so are the people born in the Year of the Dragon. Fill in the blanks above with consonants to spell the names of the 12 animals of the Chinese Calendar.

Fill in the vowels to spell the name of the celebration on the last day.

The L _ nt _ rn F _ st _ v _ l

A Noisy, Joyful Celebration!

Good luck and good fortune! What noisy item used at the end of the day will drive away bad luck? What color do people decorate with or wear as a sign of joy and good luck? Use the color code to fill in the puzzle:

R = Red Y = Yellow
 P = Pink O = Orange
 B = Blue

(Answers on page 10)

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

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

liquid laundry detergent

poop bag rolls

disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068

Asher
Sponsored by Melva Oller



Male Domestic Longhair
Asher weighs about 11 pounds
And is about 3 and 1/2 years old.
He has been at the shelter since January 10, 2024 \$40
Beautiful, luxurious coat. Adopt this fluffy boy and he will keep you warm all winter! Very laid back and snuggly.

Braxton
Sponsored by Cunningham Courier



Male Cattle Dog, Australian (Red Heeler) / Shepherd
Braxton weighs about 45 pounds and is about one year old.
He has been at the shelter since December 26, 2023
The memories of a neglect have already faded away. Braxton is friendly, active and playful and ready to find his new homes. But don't wait long....they grow up so fast and you don't want to miss that part.
Braxton is turning out to be an amazing dog, very laid back, loves to cuddle. So polite and well behaved. So easy to train. This one is a keeper!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
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Call for Saturday hours.
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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.

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



Caring is a Superpower

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

When I was in grade school there were very few things I enjoyed as much as a good snow day. When school was called off, I got to play outside in the snow making snowmen and having snowball fights. It's funny how things change over the years.

Then, when I was old enough to be useful help, Dad saw a snow day as a chance for extra chore help. This made the day not nearly as much fun, but it still beat the alternative of being in school. Snow days were tolerable and even enjoyable.

Fast forward to the present, snow days are

not nearly as much fun. In fact, I really don't like them. Don't get me wrong, I do appreciate the moisture they bring. I just wish there was some way to get moisture without mud.

Snow and the cold associated with it just add another layer of difficulty to everyday chores and come with added stress and worry when it comes to the livestock I care for. I do have to stop and appreciate the beauty of the snow, but that appreciation is short lived when it comes to feeding and bedding livestock.

We know that in agriculture there is no such thing as a snow day. I always get amused when the local news advises everyone to stay inside, rest and relax when the weather turns bad. There is no rest and relaxation for those of us who own livestock.

Am I complaining about this, well, maybe a

little, if I am going to be honest. Would I trade taking care of my animals, even in the worst of conditions, for another job? I wouldn't trade this way of life for any other, no matter how demanding or uncomfortable it may be.

Our livestock come first, and winter weather means long days before the storm, preparing for it. Longer days during the storm as we make sure all the animals are cared for as well as we can and more long days after the storm making sure that we are ready for the next round of inclement weather.

Even when we are inside, warm and dry, our thoughts are with our livestock. I think I have spent more nights pacing the floors, hoping and praying everything is OK than I want to admit. We dedicate our lives to the care of our animals, and we should be proud of that.

We take care of what is entrusted to us without giving it a second thought, coming inside just long enough to warm up, change into dry clothes before charging back into the cold, ice and snow. All of this to ensure that our consumers can be assured they will be able to have their bowl of chili or lamb stew.

Caring for livestock may not be as cool as flying as fast as a speeding bullet or driving the Bat Mobile, but make no mistake, it is our superpower.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau



"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and man." — Mark Twain

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." — Mahatma Gandhi

2024 The Year of the Dragon

Chinese New Year Celebration

12 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

1. R a t

2. O x

3. T i g e r

4. R a b b i t

5. D r a g o n

6. S n a k e

7. H o r s e

8. S h e e p

9. M o n k e y

10. R o o s t e r

11. D o g

12. P i g

What year were you born in?

The Last Day The Lantern Festival

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Kayak of Death - Or How I Lost my Shoe in Michigan

Funny things happen to me. Some time ago my wife and I were invited to visit some dear friends in Michigan. Steve & Stacey had recently moved into a lovely farmhouse out in the woods of the Wolverine State. The thrilling activities we enjoyed on our visit included what I will call a wild and dangerous kayaking adventure.

