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## 4th Grade Presents 2024 Wax Museum

The 4th Grade put on their annual Wax Museum on Friday, April 26th, in the Cunningham High School gym. The 4th graders all worked extremely hard memorizing their parts and they had some amazing props. There were also some very interesting characters this year, we had some new ones that were different from the past. These 4th graders did an outstanding job.

This year we had a special guest attend our Wax Museum. Martina McBride's dad, Daryl Schiff, showed-up and surprised Jalynn McGuire, who was portraying Martina McBride in the Wax Museum.

On the Front row: (Left to Right) Wyatt Neywick - Charles Shultz, Jaxon Barber - Abraham Lincoln, Kingston Huffman - Eugene Sandow, Bentley Strohl - John Deere, Avery Kinsler - Betsy Ross, Justus Garnett - Princess Diana, Hazen Whitwell - Sacagawea,

Madison Burch - Beatrix Potter, Asher Bestgen - Wilt Chamberlain, Grady Green - Jackie Robinson, Bentlee Johnson - Kobe Bryant, Wesson Rohlman - Franklin Roosevelt, Mrs. Vahsholtz, Willow Preisser - Queen Elizabeth.

Second Row: (On Stage Left to Right) Bailey Theis - Dolly Parton, Elsie Ruckle - Anne Frank, Parker Miller - Amelia Earhart, Jalynn McGuire - Martina McBride.

submitted by Carrie Vahshotz



Daryl Schiff and Jalynn McGuire



## Approved Minutes from March City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 25, 2024 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

Present were Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Bart Rieke, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests present: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance; Roberta Thimesch, Cunningham Courier; Amanda King, Richard Mosshart, Leisa Mauch, Randy Thimesch, Jack Thimesch, Mike Schreck, Eric Ruckle, Leah Lawrence, and Leiter Avenue residents, Keith Neufeld, Sam Theis, Dan & Pat Theis, Ben Ross, Jill Kitson, Lois Becker, Eric Meyers, Janet Sterneker (and Shawna Sterneker.)

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Newell, second by

Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Rieke, to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

**Public Comments and Communications** - Amanda King asked questions pertaining to fencing materials. Jack Thimesch reported that the County would be overlaying the black top (Valley Street.)

**Fire Department** - Chief Stark reported that CFD responded to a pasture fire, a false alarm, and a Skellyville fire that burned approximately 12 acres. Chief Stark will have to replace one self-contained breathing apparatus after it failed during the annual testing by Municipal Emergency Services.

**Strong's Insurance** - Scott Strong gave the Governing Body more information regarding an add on cyber insurance policy from Cowbell Insurance Agency. Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to renew the EMC insurance policy excluding the EMC cyber insurance in the amount of \$57,459. Motion carried, 5/0. Motion by Schultz, second

by Ruckle, to purchase the Cowbell Cyber policy from Cowbell Insurance Agency. Motion carried, 5/0.

**Leiter Avenue** - Councilman Ruckle, Street Commissioner, updated Leiter Avenue residents on past grant processes and maintenance of that street. All attendees spoke and gave their opinions regarding making the street more functional.

**Request for Temporary Extension of Premises** - Leah Lawrence, South Fork Bar & Grill, requested a temporary extension of licensed premise to have live music on the north side of the South Fork building. Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the request for temporary extension on March 30, 2024 with the event ending by 10:30 p.m. Motion carried, 5/0. (Request is attached to minutes.)

**Leak Forgiveness** - Motion by Rieke, second by Schultz, to approve a \$63.25 credit to the account for 410 N Lincoln. Motion carried, 5/0.

**Workshop for Water Tower Maintenance Proposal** - Joan with Maguire Iron had requested a workshop with the Governing Body to pres-

ent more pricing information for water tower maintenance. Consensus of the Governing Body is to have Mesa, City Superintendent, continue to gather information from tank maintenance companies. No workshop scheduled.

**Maintenance Report** - Mesa left town for the KRWA Conference. His report is attached to the minutes.

**Financial Report** - Molly reported to the Council that SCTelcom was changing the due date for the bill, but would not be mailing them earlier. She requested that she be allowed to pay communications bills via Bill Pay on Ninescah Valley Bank's on-line banking. Motion by Rieke, second by Newell, to approve the SCTelcom and Brightspeed bills be paid via on-line banking with Bill Pay every month. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Rieke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

## Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 22, 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; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart and Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that the Kingman County Republican Committee met and Shawn Vredenburg was nominated as the Chairman, Julie Ziegler as the Vice-

Chair; Jamie Nichols as Secretary and Sarah Sales as Treasurer.

Chairman Henning discussed that he talked with Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer and others about the tax collection of Mr. Phillips who was in last week. The Commissioners discussed the situation and if you allow one you would have to allow others which cannot be done.

Commissioner Thimesch let the

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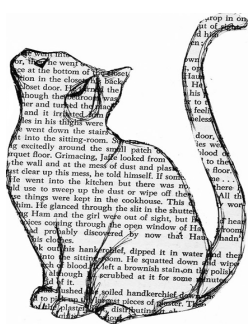


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Meanderings

There is WAAAY too much room left on this page for me to fill.... But I'll give it the ol' editor's try.

I tried to fit in another column after Gaille's, but I could not find one that would allow me the room left over to write anything for myself. Which sometimes is great, but I have some information for you, the readers who read this nonsense of a column.

A video some of us have seen on Facebook/TikTok/Instagram. A little girl is sitting in the backseat of a car. Her mother from off camera mentions that the little girl's birthday is the next day. And the little girl starts sobbing and wailing. The mom asks, "What is wrong?" and the little girl manages to breathe out between her wails of sorrow, "I don't want to be an adult!"

I wanted to laugh, except I was thinking how much I understood and sympathized with the young lady. I totally got it. Totally. I would like to sob and wail at times as well.

Remember being young, still in school, and you could barely wait to get out and be a real adult. Yeah, me, too. It seemed wondrous and satisfying to be an adult. I recently had a conversation with a high school student who 'just wanted that piece of paper so he could get out.' I told him not to rush it, adulting isn't all it's cracked up to be. He assured me he was ready. Poor soul. He's not.

As an adult there are so many things you can't rely on others to do. You just have to do them. When one crisis ends, another begins. Like dealing with Medicare issues and Social Security and the rising costs of postage and everything else.

And so it goes. A friend recently asked me if I had the whole Medicare/Social Security mess straightened out. I confidently assured him I did. Until this week. When I found

out it is NOT all straightened out. There appears to be another bend or two in the road.

I have to have blood work done every couple of months or so because of the medicines I am on for my auto-immune arthritis issue. Before I went to see my rheumatologist at the end of February, I went and had the lab work done so she can see that all was still okay with my systems.

I got the bill from the hospital for the blood work last week. It was a good thing I was sitting down when I opened that bill because it was quite surprised by the amount. My insurance didn't cover a bit of it, nor did they have any contractual write-offs. It was for the full amount. Nothing towards my deductible.... So today (Monday) I checked my "Explanation of Benefits" on the BC/BS form, and sure enough NOTHING was paid by the company. Not one bit. Then I see this little note under the explanation, "The patient is eligible for Medicare. Medicare must process this claim first. See the General Exclusions section of the

contract. If the claim has already been processed by Medicare, we need a copy of the Medicare Summary Notice."

I'm sure you heard my sigh.... It was certainly loud enough.

I swear I wanted to sob and wail, "I don't WANT to be an adult! I'm done!"

I did not sob and wail, but I did call the ACA Marketplace. The gentleman assured me all was well with them. There were several documents in my file stating that I was removed from the Medicare program. I was still enrolled with my insurance company. Then he suggested I call BC/BS and talked to someone there.

Thank goodness I got a nice young lady who was totally sympathetic to my plight. She said she would check into everything, it should get straightened out in about 10 days. Then she said they would review all my medical files since the first of the year and reissue the billing and information to the medical facilities. (Does this make sense... It's now Tuesday night a bit after 10, and I'm getting a bit

tired.) We shall see how this transpires. Other crises loom on the horizon, and I will have to deal with them.... Another day.

\*\* Eddie Fisher, my tail-less wonder. That guy. He watches me like a hawk. All day. Occasionally he heads outside to bask in the sunshine. If I get up though and walk into the kitchen, here he comes. Pacing around under my feet, hoping for a dropped morsel.

No matter how many times I have kicked him, and stepped on him, and tripped over him, and booted him and yelled at him, he still can't learn to just stay out from under my feet while I'm in the kitchen.

About 4:30 every evening he starts singing for his supper. He's so pathetic. His supper isn't even until 5:00 or later.

Sometimes during the day he comes and lays down with his chin resting on my shoe here under the desk. I guess he wants to make sure he knows when I get up and head to the kitchen. Other times he lays on the end table by my desk or on a chair close by. I get up, he

gets up. I go to the kitchen, he goes to the kitchen. He is waaaay worse than the dog. At the least the dog waits until I crinkle some plastic wrapper or I open the fridge. But even when I open the fridge and Eddie Fisher is there begging for a handout, Ol' Quin just waits to see what I'm getting ready to fix. He found out it's not worth the effort if I'm just pouring myself a glass of tea. Which is usually what I'm doing.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Where the Mountain Meets the Moon," by Grace Lin, Roberta

"Before Medicaid and Medicare existed, writes the American politician and former doctor Ron Paul, 'every physician understood that he or she had a responsibility towards the less fortunate, and free medical care for the poor was the norm'."

— Matt Ridley, The Evolution of Everything: How New Ideas Emerge

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Our ducks and chickens have taken to putting themselves to bed the moment darkness falls. All they need me is to batten the coop hatch door with my opposable thumbs. If I find they're straw-pillow fighting when I look in on them, I call on Ringo to sing them to sleep. After the poultry bed-check I say to the cats waiting for me outside, "Let's go home,"

signaling to them the day is ending, too. But the other night, my sentinels were not in sight and I should have known something was amiss. However, I had no clue my night was far from over until I walked in the house and found the cats in a hallway standoff with a bunny named Tarlek.

I recall the scene vividly, me towering over it all. My cats sitting in a semi-circle sphynx-like. And poor twitching-nosed Tarlek backed up against the wall, not even half their size. We didn't stay frozen like that long but I had enough time to

think three things: "glad it's not a snake", "glad it's alive" and "somebody's gotta get that bunny away from the cats."

The rescue mission is a BLUR in my mind because what happened next was a CHASE. There was thumping and bumping. While I tried to stay out of the way I alternated between yelling "Cats, No!" and cooing "It's okay little bunny." After cornering Tarlek in a bathroom, my out-of-breath ACO/ERT (animal control officer/emergency rabbit technician) scooped Tarlek up. And before we shut him in a shoebox, we were

able to look him over. Tarlek's terrified demeanor was understandable. But aside from the fright, he was unscathed except for an M&M-sized, fire-engine red spot on his backside where Tarlek was missing fur. Clearly, one of the cats had gotten a mouth on him.

Our bunny quieted down now that he was safe from the cats. And after we'd held him two or three times and discussed his future, we started calling our captive, Bunny Tarlek. It wasn't my idea to name him after WKRP's Herb Tarlek's daughter's name. But it was better to call

him Tarlek than Charmin, which was my lame suggestion.

Tarlek did not run from us nor did he shrink from our touch that night. So we decided we wanted his M&M wound to heal and off to our barn of a shed we all went. Yes, even the cats came along. Though we found their motives suspicious, we allowed them to help from a distance as we hodge-podged together a bunny-brooder.

I knew it was too soon to think of Tarlek as an addition to the family. But that didn't stop me from singing him to sleep or before I closed my

eyes, imagining how fun it would be to have him as a pet. But the next morning, it was clear that the right thing to do was to let him go. Tarlek had recovered from shock, eaten a plate of lettuce and wanted nothing more to do with any of us.

The brush pile where we released him no longer seems such an eyesore. And every time I see it, I think of the bunny named Tarlek.

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

Poetry from Daily Life: It's OK if you Poetry From Daily Life

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

don't know where you're going

By Eric Ode

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Eric Ode, who lives with his lovely wife and his lazy cat in the little maritime community of Port Townsend, Washington. Eric says he enjoys a life full of commas — author, poet, songwriter, educator, jazz piano player. His poems have appeared in dozens of anthologies and on a Grammy nominated and a Grammy award-winning album. Eric's latest children's books include "Stop That Poem!" and "Otters, Snails and Tadpole Tails: Poems from the Wetlands" (Kane Miller Books). When asked for a unique fact about himself, Eric confided that he was once a street busker (performer) in Belfast ("for about seven minutes.")

~ David L Harrison

Destination Unknown

I'M NOT LOST. I'M EXPLORING.

Maybe the entire creating process is right there in that clever bumper sticker. Five words and the truth. You could sandwich them between two book covers and set them on the shelf labeled "The Craft of Creating."

Creating begins with a hunger for exploration. And no creation can happen unless we are brave enough to set out while not fully knowing our destination.

I am constantly having to remind myself that this is true. I have a stubbornness (or an insecurity) that wants everything laid out on the table. A map with Point A labeled in bright red marker. Roads clearly highlighted, leading directly to Point B. Okay, now I'm ready to begin.

But the muse — or at least my muse — rarely lays things out so completely. And so, I often avoid creating because I'm not entirely sure where the poem or story or song is going.

It reminds me of my teaching years. While I was still an elementary classroom teacher, I became comfortable — maybe too comfortable — with the idea that every lesson should have a clear learning objective — a SWBAT (Students Will Be Able To). SWBAT label the water cycle. SWBAT identify key words in a math story problem. SWBAT identify a story's setting.

Now, when I'm in the classroom, it's as a visiting author/poet. And, thankfully, it has become much easier for me to accept the truth: The journey will reveal the destination. I enter believing that the best learning and the best, most unexpected results happen when the target is a little fuzzy. No, I don't go into a classroom with zero idea of what we are going to accomplish. That's a recipe for disaster! Clear expectations are still

hugely important. But it's the path and even, in many ways, the destination that I've learned to release. I've learned to keep my eyes and ears open for where a session organically takes us. Many of the best ideas only reveal themselves when they see we've put faith in the process. One image will build upon another. One word will spark a brilliant theme.

And that's where we return to our own writing and creating. How do we begin? By beginning; by exploring. Where will we end up? Somewhere we could never have expected.

THIS POEM BEGINS

This poem begins in the usual way, with paper and pen, and with little to say. Just paper and pen and some stammering thoughts; my head in a muddle, my courage in knots. But this is the part where an image drifts by. I hold it, consider it, give it a try. Not bad, I decide, but it's only a start. I search for the music, the meaning, the heart. Now here's where I struggle and worry and fight and work with a faith it will all come out right. And here's where it ends, as it so often does; a poem — a SOMETHING where nothing once was.

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Community Bulletin Board


<b>Thursday, May 2</b> Athletic and Awards Banquet	<b>Sunday, May 12</b> Mother's Day 
<b>Friday, May 3</b> HS Track at Bucklin	<b>Monday, May 13</b> 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting
<b>Monday, May 6</b> Senior Sneak Day *** 7:00 p.m. PreK - 5th grade Music Program	<b>Tuesday, May 14</b> Grade School Awards Program
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b> Lions Club Meeting	<b>Wednesday, May 15</b> 6:30 T-Ball at Lions Park
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b> 6:30 T-Ball at Lions Park	<b>Thursday, May 16</b> Last Day of School Early Dismissal
<b>Thursday, May 9</b> HS Track at Pretty Prairie *** JH Track at Pretty Prairie	<b>Wednesday, May 8</b> 6:30 T-Ball at Lions Park
<b>Friday, May 10</b> 9:00 a.m. Senior walk halls *** 10:00 a.m. Graduation practice 8:00 p.m. Graduatoin	<b>Friday, May 17</b> Teacher In-Service *** Regional Track Meet at Greensburg
	<b>Friday, May 24</b> State Track Meet at WSU
	<b>Saturday, May 25</b> HS State Music


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Wildlife Update

Join Kingman County K-State Research and Extension and Kingman County Conservation District for a Coffee Shop Talk on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the NRCS Shed, South of the USDA building (1137 US-54, Kingman, KS 67068) for a Wildlife Update. For this meeting, we will have Drew Ricketts, Extension Wildlife Specialist, give a Wildlife Update, from Managing predation/Coyote Control to Upland Bird and Deer Management, and discuss some resources his team can offer. Bring your questions, discussion, and let's talk about wildlife! Thank you to the Kingman County Conservation District for making this event possible. Contact the Extension Office 620-532-5131 for more information or with questions.

Motorcycle Safety is Everyone's Concern

TOPEKA – As the weather gets warmer, motorists can expect an increase in motorcycle traffic. With May being Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Kansas Department of Transportation and The Drive To Zero Coalition emphasize that cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on the state's highways.

Preliminary 2023 Kansas crash data show there were 41 fatalities in 40 fatal crashes involving motorcycles. This represents a downward trend in motorcycle deaths

in the state since 2020 when 65 people died in 62 fatal crashes, according to Gary Herman, KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager.

"But the goal is to avoid crashes altogether," Herman said. "This requires both vehicle drivers and motorcyclists to pay close attention to the road and their surroundings while following traffic laws."

The Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month campaign aims to increase awareness and promote safety measures for motorcyclists and motorists alike. KDOT and The DTZ Coalition emphasize the importance of being attentive and alert to the presence of motorcycles on city, urban and rural streets

Lions Club Continues to Help with Kenyan Water Wells

The Cunningham Lions Club has been instrumental in raising money to help dig water wells in Kenya, Africa. Thus far, they have raised the funds to dig two good wells in the area around the village of Kitue. Before the wells, the people were walking many miles a day to haul water in 5 gallon containers to their homes. Through the generosity of previous donors and gifts from caring people, the 3,000+ people in this area have clean water wells to help with their water needs, and not muddied water holes from which they drew water.

The Lions Club has the money raised to go towards a third well for the people in villages close by Kitue. They would like to continue with raising money for this third well.

If you would like to contribute funds, send a check to Cunningham Lions Club, P.O. Box 95, Cunningham, Ks 67035. Designate your funds to go to "Kenyan Water Project".

and highways.

Tips for drivers:  
· Yield to motorcyclists especially while turning at intersections.

· Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

· Allow more follow distance when behind a motorcycle.

· Allow motorcycles the full width of a lane at all times.

Tips for motorcyclists:

· Wear personal protective gear and a DOT-compliant helmet. High visibility gear will help you be seen.

· Take a motorcycle safety course and keep your bike well maintained.

· Don't ride in the blind spots of motor

vehicles.

· Drive and ride defensively.

"Judgement for all drivers is compromised if driving impaired, and speeding increases chances of fatal crashes," Herman said. "But when these crashes involve a motorcyclist, the consequences can be even worse. Motorcyclists don't have seat belts, air bags or the inside of a vehicle to cushion the blow."

For more information on motorcycle safety for motorcyclists and drivers, visit <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/motorcycle-safety>.

Mickey Mantle Moments

By Mike Johnson  
Three score & ten years ago, thousands of American boys ran their grubby fingers through the dust of destiny.

For a fleeting instant, they held a 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball card. That Topps card, in Mantle's rookie year, in pristine condition, is now worth north of \$10 million.

Many of these boys also owned a 1952 Schwinn Black Phantom

& stole a clothespin from their moms.

They unknowingly faced a momentous moment of decision.

Save the card for future enjoyment?

Or sacrifice it for the soothing ruffle of cardboard flapping against rear bicycle spokes?

Most chose the spokes.

Only three pristine, 1952 Mantle cards still exist.

The 1952 bicycles are more common. They're valued at \$695.