I should interject a word of explanation here. I am not a water person, primarily because of my poor swimming skills. I did pass the Boy Scout swim test on Catalina Island years ago, but this was only due to the negligence and apathy of the adolescent swim monitor who, while picking at a scab on his injured knee, failed to fully track my progress. I swam 20 yards, everyone else swam 100. To compensate for my lack of aquatic skills, I am vigilant with regards to wearing a suitable floatation device when on the water. I always wear a life vest.

The morning of our

kayak adventure, I was nervous. The peaceful little river that we were to navigate looked angry. It had recently rained, and the river was high and moving fast. As we prepared to depart, I slipped on my vest. My kayak looked small to me, like a little floating coffin, with minimal leg room. At 6' 3" and 205 pounds I barely fit in the thing. This was my first time in a kayak.

Since I planned on being the slowest, my kayak entered the water last. Our friends and my wife were in front.

As we knifed through the water, my heart was pounding. The river and surrounding woods were beautiful. If it hadn't been for an impending sense of doom, the journey would have been most enjoyable. But I was stressed. I did receive shouted instructions from my comrades as I repeatedly slammed into the weed covered bank or hit floating objects. In spite of my bruises and bloody forearms, all was good until the last leg of our trip.

After making it through what appeared to be perilous rapids, I noticed ahead a large

log partially blocking our way. The others had successfully navigated around this obstacle and now it was my turn. The current swiftly carried me towards the log, and I instinctively braced for impact. Crashing and losing my balance, I rolled over. Now upside down and underwater, I attempted to kick free, but I couldn't move my legs. I was jammed in that junior sized kayak pretty good. My first thought was that this was a pretty embarrassing way to die. I began to hope that in my struggle I might invite the attention of a venomous snake. Death by snakebite would be a bit more glamorous. No such luck.

I began to pray and continued to wiggle and kick. Before running out of air, I finally broke free and bobbed to the surface. My frantic wife was relieved to see that I was still alive. She waved a warm friendly greeting at me and rejoined our friends as I struggled to swim to shore. With a shouted assurance that they would come pick me up, in a moment they were gone down the river. As I sat on the bank, I realized that I had lost my favorite Texas Rangers ball cap. And I was missing one shoe (a white Addidas - size 12 - one half of my favorite pair).

After a brief rest, and hearing traffic ahead through the trees, I began slowly moving towards civilization. With my life vest still on, I limped along wearing only one shoe. This was embarrassing.

Soon I passed a nearby house and an elderly man mowing his front yard. He was kind enough to let me use his phone (my phone was left behind for fear of getting it wet). My wife did not answer. Thanking the man, I moved on and loitered on the side of the road some distance away. I looked suspect. As people drove by, most slowed and just stared at

the disheveled man with one shoe. At one point, an older couple stopped and enquired as to my situation. I explained my dilemma (kayak novice, hit a log, dumped in the river, almost drowned, friends left me). They casually laughed, rolled up their window, and drove away.

As the sun began to fade, I started to doubt my rescue. A local elementary school had let out for the day. As the school buses rolled by, I could see small children, their noses pressed against the glass windows, watching me.

Seated on the side of the road, I waited and studied every vehicle that passed. Finally, after what seemed like hours, I saw what appeared to be a familiar car approaching fast. My wife Martina and her friend Stacey were barreling down the road at high speed. I assumed they would be scanning each side of the road in a determined effort to find me, but no such luck. As I stepped out into the road, frantically waving my arms, they both appeared to be in deep conversation, oblivious to their surroundings. As they sped past, I was close enough to touch their fender. I ran to the middle of the road, waving both arms as I peppered the air with profanity. The girls quickly disappeared around the next curve and were gone. I couldn't believe it! Just then, I heard a horn and turned to see Steve. He had been following the girls in his truck, and evidently possessed greater situational awareness. As I climbed into the front seat, we both started laughing and could not stop.

I left Michigan minus a shoe, but with a good story. This still makes me laugh.

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Wheat Scoop: New Video Series Shares Wheat Stories of Stewardship

Launched on January 10, 2024, a new video series features U.S. farmers explaining how they responsibly manage the land and natural resources entrusted to their care. "Stories of Stewardship" was produced by U.S. Wheat Associates, the industry's export market development organization. Each episode focuses on how wheat producers help feed the world while acting as stewards of soil, water and the environment.