Rarity creates value. The rarity of things. The rarity of decisions. The

rarity of perspective.

The "dust of destiny" lies dormant in each instant. The same hands that put \$10M cards in spokes could perform brain surgery.

Our decisions germinate those instants & determine what grows. We can't see the future. But with perspective, we can eyeball its trajectory.

Each instant sows a new crop of circumstances.

What if every instant is as momentous as holding a Mantle card and a clothespin?

"A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide."  
— Mickey Mantle

"Somebody once asked me if I ever went up to the plate trying to hit a home run. I said "sure, every time".  
— Mickey Mantle



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**1934**

May 4 – Maud School, taught by Miss Josephine Shafer, closed the current term last Thursday with the usual last-day-of-school program and dinner with all the trimmings.

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Hotel Roberts in Pratt last Saturday evening.

Bob Krug won second place in the 440-yard dash at the Sterling Relays last Saturday.

**1939**

May 5 – Bill Bradley won the singles championship and Leroy Carter and Don Huhman teamed to win the doubles championship in the annual Kingman County League Tennis Tournament held at Nashville, Tuesday.

Postmaster Roy Wetherall announced this week that the Cunningham Post Office ranked eighth among third class post offices in Kansas in the sale of United States Savings Bonds and Stamps during 1938. Total sales at the local office were \$25,200.00.

Sunny Slope School, taught by Miss Esther McGovney, Hardscrabble School, taught by Miss Eugenia Crow, Union Star School, taught by Harold McPeck, and Fairview School, taught by Mrs. Francis Dafforn, have closed the school year, and patrons of the districts have been enjoying last-day-of-school celebrations.

Everett Shelton, son of Mrs. Lillian Poland of this city, has been named Head Basketball Coach at the University of Wyoming this week. He was formerly coach of the Phillips 66 Oilers, National A. A. U. Champions.

**1944**

May 1944 – publication suspended during WW II.

**1949**

May 6 – The Wildcats track team won only one first place in the annual Kingman County League Track Meet held Wednesday at Kingman, and finished fourth behind Zenda, Norwich, and Belmont. Cunningham’s medley relay team, Billy Huffman, Richard Hazlett, Howard Elrod, and Bob Urban, won that event in the time of four minutes flat.

Cunningham’s Billy Huffman and Jerry Schafer placed first and third in the singles competition in the league’s annual tennis tournament held here Monday. The Wildcats doubles team, Jack Watkins and Norman Zrubek, and Bobby Urban and Donald Theis, placed one-two in that division.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Schnittker and family of the St. Leo community, moved to Cunningham this week.

The grade school’s mixed softball team and midget softball team won the grade school championship in their respective divisions at the annual tournament held in Kingman last Thursday.

**1954**

May 6, 1954 – The Boy Scouts of the Quivera Council of Wichita, proved that their resourcefulness and knowledge of outdoor life learned in their Boy Scout work was of great value to them at their annual Boy Scout Camporee held at the Kingman County State Lake near Calista last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Over three hundred scouts and leaders from this district were present at the camporee and stuck it out despite miserable weather throughout the weekend, which included hail, rain, and cold weather.

**1959**

May 7 – Rainfall totaling almost four inches fell in the Cunningham community, Monday afternoon, evening, and throughout the night.

The driving rain was accompanied by gusty winds and a bit of hail, and this entire area of the state was alerted for possible tornadic action during the storm.

A tornado was reported in the air near Waldo, west of Cairo, and considerable damage was done by high winds in and near Cairo and at the Archie Scott farm northwest of Cunningham.

Mike Schnittker returned home a week ago Tuesday from Great Falls, Mont., where he had been taking the car to his son Lennie.

Lennie is a pitcher in professional baseball for the Great Falls team in the Pioneer League.

While in Great Falls, Mr. Schnittker attended a game between Great Falls and Billings, Mont. The temperature was a cool Montana 40 degrees, and despite a heavy coat and additional clothing, Mike said he was still cold even with numerous cups of hot coffee.

He returned home by plane on Tuesday with Lennie expected to pitch the Wednesday night game. Since his return home, a letter has been received from Lennie saying he pitched and won his first professional baseball game, but got his biggest thrill when he smashed a triple in his first time at bat in the game.

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the High School Library, last Saturday evening.

**1964**

May 7 – Two Cunningham Rural High School boys, Lowell Gridley and Dennis Young, and a Kingman Rural High School girl, Linda Brown, won first, second, and third, respectively, in the Kingman Rod-E-O at Kingman last Saturday, sponsored annually by the Kingman Jaycees.

Seventeen teen-age drivers were entered in the rod-e-o, which involves driving an automobile about virtually an “obstacle” course.

The response to the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday, was the best Cunningham has ever had, with 59 pints of blood received.

Six new names were added to the list of donors giving blood for the first time. They included Mrs. Ethel Dunn, Ralph Baber, Paul Burris, James Lupo, Mrs. Eugene Freund, and Mrs. Chet Spade.

Among the two-gallon donors were Robert Stillwell Jr. of Penalosa, and Lawrence Oeding of Zenda, while one-gallon donors included Herman J. Rohling, Benny Lee Bock, Richard M. Molitor, Mrs. Dick Strohl, August Meyers, Mrs. Billie Delores Henman, Mrs. Alva Hellar, and Kathleen Cummings of Wichita, Red Cross Field Representative.

**1969**

May 8 – The Service of Dedication of the carillon bells was conducted at the United Methodist Church in Cunningham, Sunday afternoon, May 4, at 3:00 o’clock, and attended by a large crowd.

The program included the prelude by Organist Mrs. Bill Bradley, followed by the hymn, “God of Our Fathers,” and the responsive reading, led by Rev. Henry G. Dutcher, and concluded with the Gloria Patri.

Rev. Dutcher gave the prayer of dedication, after which the church choir sang, “When Thou Prayest.” Bill Bradley, in behalf of Mrs. Burnett, presented the memorial plaque to the church. Accepting for the church was Frank Cain Jr., Chairman of the Official Board. Mrs. Bradley played the carillon dedicatory hymn, after which Rev. Dutcher gave the prayer of acceptance.

Linda Cain sang “I Was a Tree,” followed by the prayer of remembrance by Fr. Eugene Robl, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church. The service was concluded with the girls’ ensemble singing “Peace I Leave With You,” and the benediction by Rev. Dutcher, and the postlude by Mrs. Bradley.

Cheerleaders for next year were elected this week at Cunningham High School.

The “A” team cheerleaders are Bonnie Albers, Kris Sheldon, Rogene Cooley, and Kathy Sallee. The “B” team cheerleaders are Jill Rose, Barbie Cornelius, and Mary Ann Albers.

Gene Albers was elected President of the Student Council for the 1969-70 school year.

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**1974**

Thursday, May 9 - A car, owned by Mrs. Inez Lewis, apparently forgot it was parked Friday as it rolled across the street and into the front of Dafforn Appliances. Considerable damage was done to the store front and the accident as investigated by the Kingman County Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Albers had a housewarming party on May 3, 1974, for their friends who helped build their home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Albers, Steve, Marilyn, Nancy and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rottering, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Albers, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wegerer and Kevin, Miss Pat Holcomb, Mr. Henry Kerschen, Mr and Mrs. Jack Crick, and Mr. Jim Thome.

Joseph A. Theis, Foreman II for the Skelly Oil Company here, is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> year of service anniversary with the company this month. He will receive a diamond studded pin as a service award.

Theis joined Skelly’s exploration and production department May 5, 1944, as a roustabout at Cunningham, Ks. He held positions of increasing responsibility before being named production foreman in 1968. He has held his present position in

Cunningham since January 28, 1974.

A graduate of Cunningham High School, Theis is a U.S. Navy veteran. He is a member of the Catholic Church and enjoys all types of sports during his leisure time.

Theis and his wife, Rita, who have been residing in Cunningham since January, will be moving to their new mobile home in Chase this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Theis have three sons, Dennis, Danny, and David.

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**1979**

May 10 -Time is running out to get reservations in for the first Alumni Gathering ever of Cunningham High School on May 26, 1979 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium for all graduates, former students and teachers.

On Mothers’ Day, learn about love from the most experienced people in the world. The people in our nursing home.

Beginning Mothers’ Day, May 13, our home celebrates National Nursing Home week, with festivities for the whole neighborhood to enjoy.

Come share an hour or an afternoon, with us. To talk. To listen. To visit old friends, or make new ones.

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National Nursing Home Week is May 13 – 20.

The GGPL track meet was held May 4 at Mullinville with the Cunningham Wildcats walking away with a team total of 119 points. Other team standings were Norwich with 81, Bucklin with 76, Nashville-Zenda with 71, Sharon with 70, Skyline with 45, Haviland with 13 and Lewis with 7.

A new league record was established in the 2 mile relay by Cunningham with a winning time of 8:39.9. Members of this relay team were Joe Strohl, Mike Beat, Troy Rohr, and Wade Ruckle.

Cheerleaders for the new year have been elected as follows: A-Team Kerry Welch and Stacy Schnittker co-head cheerleaders, Gayla Golden and Pam Simon. B Team cheerleaders are Lisa Spade, head, Penni Walters and Bobbi Ross.

May 10, 1984 – Ashley Marie has been the name chosen for the 6 lb. 12 oz baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Depenbusch, Cunningham, at the Kingman Community Hospital on April 17 at 8:19 a.m. Ashley has three older brothers Cory, 8, Jarrod, 7 and Lucas 3.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck, Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Depenbusch, Nashville. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Petz, Pratt, Mrs. Mary Depenbusch, Anthony, and Mrs. Grace Rosenhammer of Conway Springs.

The Board of Directors of the Cunningham Community Center is proud to announce that the new building is debt free. The auction on May 5 enabled us to pay off our remaining debts and gave us 1,000.00 in our bank account.

Actual money invested in the facility to date is 49,150.00. This does not include the tables, chairs, and paneling which were donated by the American Legion.