"Consumers around the world want to know how their food is grown and U.S. wheat is definitely a food ingredient," said USW Vice President of Communications Steve Mercer. "Here at home, we know U.S. farmers work every day to nourish and improve the land and produce a sustainable source of high-quality wheat. The purpose of the 'Stories of Stewardship' series is to share this information with international buyers, millers, wheat food processors, and consumers who value the quality and reliability of U.S. wheat."

USW developed the video series to share the impressive stories of stewardship across the different U.S. wheat production regions. The six-episode series features five wheat farmers in five states. Each episode provides a look into how the concept of stewardship is deeply ingrained in farmers who feel responsible for continually nourishing and improving their land to contribute to a sustainable source of high-quality wheat for

the world.

Episode 1 focuses on the variety of sustainable practices applied by these families to produce different classes of wheat across the wide range of growing conditions in the United States. In the episode, the producers discuss their shared commitment to farm in ways that sustain economic viability for the next generation while producing safe, wholesome wheat for the world — all while ensuring the land is passed on in better condition than when they started farming it.

The series is part of USW's larger efforts to communicate how wheat farmers are committed to adapting to challenges while making choices that are best for the environment and their individual farms. Just as each U.S. production region is different and faces unique challenges, the concept of stewardship and sustainability has as many meanings as there are stakeholders. The USDA defines sustainable agriculture as "farming in such a way to protect the environment, aid and expand natural resources and to make the best use of nonrenewable resources."

Farmers representing all six classes of U.S. wheat agree and would expand upon that agronomic definition to include "farming in a way that sustains the economic viability of their family's operation to produce safe, wholesome wheat for the world, while ensuring the land is passed on in better condition for the next generation."

In addition to the video series, USW has gathered resources for global wheat buyers, flour millers, bakers and wheat food processors to promote a deeper understanding of how U.S.

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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and promotional text for Safe Step Walk-In Tub.

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

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Classic Toys

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and clues.

Consumer Cellular advertisement for \$25 off first month of new service.

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ACROSS

- 1. Sri Lankan language
6. Something to chew on, especially for cows
9. Mascara holder
13. Muscat resident
14. "___ Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
15. Father, colloquially
16. Jewish folklore creature
17. Debtor's letters
18. Art class prop
19. *Barbie's little sister
21. * ___ 4 game
23. One less than jack
24. * ___ Frog educational toy
25. Nutcracker's distinguishing feature
28. Taboo, alt. sp.
30. Cooking fat
35. Deserter's acronym
37. President's David
39. Shower accessory
40. Pro ___
41. Conical dwellings
43. Prep flour
44. *Thomas or Henry, e.g.
46. Law school test acronym
47. Genealogist's creation
48. Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
50. Flying saucers
52. Make mistakes
53. Chemically-induced curls
55. Harry Potter's Hedwig
57. *Certain Patch
61. *Not real dough
65. Normal

- 66. Clingy seed container
68. ___ - ___ -la
69. Theater curtain fabric
70. Put into service
71. Female deer, pl.
72. Pub offering
73. Goo on a trunk
74. What's in your e-wallet?

DOWN

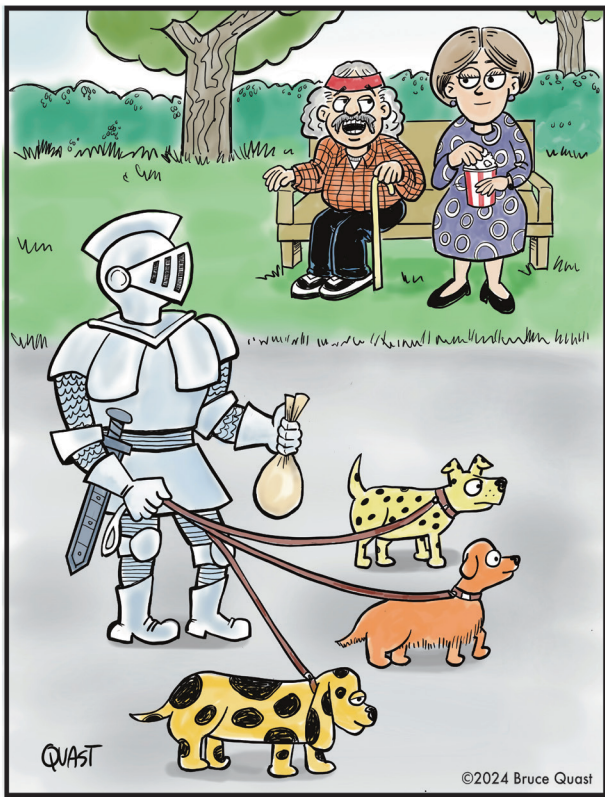
- 1. Duds or threads
2. Wildly
3. French Sudan after 1960
4. All thumbs
5. Marine gastropod
6. Coconut fiber
7. *Shedding-type card game
8. Tie in tennis
9. Shark's provision
10. Part of cathedral
11. Work detail
12. "Stop!" to marchers
15. Correspondence friend (2 words)
20. Make, as in a law
22. Edible type of grass
24. Complete payment (2 words)
25. *Banned lawn darts
26. Fully informed
27. Supreme Teutonic god
29. Get-out-of-jail money
31. Like Neverland boys
32. France's longest river
33. Bid on a house, e.g.
34. *Certain gun ammo
36. *Best ___ schemes o'Mice an' Men"
38. "La Vie en rose" singer

- 42. Counter seat
45. Flamethrower fuel
49. Party barrel
51. Saddle
54. Type of puzzle
56. Words in song, sing.
57. Intersection of two arcs
58. Ascus, pl.
59. "___ after reading"
60. Switch's partner
61. Get ready, for short
62. Comedian Carvey
63. Ford contemporary
64. Jumble
67. North American country

Small crossword puzzle grid.

Small crossword puzzle grid.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"You ever listen to Three Dog Night?"

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

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ROBERT F. LEITER, Deceased. CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-3 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on January 11, 2024, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in

this Court by Mary Leiter Swick. All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. *Mary Leiter Swick, Petitioner* Matthew W. Ricke Ricke & Ritche Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioner



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wheat farmers produce more and better-quality wheat while using methods that are better for a shared planet.

Watch episode 1 of "Stories of Stewardship" now and learn more about the series and wheat farmers' role as stewards of the land at <https://www.uswheat.org/stories-of-stewardship>. Future episodes will be released on January 24, February 7, February 21, March 6

and March 20.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Public Notice

(Published in the Cunningham Courier, January 25, 2024)

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, February 15, 2024, the Cunningham City Planning Commission will consider the following zoning applications at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N Main, in Cunningham, Kansas:

Case No. SU-24-01. Special use requested to establish a shipping container as a storage facility, in the R-1 Industrial District.

Legal description: S33, T27, R10W, SWCOR NW4 BEG N200 E270 SW1 Y70 SELY150 NELY120 E808.3 N808.3 W808.3 S770 NWLY140 SWL Y50 W280 S20 TO POB.

General location: 410 NW 170 Ave, Cunningham, Kansas

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the cases, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and consider recommendations to the Governing Body. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024

/s/ Molly Morgan Molly Morgan, Zoning Administrator Cunningham City Planning Commission

Public Notice

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CITY OF CUNNINGHAM Annual Financial Statement

FUND	January 1, 2023 Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	December 31, 2023 Balance
GENERAL	\$ 178,045.81	\$ 442,279.82	\$ 468,414.83	\$ 151,910.80
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$ 1,158.13	\$ 20,850.44	\$ 20,353.55	\$ 1,655.02
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,584.36	\$ 65,736.50	\$ 38,737.86	\$ 28,583.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$ -	\$ 12,551.57	\$ 12,551.57	\$ -
WATER UTILITY	\$ 39,749.03	\$ 149,867.26	\$ 129,465.91	\$ 60,150.38
SEWER UTILITY	\$ 33,048.62	\$ 71,730.31	\$ 93,695.12	\$ 11,083.81
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$ 16,030.11	\$ 11,926.78	\$ 24,875.00	\$ 3,081.89
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 39,874.01	\$ 65,194.72	\$ -	\$ 105,068.73
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$ 9,639.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,639.85
YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE	\$ 319,129.92	\$ 840,137.40	\$ 788,093.84	\$ 371,173.48

INDEBTEDNESS:

General Obligation Bond Series 2012 (Water System Improvements)	\$ 160,000.00
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan - Project #2929	\$ 254,458.19
Lease Purchase (Ford Super Duty Service Truck)	\$ 25,321.24
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS:	\$ 439,779.43