Nineteen seniors, accompanied by 2 sponsors, Mrs. Eva Cundiff, and Mr. Warren Meireis, left Cunningham at 8:15 on Monday, May 7 for the annual Skip Day to Wichita.

After enforcing themselves with donuts at Kingman, they continued on their journey to the Fun Center at Wichita. There the group enjoyed bowling, pool, and video games until 11:30, then they went to Kellogg Buck Furniture Store where the girls received small Lane cedar chests, given by this store to senior girls as a graduation present.

The group went on to Towne East, where they were free to eat and shop until 5:00.

Supper time found them at Chi Chi’s and The Red Lobster, where they divided to eat supper.

Movie time was next on the agenda and the group had a choice of “Children of the Corn” , “Hard Bodies”, and “Police Academy” offered at Towne West.

The Seniors arrived home at 11:00 after an enjoyable, if exhausting day.

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**at the museum)**

**Changed**

By Stephen Kimball

There he was again, just as I thought he might be. I could see him as I pulled in off the street. On this day, he wore khakis with a plain yellow short-sleeved button-down shirt and the hat. The clothes may change, but as long as I've seen him here, the hat remains the same. A stylish light brown fedora with a dark brown band around it.

At first, I figured him homeless, looking for a handout, sitting there on the bench outside the grocery store with his "Jesus loves you" sign. For months I've seen him just sitting there, sometimes reading a book or the newspaper. Sometimes, more and more it seems, engaged in conversation

with someone. I frequent this store enough that he recognizes me, I think, although before today we had never spoken more than a polite greeting as I passed.

I can't explain it very well, but as time went by, each time I would see him, something tugged at my heart. I had surmised by now that he was probably not homeless, because he was clean and clean-shaven. He wore a wedding band and his skin was wrinkled but soft, not rough like those haggard on the streets.

His easy blue eyes and genuine smile drew me. I had once heard him chatting with a woman, there on the bench, and he had such a hardy yet sweet laugh, it reminded me of my own grandfather. He has something,

I thought... Something I don't have. Something I can't quite put my finger on, but it is something that I want.

I parked in my usual area, the far corner of the parking lot, as to protect my new truck from getting all dinged up by any old car doors carelessly being flung about. There to pick up a few things for dinner, I got way more than I bargained for.

Cane in one hand, as if he might wrap it around me and gently draw me in like a shepherd would a sheep, had I not come on my own volition.

"Young man", he beckoned as I approached.

In addition to his cane, he was armed with that smile and those eyes. Eyes full of...peace, and love and compassion. I had seen it before, that's

what drew me, but it wasn't until today that I recognized it for what it was.

"I've been wondering when I might see you again, Zack. Come over and take a load off. Thought we might finally have a conversation."

I was somewhat speechless in my surprise. "How do you...?"

"I know a lot more than you might think", he said with a wry grin, as he pointed to the embroidered name on the front of my uniform.

A little embarrassed, I sat down on the bench opposite him. His appearance was about as non-threatening as it could possibly be. I imagined this moment would be uncomfortable, but his calm demeanor set me at ease right away. And I

knew it was our time.

"What's the sign all about?", I asked.

"Name's Carter... Sam Carter. Nice to meet you, Zack."

Glancing at his watch, he says, as if it were perfectly normal, "It's almost 6:00 pm. What do you say we go over to that Chinese place, get some dinner and I'll answer all your questions?"

As odd as it was, I felt humbled by the invitation, privileged even to finally get to know this man, if but for just a little while, personally. I am convinced this wasn't chance. God had been preparing me for this. Sam too, I suppose. While he dined, I soaked up this man's love for Jesus, and I felt, love for me. I had found in Sam what it was that I wanted,

what I had been missing.

I was filled that night with the peace and love and grace of the Lord, introduced to Jesus by this familiar stranger willing to reach out in a Chinese restaurant. What joy had come upon me, I knew change had come on the inside and with that, things had to change on the outside as well. There had been too much taking and not enough giving on my part for way too long. Amends would have to be made.

The following day I arrived at work, flipped the sign on the door over to "Open", and entered to the sound of the bells clanging against one another. It was a new day, a new beginning.



**Dreams**

By Em Bonja

In the first wake of morn  
The half-dream slips away.  
It leaves quietly and quickly  
As I reach for it to stay.

It flies on gossamer wings  
Too swift to be restrained.  
I mourn this silent loss  
That can never be regained.

It is the same with dreams of day,  
Except they leave more slowly.  
They just grow ever fainter  
As we look the other way.

I want to soar again  
And dance among the stars.  
Is it only those of youth  
Who call to earth from afar?

**Ghosted**

By Donna Martelli

When someone you believe cares about you, whether a friend or someone you are dating, disappears from contact without any explanation, it is called "ghosting."

When I experienced this phenomenon, I did not know what was happening. Not only did it cause a significant loss in my heart, but it was also genuinely devastating to my confidence and self-esteem. Perhaps if you know of it, the blow will not hit you as hard

as it did me, should you ever encounter it. What follows is my own true story.

For several years, I had a deep friendship with a fantastic lady with whom I worked. We considered ourselves "adopted sisters." Never having had a sister, I followed her lead. She leaned on me, and I relied on her. We shared food, time, ideas, dreams, prayers, secrets, you name it. This is what sisters do, right? I loved her dearly. I even withheld some of my stronger convictions from her to cushion her and gently flow with her. We talked daily and discussed thoughts, ideas, and plans.

Then, one day, she didn't call me or answer my calls, and then another, and another. She cut me off: no texts, no emails, nothing. My heart broke into a million pieces. What had I done wrong? Was it something I did or said? I mentally reviewed the many aspects of our relationship, but nothing I could lay a finger on could have caused her to reject me

so dramatically.

Why did she do this? Was it my fault?

From past conversations, I knew my friend (ex-sister now) could never have a romantic relationship because she was afraid to let anyone be that close to her. She felt that a partner would demand too much of her. I believe that attitude, ingrained in her from childhood, was why she ghosted me.

My problem was taking the rejection into my soul, spirit, and body. I was ill for several weeks because of it. I questioned myself intensely. Even though I knew of her relationship issues, I still felt deflated. I also felt my flaw was too significant to be healed. Then, anger fueled my strength. She had been rude indeed! Perhaps I had depended on her too much. Hebrews 13:6 (NLT) tells us that only One is a dependable helper and the only One at that.

"The LORD is my helper,  
so I will have no fear.  
What can mere people

do to me?"

I confronted my friend when she finally answered my calls. She sounded distant, not like the sister I knew so well. She seemed to have no care at all for me.

Putting a name to rejection and realizing her fear did help the pain subside on a mental level. She and I decided to be "just friends," but that did not work well after our closeness dissolved.

I thought about it way too much. Eventually, I forgave her, but that does not mean I could ever trust her again. And, you know what, that is okay!

With perfect hindsight, I gained insight into what had transpired. I accepted the positive elements of the relationship, but it was time to move on. I hope you are forewarned and wiser in your relationships because of what you have learned of mine. I wish you love, joy, and peace always.



**Catholic Churches**

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9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



**Church of Christ**

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**First Christian Church**

**Cunningham**  
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00  
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Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
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**United Methodist Church**

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**Cunningham**  
Worship 10:45 a.m.

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**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)

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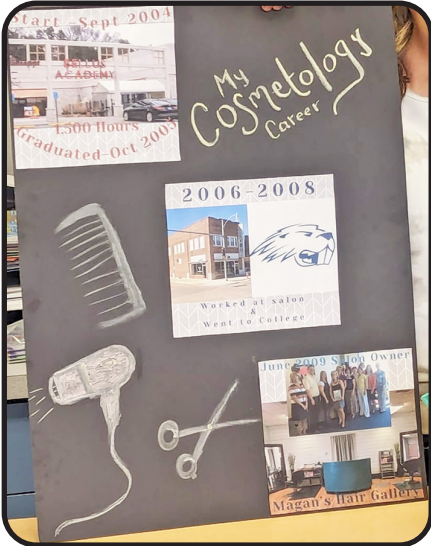
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**Second Graders Invite More Community Helpers to Visit**

submitted by Ingrid Ricke

Thank you, Magan Becker from Magan's Hair Gallery, for teaching us about your cosmetology job and explaining what you do as a business owner and your journey to get there. We enjoyed seeing your products and the demonstration you did. We learned there is a lot of science, art, and math involved with all you do. Thank you also for the goody bag. We appreciate the time and dedication you took in teaching our class about cosmetology. Thank you!



*Hadlie Tyler invited Magan Becker to present her hair styling program.*



*Magan Becker shows the class a hair coloring technique.*



*Gracelyn Becker invited City Clerk, Molly Morgan to talk to the 2nd graders about her job.*

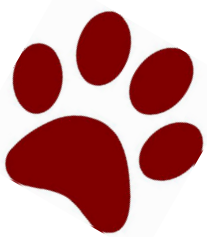


*Molly Morgan poses with the 2nd graders and their new totes, courtesy of Nisly Brothers Trash Service.*

Thank you Molly Theis Morgan for teaching us all about your job and duties as the City Clerk. In addition, Molly is the Cunningham Municipal Court Clerk, in charge of the Zoning committee, and the city pool manager. She explained all the forms and math used with each resident's water/trash bill and how the meters work. We appreciate the time Molly took in teaching us and we appreciate the goodie bags she got for us from Nisly Trash Services. Thank you Molly!



*Molly Morgan demonstrates how the cover of the water meter is removed so the meter can be read.*



*Carson Burch invited Max Wegerer to talk to the class, and Max brought Tyler Beat, who is also a volunteer firefighter!*

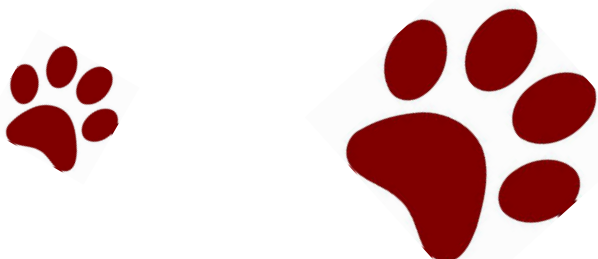


*Tyler Beat demonstrates how firefighters turn on the water hydrants.*



*Max Wegerer shows the students how the hose sprays for fighting fires.*

Thank you to volunteer firemen Max Wegerer and Tyler Beat for teaching the class all about your job today. We enjoyed learning about everything you do and seeing all of your equipment, tools, and the firetruck. The kids loved spraying the water and sitting in your firetruck. We appreciate the time you devoted to our class and thank you for your service to our community.



# School Spotlight on Future Farmers of America Club



Molly Morgan photos

Janet Sterneker  
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Jack Ruckle Takes 2nd at Claffin Meet

Congratulations to the Cunningham powerlifters at Kansas Eight Man Football Associations powerlifting meet held at Claffin, KS. -Coach Eric Kerschen



Class	Results	Overall
198	Jack Ruckle Bench 315 Squat 475 Clean 285 Total 1,075	2
PW	Kyra Morgan Bench 155 Squat 305 Clean 155 Total 615	3
HW	Trent Schnittker Bench 275 Squat 425 Clean 280 Total 980	5
181	Stephen Kerschen Bench 245 Squat 360 Clean 255 Total 860	5
220	Rick King Bench 240 Squat 310 Clean 190 Total 740	12



Wheat Scoop: National Wheat Yield Contest: Entries Open Until May 15

Catch a break from Mother Nature with moisture this winter? Have a sweet spot with an excellent stand thanks to perfect planting and growth conditions? Kansas Wheat encourages growers with renewed enthusiasm for this year's harvest to enter the ninth annual National Wheat Yield Contest, which is accepting entries now until May 15 for winter wheat categories.

"We are so thrilled to launch this new website where contestants will find it easier to enter, even using their cell phones," said Anne Osborne, NWF yield contest director, in a press release. "The data analysis is improved on this new website, so we can continue to share production practices that lead to winning yields and top quality."

The National Wheat Yield Contest is organized by the National Wheat Foundation. The 2024 categories include irrigated winter wheat, dryland winter wheat, ir-

rigated spring wheat and dryland spring wheat. The contest will name 26 national winners, including state winners. All national winners will receive a trip to the 2025 Commodity Classic to be held March 2-4, 2025, in Denver.

Contest fields must be at least five continuous acres planted with professionally produced, certified, branded and newly purchased wheat seed. The field must be verified by a third-party supervisor during harvest of the contest field. Entries cost \$100, with vouchers available from contest sponsors.

Contest rules also require growers to retain a 10-pound sample of grain from their entry, which will be milled, baked and evaluated for quality if the entry places nationally. For each class, the three highest ranking samples for quality will be recognized and awarded an additional \$250.

In last year's contest, William Noll of Winchester had the top yields for both dryland and irrigated winter wheat categories. His dryland entry of AgriMaxx 516 soft red winter wheat yielded 103.99 bushels per acre, while his irrigated entry of AgriMaxx 505 soft red winter wheat yielded 121.1 bushels per acre. Second prize in the state's dryland win-

ter wheat category was awarded to Matt Grabbe of Hays with a sample of WestBred WB4792 that yielded 79.18 bushels per acre, the same variety with which he won third place in the previous year's contest.

Partnering sponsors for the 2024 National Wheat Yield Contest in-

clude WestBred, John Deere, BASF, U.S. Wheat Associates, The McGregor Company, Croplan, Limagrain, Ardent Mills, AgriMaxx, Bushel, DynaGro, Eastman, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, Mennel, North Carolina Small Grains, Ohio Corn &

Wheat, Siemer Milling Company, USG, Grain Craft, Kansas Wheat, Miller Milling, Montana Grain Growers Association, ND Mill & Elevator and PlainsGold. DTN/Progressive Farmer is the competition's official media outlet.

Growers have until May 15 to submit

their entries. Enter the National Wheat Yield Contest or learn more about the contest at: [wheatcontest.org](http://wheatcontest.org) Kansas entrants must be members in good standing of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, so renew your membership today at [kswheat.com/](http://kswheat.com/) KAWG.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	
Traffic Stop	2
Civil Standby	400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham
Medical	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 54 & SW 50 St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 70 St & SE 40 Ave, Kingman
<b>Monday, April 22</b>	
Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	2
Fire / Vehicle	NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Bluff St & NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Fire / Grass / Ditch	17000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 10 St & SE 80 Ave, Murdock
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Animal Complaint	800 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	200 Blk S Spruce, Penalosa
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	
Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	2
Fire / Vehicle	NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Bluff St & NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Fire / Grass / Ditch	17000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
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Follow Up	200 Blk S Spruce, Penalosa
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	
Civil Paper Service	2
Unlock Vehicle	13000 Blk SE Main Ave, Rago

Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 S Penalosa St, Penalosa
Fire / Ditch	4000 Blk N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Medical	200 Blk W B Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	16000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
Trash Dump	NW 10 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	
Traffic Stop	2
Non-Injury Accident	5000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Agency Assist	15000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	7000 Blk NW 10 St, Cunningham
Check Tag	12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Check Welfare	200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	700 Blk N Cedar St, Kingman
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	
Traffic Stop	1
Non-Injury Accident	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Animal Complaint	SE 70 St & SE 70 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	SW 70 Ave & SW 30 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	2061 NE Waterloo Ave, Murdock
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	
Traffic Complaint	SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney
Weather Watch	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	12000 Blk NW 30 St, Kingman
Damage to Property	1100 Blk N Elm St, Kingman
Warrant Service / Arrest	800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Medical	NW 10 St & NW 180 Ave, Cunningham
Suspicious Person	1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman



Fishing & Fish Fun!

The last one I caught was at least this long... really!

Hmmm... that sounds like a bit of a fish story to me.

Do you want to get in on the fishing fun? Ask a grownup to be your fishing buddy. Dig some worms. Grab your poles. Pack a lunch, dash to a lake or river and start fishing!

Some people stand on the bank of a river to fish. Some will row their boat out to the middle of a lake. Fishing from a pier into the ocean is cool too. Some people only wish to "catch" fish from the supermarket for a favorite dish. Have fun and...shhh...the fish are biting!

One fun fishing event is a fishing derby. It's a competition with fun and prizes.

A pole, some fishing line, a hook and some bait - that's all you need to fish!

Can you find and circle 4 words that end in 'sh' as in the word 'fish'?

A Fishy Quiz!

- Think **fishing!** Now match each word to its "fishy" description.
- tackle
    - A. hooks, lures and other things used to fish
    - B. rush; knock someone down
  - catch
    - A. game in which the ball is thrown and caught
    - B. a bucket of fresh fish going home with you
  - cast
    - A. what the doctor puts on a broken bone
    - B. throwing your fishing line and bait into the water
  - waders
    - A. people who wet their feet at the edge of the water
    - B. waterproof boots that cover waaaay up
  - test
    - A. the amount of strength in your fishing line
    - B. what the math teacher gives you

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about going fishing:

- weights you attach to your line
- used to wind the fishing line
- holds all the small equipment needed
- person who fishes for fun, food or a living
- things to attract fish; sometimes flashy or feathery
- has fins; swims and lives in fresh or salt water
- curved piece of metal used to catch a fish
- these keep bait near water's surface, signal "bite"
- round, open container with a handle used to carry fish
- long, narrow pole with hoops that hold your line
- piece of food or a worm; used to attract a fish
- people sit in this and row to their "fishing holes"

Coral Reef Pop Quiz!

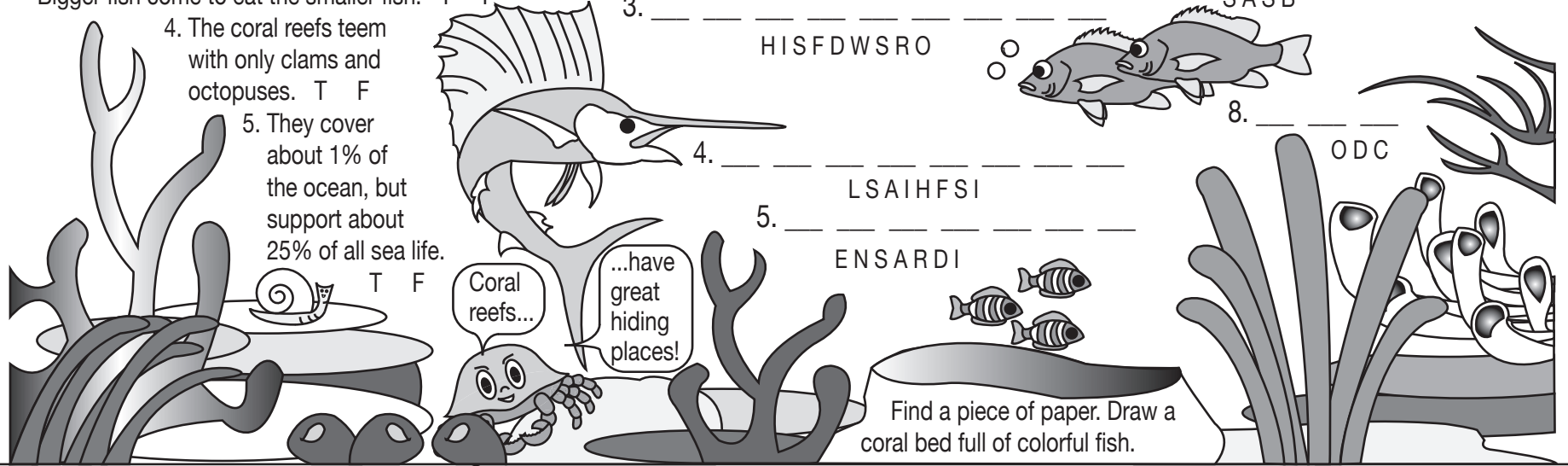
- Circle "T" for true, "F" for false.
- Coral reefs are always in deep areas of the ocean. T F
  - They are alive - made up of millions of tiny animals. T F
  - They produce food that algae eat. Little fish eat the algae. Bigger fish come to eat the smaller fish. T F
  - The coral reefs teem with only clams and octopuses. T F
  - They cover about 1% of the ocean, but support about 25% of all sea life. T F

Who Am I?