City of Cunningham Molly Morgan, City Clerk

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CITY OF ZENDA 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
General	\$ 400.52	\$ 33,157.58	\$ 29,930.12	\$ 3,627.98
Water	\$ 45,195.69	\$ 22,739.00	\$ 21,766.27	\$ 46,168.42
Sewer	\$ 30,482.31	\$ 12,066.52	\$ 7,679.33	\$ 34,869.50
Spec Parks & Rec	\$ 502.75	\$ 1,680.22	\$ 1,539.51	\$ 643.46
Spec Hwy	\$ 9,479.33	\$ 4,110.24	\$ 4,302.26	\$ 9,287.31
Fire	\$ 33,543.90	\$ 18,038.43	\$ 24,110.14	\$ 27,472.19
Library	\$ -	\$ 4,267.08	\$ 4,267.08	\$ -
Nox Weed	\$ 19.85	\$ (19.85)	\$ -	\$ -
EMS	\$ 660.92	\$ (383.42)	\$ 277.50	\$ -
City Improvement	\$ 21,774.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,774.44
Fire Activity Fund	\$ 17,418.17	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 17,438.17
ARPA	\$ 4,063.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,063.21
Water Res Fund (CD)	\$ 47,295.47	\$ 700.16	\$ -	\$ 47,995.63
TOTALS:	\$ 210,836.56	\$ 96,375.96	\$ 93,872.21	\$ 213,340.31

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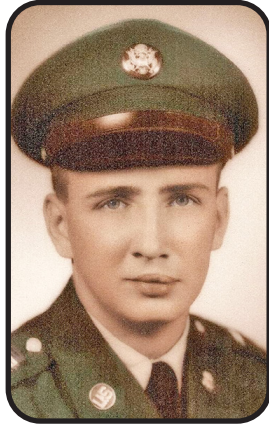
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Keith House

Cunningham - Keith William House, 84, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Medicalodge of Goddard. He was born on November 16, 1939 in Battle Creek, Nebraska to Harold David and E. Arlene (Nelson) House. Keith married Karolyn Kay (Gowler) House on June 4, 1961. They were married for 63 years.



Keith graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1957. He served in the United States Army with the Army Security Agency in Germany. He had many careers in his lifetime from farming, sales, school maintenance to hotshot delivery of campers. He was a former member of Cunningham Methodist Church, American Legion Post #114 and Honor Guard for Memorial Day as well as 4-H. He enjoyed woodworking, telling jokes, magic string tricks, attending his honor flight, and supporting his children's and grandchildren's athletics and activities.



He is survived by his wife, Kay House of Whitewater; children, Kim (Bob) Bartlett of Whitewater, Kevin (Laura) House of Bel Aire, Kerry Winans of Whitewater, Kristi (Tim) Bryan of Pipersville, Pennsylvania, Karla (Steve) Jimenez of Thornton, Colorado and Kent (Trisha Thome) House of Topeka; brother, Harold (Barb) House of Omaha, Nebraska; sister, Janice Koehn of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Melissa Bartlett, Trent Bartlett, Jaimie (Kutter) Bookout, Travis (Marisa) House, Cole Bryan, Kaylynn Bryan, Kylie Jimenez, Alyssa Jimenez, Coby Jimenez and Avery House; and great-grandchildren, Karter Buckett, Brixly Bookout, Beckham Bookout, Bowen Bookout, Everly House and Karson House.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral service was Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at Cunningham Methodist Church with Mike McGovney presiding. Burial with military honors followed at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham. Memorials may be made to Kansas Honor Flight in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Georgia VanLandingham

Georgia L. VanLandingham, 97, died Jan. 21, 2024 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman. She was born Dec. 25, 1926, at Kingman, the daughter of Claude and Myrtle Brock Brand. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, she was a retired bookkeeper for VanLandingham Brothers Water Service, Happiness, and the Kingman County Council on Aging.

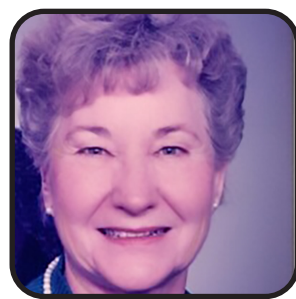
Georgia was a member of the Kingman Christian Church and the CWF. On Aug. 26, 1947, she married Robert VanLandingham; he died Dec. 12, 2005. Survivors include sons Robert and Samuel; daughter Stacy Hinderks and Sally Chapman; 4 grandsons; and 5 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers Jim and Gene; and sisters Virginia Doak and Norma Salmans.

Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 at the Kingman Christian Church. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Christian Church and the Kingman Library, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Lyna Dixon

Lyna Louise Stuart Dixon passed away January 16, 2024, at Wheatlands Health Care Center.



She was born April 8, 1925, in Kingman, KS, the daughter of Virgil Ray and Blanche Elizabeth Dotter Stuart. She married Ernest Gloyd Dixon on September 30, 1945. Virgil, and then Gloyd and Lyna, were longtime owners of Dixon's Hardware in Kingman, KS. Gloyd passed away May 21, 2016.

Lyna was an active member of the Kingman Methodist Church, the UMW guild, Quilters Club, Mothers Club, Mid Century Club, Hobby Club and Hospital auxiliary. A group of dear high school friends formed Epsilon, meeting and traveling annually for over 50 years.

Lyna and Gloyd were avid sports fans, supporting the Kingman Eagles and Wichita State University Shockers.

Lyna was also preceded in death by her parents; brother Ray (Jane), daughter, Teri and great grandson Elijah. She is survived by her sons Chris, Lance (Patricia), Todd (Nancy) and Stephen (Tammy); son in law Greg Harpool, thirteen grandchildren: Allen, Kristyn, Nathan, Jeanneane, Bonnie, Tyler, Ben, Anna, Kevin, Brenden, Emiline, Allyson and Reece; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Lyna was the last of her generation in both the Stuart and Dixon families.

Funeral services were held at the Kingman Methodist Church on January 20. Burial was in the Cleveland Cemetery.

Memorials have been established with the Kingman Methodist Church and Wheatlands Health Care Center both in care of the funeral home.

Betty Benson

Betty Irene (Pate) Benson, 92, Kingman, KS, left this life peacefully to be with her Lord Jesus on January 22, 2024, surrounded by loving family, after a courageous, two-year battle with cancer. She was born May 11, 1931, in McEwen TN, the first-born child of Claude R. Pate and Susie A. Pate.



She attended schools in Lobelville, TN until her senior year of high school, when her parents moved to Jennings, KS, and she graduated high school from there in 1949. She attended Kansas Wesleyan College, in Salina, KS where she earned her Kansas teaching certificate. Betty married her beloved husband of 56 years, Stanley E. (Bud) Benson on May 5, 1954, in Fort Eustis, VA. Betty began teaching elementary school in Norwich, KS and later in Murdock, KS, where her kind, caring nature made her a favorite teacher. Many of her students kept in touch with her into their adult lives. Betty and Bud bought a farm near Belmont, KS and built it into a large operation for the times. Eventually, they bought an insurance and real estate agency in Kingman, KS which became the successful, Benson Insurance and Real Estate Company. Betty enjoyed volunteering at the Kingman Community Hospital and Kingman Thrift Shop. She was a long-time member of the Kingman United Methodist Church. Betty was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed watching the KU Jayhawks, K-State Wildcats, Florida Gators, and most of all, the Kansas City Chiefs. Nothing was more important to Betty than her family, they were her world. Her three granddaughters were the apple of her eye, and the addition of a great granddaughter four years ago, simply made her ecstatic. Betty set an unmatched example for her children and grandchildren by living a tremendously full life, filled with love and laughter, travel, care, respect, dignity and grace. She was preceded in death by her father, Claude R., and mother, Susie A. Pate (Wilson), her husband Stanley E. (Bud) Benson and her brothers C. R. Pate and Edward Pate. She is survived by her son David C. Benson (Deb), son Douglass M. Benson (Andrea), daughter Angela Darcelle Welker (Ryan), granddaughters Danielle M. Benson, Jessica M. Swarts (Benson) and Jocelyn B. Welker, step-granddaughter Crystal Moots, (Austin), step-grandson Tyler Garten (Chessica) and great granddaughter Atlas R. Swarts.

Services will be held at Livingston Mortuary, Kingman, KS at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 24, at Livingston Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Kingman Community Hospital, Kingman, KS, or Wheatlands Health Care Center, Kingman, KS.

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