- \_\_\_\_\_ NOMLAS
- \_\_\_\_\_ HCTAISF
- \_\_\_\_\_ HISFDWSRO
- \_\_\_\_\_ LSAIHFSI
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENSARDI

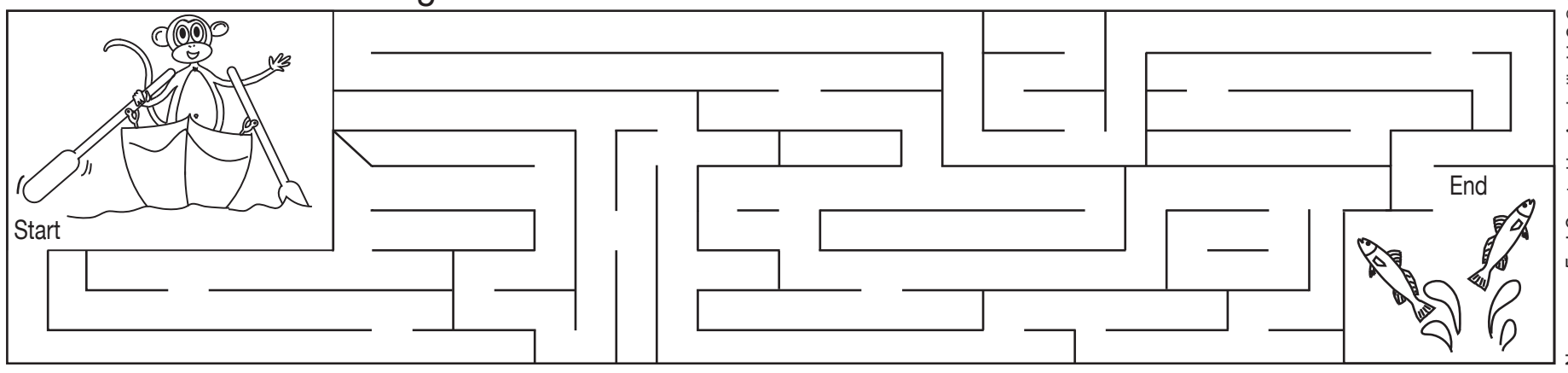
Unscramble the letters to find some favorite "catches" from our lakes, rivers and seas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ OTUTR
- \_\_\_\_\_ SASB
- \_\_\_\_\_ NATU
- \_\_\_\_\_ ODC



Find a piece of paper. Draw a coral bed full of colorful fish.

Find the Fishing Hole! Can you help Chitter find his favorite fishing hole?



(Answers on page 10)

KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

**Marshmello**

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Marshmello is a Californian / Lionhead. He weighs about 4 pounds and is about 1 year old. He has been at the shelter since April 12 and his adoption fee is \$40.00

**Sapphire**

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This beautiful Siamese cat is Sapphire and she's been at the shelter since April 8. She is a little over 1 year old and weighs about 7 pounds. Her adoption fee is \$50.00.

**Scooby**

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Scooby is a mutt. A medium-sized mutt. An adorable mutt.

He is about 3 or 4 years old and weighs about 45 pounds.

He's been at the shelter since January 3 this year. Do you have an active family with kids that never get tired and just can't seem to sit still?? I don't know how you keep up, but maybe Scooby can help! He's active, energetic and playful and can keep up with your kiddos. Could also be a good personal fitness trainer or jogging buddy. Does great on leash! Scooby is the dog for the job. Just give him a chance!

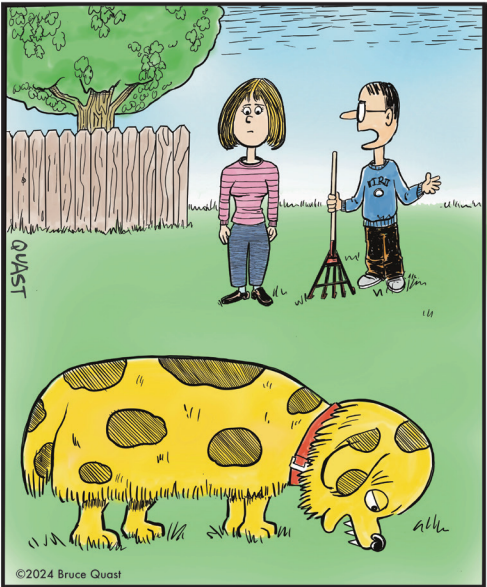
His Adoption Fee is \$180.00



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

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

**Comfortably Dumb** by Bruce Quast



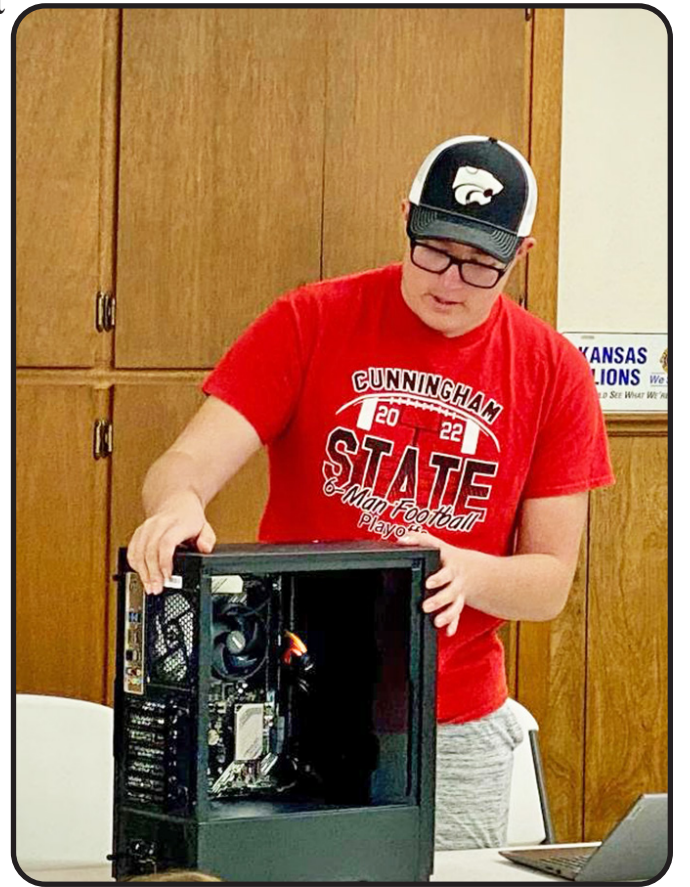
"Of course he eats grass! He's a sheepdog!"

Cunningham 4 H Club Plans Basket for County Fair

The Cunningham 4-H members met on April 7th at the Community Center. We started with a song led by Wyatt Neywick. The song was called "The Twist" and everyone was encouraged to dance and twist to the song.

During the meeting, we discussed a basket theme for our fair facilities raffle. We decided on a grill/barbecue theme for our donated basket. We also had some project talks. Andrew Schultz talked about the components needed to build a computer. Julia Hageman talked about dog showmanship in 4-H. Connor Hellman talked about his sport cards collection, and Daniel Hellman talked about his ducklings.

We then adjourned the meeting and ate fruit pizza and drank lemonade. We finished the evening with a trivia game led by Weston Rogers. Kendall Rogers, reporter



Andrew Schultz demonstrates the components for building a computer

**Comfortably Dumb** by Bruce Quast



Connor Hellman with one of his chicks.



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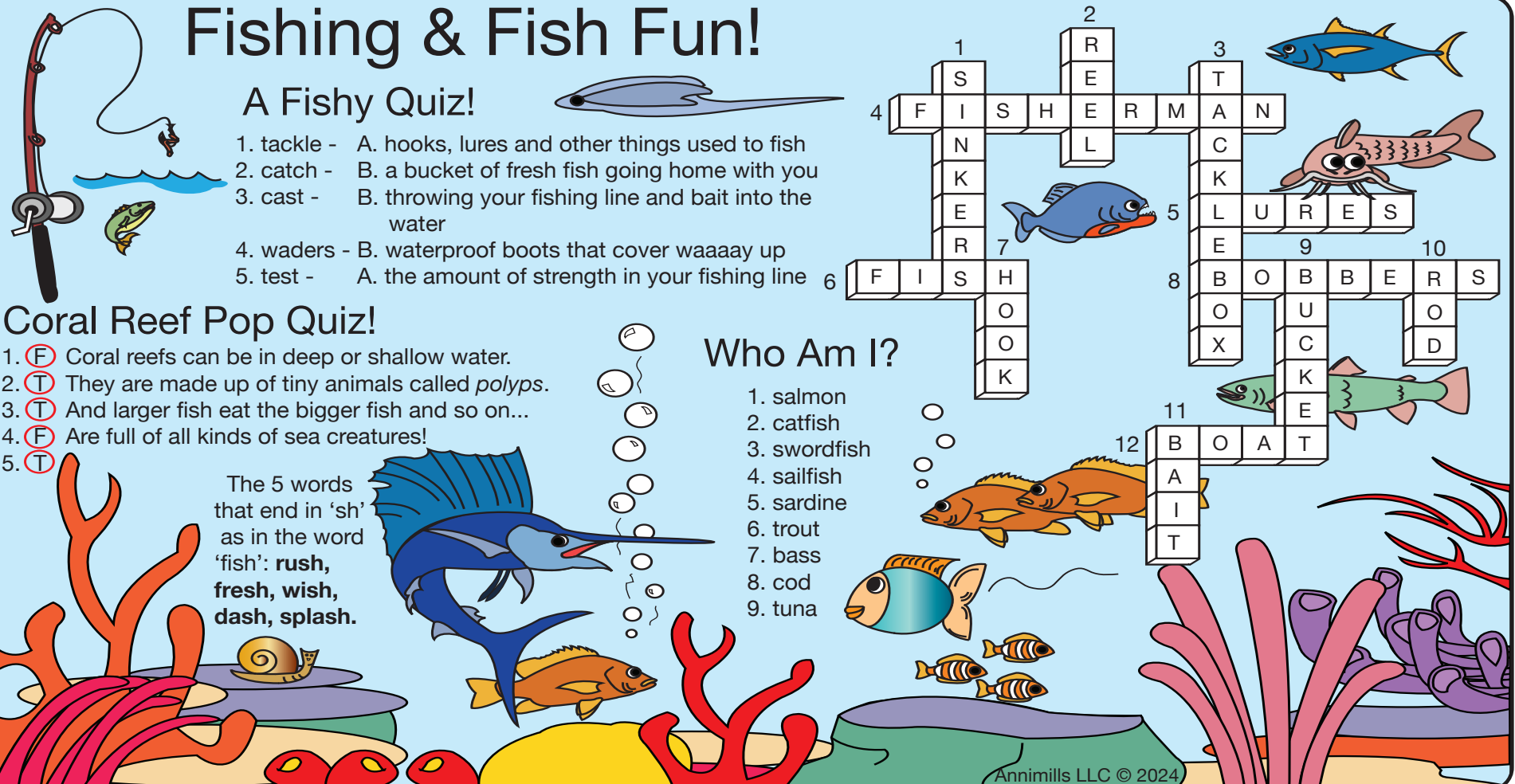
**Coral Reef Pop Quiz!**

- Coral reefs can be in deep or shallow water.
- They are made up of tiny animals called polyps.
- And larger fish eat the bigger fish and so on...
- Are full of all kinds of sea creatures!
- 

The 5 words that end in 'sh' as in the word 'fish': rush, fresh, wish, dash, splash.

**Who Am I?**

- salmon
- catfish
- swordfish
- sailfish
- sardine
- trout
- bass
- cod
- tuna



### Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

Board know that he worked on removing the concrete by the old saddle & ropers building and contacted the City Mayor and let him know that it had been removed.

9:00 a.m. Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director was in with a quarterly update for the County Commissioners. Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that one of the workers is having a book published and that they are proud of him and his accomplishment.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that Horizons is averaging about 12,700 services per month.

Ms. Mader discussed

the financials with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Mader for all the services provide for the County residents.

Commissioners discussed with Amber Hartley, Appraiser that they heard at the KCCA Conference that they can change Agricultural properties that are being leased or purchased for recreational purposes to other.

Ms. Hartley let the Commissioners know that she is already mailing out Ag mailers this year.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in with a department update.

Commissioners let Sheriff Wood know that Horizons Mental Health is going to contact him about new services they will be able to provide.

Sheriff Wood discussed some repairs that

need to be done to the shower in B Pod.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:55 a.m. with Sheriff Brent Wood and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss and individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and that they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the March department financials

for the Commissioners review.

Commissioners approved abatements.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed with the Commissioners what they would like to do with the planning/zoning copier, phone line, internet and Visa Card.

Commissioners would like for Ms. Noblit to contact the copier company and see if it was purchased or on a lease; cancel the phone line and internet; and Visa Card should be locked in the Clerk's office.

The County Clerk submitted the April 15, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024, Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Thimesch would like to publish for bid for the work to be done at the Expo Center. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted to give a one-time amount of \$5,000.00 for Cunningham City gazebo project.

Commissioners agreed to give a one-time amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid from the economic development funds to Cunningham for their gazebo project.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:19 a.m. to discuss the County's position in pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:29 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:29 a.m. with no decision made.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

### Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 22,

commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county coun-

selor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Chairman Shriver opened the bid from Natalie Laredo and Tim Mazzanti for the Grandview Addition, N/2 of lot one block 68 property in the amount of \$1.00. It was the only bid received. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution 042224 to sell the N/2 of lot one block 68 in Grandview Addition property for \$1.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development, reported she is working on filing the ARPA reports with the state. She is also assisting the city of Preston and city of Coats. She stated the historical museum had contacted her about grants to help with infrastructure funds. She reported the state labor report for March unemployment is 2.7%. The labor force has decreased in the last year.

Pratt County is still at 2.4%. Pratt County needs to recruit workers for the shortage. ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zones) has changed some of their guidelines for applying and receiving funds. The governor's estimate of revenue is stable. The profile looks like the state will be paying out more than receiving.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a check from West Wash for \$24.00 from RSVP. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the emergency vehicle permit for Dalton Hodgkinson. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Pam Ford, county endangered child drug

alliance along with Joy Schwartz, Tracey Beverlin and Terri Liggett. Joy stated there is a kids' fair May 4, 10-2 at Lemon's Park. She reported they had received a grant for \$85,000 to raise awareness for endangered children. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the proclamation for National Endangered Child Drug Alliance on April 24, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA, is working on getting her FY25 grant for juvenile and adult submitted. She gave a report on what changes are required for her to submit to the state. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the adult FY2025 plan. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the juvenile 2025

plan. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated he is going to file the tax delinquent properties Wednesday.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for April 22, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Bill Studer stated he would like to sell a portion of his sandpit to the county. They questioned whether it was the land or just the sand. Tyson stated they could not go into executive session to discuss the sand or land acquisition with an individual. Bill then stated the county needs to work on water conservation. He discussed numerous other issues.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:18 pm commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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#### ACROSS

1. "Odyssey" author
6. Time in NYC
9. Pay as you earn, acr.
13. Avoid paying taxes
14. Also
15. Rolled up, on a farm
16. From distant past
17. News channel acronym
18. Very angry
19. \* \_\_\_ Invasion
21. \*Vostok I pilot
23. Spring water resort
24. Talcum powder ingredient
25. Muted order
28. Sports award
30. Doled out, as in soup
35. Future atty.'s exam
37. Engage for service
39. In all sincerity
40. \* \_\_\_ Preminger, director of "Exodus"
41. Petri dish jellies
43. DDS exam
44. Gordon Gekko: " \_\_\_ is good"
46. Barbershop sound
47. Bread pocket
48. Rumor
50. Whiskey straight, e.g.
52. Cubby hole
53. One-horse carriage
55. \*#29 Down invasion coordinator
57. \*TV's Tony Nelson's "dream"
61. \*#8 1/2" and "La Dolce Vita" director
65. Lake scum
66. Toothpaste type

#### DOWN

1. \* \_\_\_ Alpert & the Tijuana Brass
2. Last word over walkie-talkie
3. Algeria's southern neighbor
4. Written corrections
5. Chef's guide
6. \* \_\_\_ A Sketch toy, launched in 1960
7. \*Just one of "My Three \_\_\_"
8. Polynesian kingdom
9. Prefix with trooper or legal
10. Resembling wings
11. Abominable humanoid
12. \*#57 Across actress
15. Large feline (2 words)
20. The Obamas' daughter
22. \*#A Man for \_\_\_ Seasons" movie
24. Political repression
25. Nordic gl hwein
26. \* \_\_\_ Turf
27. Man behind Windows
29. \*Bay of \_\_\_ Invasion
31. \*#Turn on, tune in, \_\_\_ out"
32. Shockingly graphic
33. Fill with optimism
34. \*#The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer-songwriter
36. Three on a certain sloth

#### 38. It's between Ohio and Ontario

42. \*#21 Across - first man in \_\_\_
45. \*#Mary Poppins" producer
49. Not Beta or Kappa
51. Farm tool
54. Front of cuirass
56. Spurious wing
57. Kickboxing moves
58. Twelfth month of Jewish year
59. City of Taj Mahal
60. " \_\_\_ a soul"
61. Ran off
62. Purple flower
63. Not gross
64. Brainchild
67. E in B.C.E.

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**Public Notice**

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Thursday, April 18, 2024 (2)

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Request for Proposals  
To Provide

A Replacement of Concrete  
around the Courthouse  
and Sheriff's Department  
(Request No. 2024-042924)

Issued: April 15, 2024  
Closing Date: Monday,  
April 29, 2024  
Closing Time: 10:00  
a.m., Local Time

Vendors should submit one  
original and five (5) copies of  
Vendor's Proposal in sealed  
envelopes or packages. The  
outside of the envelopes or  
packages must be labeled

with the Vendor's name and  
address and clearly marked  
"Concrete Bid Proposal,  
Attention: Kingman County  
Commissioners." Proposals  
must be received on or before  
the Closing Time on the Closing  
Date in the offices of the County  
at the following address:  
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130 North Spruce Street  
Kingman, KS 67068  
For information contact:  
Chairman Jerry Henning  
Telephone: (620) 532-2521  
Email: [noblite@kingman-coks.org](mailto:noblite@kingman-coks.org)

**Motorcycle  
Safety is  
Everyone's  
Concern**

TOPEKA – As the  
weather gets warmer,  
motorists can expect an  
increase in motorcycle  
traffic. With May being  
Motorcycle Safety  
Awareness Month, the  
Kansas Department of  
Transportation and The  
Drive To Zero Coalition  
emphasize that coop-  
eration from all road us-  
ers will help reduce the  
number of fatalities and  
injuries on the state's

highways.

Preliminary 2023  
Kansas crash data show  
there were 41 fatalities in  
40 fatal crashes involving  
motorcycles. This repre-  
sents a downward trend  
in motorcycle deaths in  
the state since 2020 when  
65 people died in 62  
fatal crashes, accord-  
ing to Gary Herman,  
KDOT Behavioral Safety  
Manager.

"But the goal is to  
avoid crashes altogeth-

er," Herman said. "This  
requires both vehicle  
drivers and motorcyclists  
to pay close attention to  
the road and their sur-  
roundings while follow-  
ing traffic laws."

The Motorcycle  
Safety Awareness Month  
campaign aims to in-  
crease awareness and  
promote safety measures  
for motorcyclists and  
motorists alike. KDOT  
and The DTZ Coalition  
emphasize the impor-

tance of being attentive  
and alert to the presence  
of motorcycles on city,  
urban and rural streets  
and highways.

Tips for drivers:

- Yield to motorcy-  
clists especially while  
turning at intersections.
- Check all mirrors  
and blind spots for mo-  
torcycles before chang-  
ing lanes or merging with  
traffic.
- Allow more follow  
distance when behind a  
motorcycle.
- Allow motorcycles  
the full width of a lane at  
all times.

Tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear personal  
protective gear and a DOT-  
compliant helmet. High  
visibility gear will help  
you be seen.
- Take a motorcy-  
cle safety course and  
keep your bike well  
maintained.
- Don't ride in the blind  
spots of motor vehicles.
- Drive and ride  
defensively.

"Judgement for all  
drivers is compromised  
if driving impaired,  
and speeding increases  
chances of fatal crashes,"  
Herman said. "But when  
these crashes involve a  
motorcyclist, the con-  
sequences can be even  
worse. Motorcyclists  
don't have seat belts,  
air bags or the inside of  
a vehicle to cushion the  
blow."

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE  
STATE OF KANSAS  
COUNTY OF KINGMAN

A Primary Election will be held August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Candidates for the  
following offices will be nominated by each political party which has  
qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for United States Representative, 4<sup>th</sup> District
- One candidate for State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District
- One candidate for State Representative, 114<sup>th</sup> District
- One candidate for County Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District
- One candidate for County Commissioner, 3<sup>rd</sup> District
- One candidate for County Clerk
- One candidate for County Treasurer
- One candidate for County Attorney
- One candidate for Register of Deeds
- One candidate for Sheriff
- One candidate for Township Trustee and Township Treasurer in the following  
Townships:

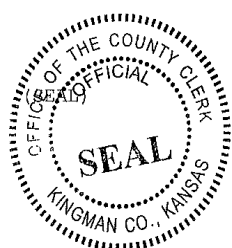
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Evan, Galesburg, Hoosier, Kingman, Liberty, Ninnescah, Peters, Richland,  
Rochester, Rural, Union, Valley, Vinita and White.

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qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

One candidate for Precinct Committeeman and One candidate for Precinct  
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Allen, Belmont, Bennett, Canton, Chikaskia, Dale, Dresden, Eagle, Eureka,  
Evan, Galesburg, Hoosier, Kingman, Liberty, Ninnescah, Peters, Richland,  
Rochester, Rural, Union, Valley, Vinita, White, Kingman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, Kingman 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ward, Kingman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and Kingman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my  
official seal. Done at the City of Kingman, Kingman County, State of Kansas,  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



*Carol D. Noblit*

Carol D. Noblit  
Kingman County Election Officer

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

SONIAA. BAKER, Deceased.  
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-15

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April  
17, 2024, a Petition for Issuance  
of Letters of Administration was  
filed in this Court by Sheala

Cunningham.

All creditors of the decedent are  
notified to exhibit their demands  
against the Estate within the lat-  
ter 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 ac-  
tual notice was given as provided  
by law, and if their demands are  
not thus exhibited, they shall be  
forever barred.

*Sheala Cunningham,*  
*Petitioner*  
Matthew W. Ricke  
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349 N. Main, PO Box 113  
Kingman, KS 67068  
Attorney for Petitioner

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

DAVID M. BAKER, Deceased.  
CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-16

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO  
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that  
on April 17, 2024, a Petition  
for Issuance of Letters of  
Administration was filed in this  
Court by Sheala Cunningham.

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 ascertain-  
able, 30 days after actual notice  
was given as provided by law, and  
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

STEVEN A. LONG, Deceased. CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-19 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 26, 2024, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Scott M. Long.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 21, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman

County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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.

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KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Request for Proposals To Provide Electrical Work for the Expo Center stall barn (Request No. 2024-051324)

Issued: April 29, 2024  
Closing Date: Monday, May 13, 2024  
Closing Time: 10:00 a.m., Local Time  
Vendors should submit one original and five (5) copies of Vendor's Proposal in sealed envelopes or packages. The outside of the envelopes or packages must be labeled with the Vendor's name and address and clearly marked "Stall Barn Electrical Bid Proposal,

Attention: Kingman County Commissioners." Proposals must be received on or before the Closing Time on the Closing Date in the offices of the County at the following address:  
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### Gale Harris

Dr. Gale Ion Harris avid learner and researcher passed away at his home in East Lansing, Michigan, Tuesday April 16, 2024, at the age of 88 years surrounded by his family. Gale was born to Albert Ion and Carmen Angeline (Waters) Harris in Arlington, California, August 7, 1935. Two brothers shared his life: Leaman Don, married Judith Komives; and Rex Layne, married Carol Parry.



Gale married Bonnie Jean Hazlett in Cunningham, Kansas, March 31, 1956, the daughter of Theodore and Edith (Shafer) Hazlett. They had two children Gay laJean, married to Fred Goffnet, and Nathan Ward. Gay has given them three grandchildren: Andrew, married to Mary Schmidt; Brooke, married to Castle Trees; and Courtney. Andrew has given them a great-grandchild, Ruth Maureen.

Gale's academic career began at the Tully School, a one-room country schoolhouse near Cunningham, Kansas, where he excelled by graduating with the highest grade point average in the county. This was followed by being salutatorian of his high school class in Cunningham, and a doctorate in Physics from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Later academic achievements include a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Juris Doctorate from the Cooley School of Law in Lansing, Michigan, passing the Michigan Bar on his first try. He also became a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, and co-editor of its journal The Genealogist, earning in 2010 its highest award for genealogical research, the Coddington Award.

A family history of military service, manifested by three uncles who served in the World War Two Army Air Corps, resulted in Gale's enrollment in the Air Force ROTC at the University of Kansas where he became the Cadet Colonel of the Air Force unit there. His commissioning and attainment of a PhD in Physics resulted in his being assigned to head a nuclear physics research laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. After completing his required military duty he continued to lead the laboratory as a civilian employee. His management training at MIT enabled him to obtain administrative positions and professorships in radiology and physics at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and then at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, where he retired in 1997.

In retirement Gale continued to serve for many years as Chairman of the MSU Radiation Committee, but genealogical research and editing The Genealogist came to dominate most of that time.

A study of Gale's vitae will find numerous professional articles in scientific and genealogical journals. His book *Harrises of Connecticut* has become a family heirloom and is available to other researchers in numerous libraries and on the internet. He was a member of many scientific and honorary societies including the American Physical Society, American Association of Physicists in Medicine, New England and Maryland Historical Societies, Sigma Xi, Sigma Tau, Sigma Pi Sigma, and Tau Beta Pi. There will be a private service held in Alva, Oklahoma.

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### Leonard Probst

Leonard A. Probst, 80, died April 19, 2024, at Wheatlands in Kingman. Leonard was born on June 21, 1943, in Kingman County. He was the second son of William J. and Dorothy (Pelzl) Probst. After graduating from Kingman High School in 1961, Leonard worked the night shift in Hutchinson at Cessna Aircraft. He then shifted to the Cessna plant in Wichita where he worked for a total of 10 years. Leonard worked for several farmers before farming with his dad and brother Tony, and then on his own. He retired from farming in 2017. Leonard had mechanical skills that were useful on the farm. For several years he was a member of the Hoosier county road commission, serving as treasurer. He was an avid NASCAR fan, seldom missing a Sunday race on TV. He also kept abreast of advances in automotive technology and the latest truck and car models by watching Motorweek.



Leonard was a quiet man, deeply committed to his Catholic faith. Since his retirement he spent an hour and a half in prayer every morning. When his mother was no longer able to drive to her prayer hour before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's, Leonard took her. When she left Kingman, Leonard kept that hour for over 25 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Even though he did not attend monthly meetings, he volunteered to help when needed.

Leonard is survived by his brothers: Tony, South Hutchinson, and Jim (Bonnie), Wichita; his sisters: Sister LeAnn, Great Bend, Marilyn Pendergraft, Wichita, Patricia (Max) Lett, LaMesa, NM, Deb (Randy) Kaufman, Hoxie, Eileen Lohmeyer, Henderson, NV, and numerous nephews and nieces, and great nephews and nieces. He is predeceased by his parents, William and Dorothy Probst, his brothers Richard and Bill, his sister Jeanne McNeff, and his brother-in-law Mike Lohmeyer.

Leonard's family wishes to thank the staff at Wheatlands, Rivercross Hospice, and Father Walsh for their care and concern.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2024 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman with a memorial Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. Committal services will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Wheatlands Healthcare Center in care of the Livingston Funeral Home. Leonard chose cremation.

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### Cynthia Ogden

Cynthia Diane Ogden, 64, died April 23, 2024 in Wichita.



She was born Dec. 2, 1959, at Siloam Springs, Arkansas the daughter of Floyd Quinton and Sarah Frances Barnes Wilkerson and step-daughter of Beulah Parker. A Kingman resident since 1985, she was a homemaker.

On Oct. 15, 1975, she married Michael D. Ogden at Joplin, Missouri. Other survivors include son James and his wife JoElla; daughter Brandy R. Parker and her husband Jerry; grandchildren Shawn, Desiree, Kaleb, Ciera, Colton; great-grandchild Adeline; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters Debbie Russel and Linda Brownell.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2024 at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Pretty Prairie Calvary Chapel in care of the funeral home.

### John Wade

John was born October 4, 1951, in Pratt Memorial Hospital, Pratt, Ks, to Georgene Elizabeth (Baird) and Edward William Wade. John was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by brothers Gregg (Martha) Wade, Pratt, and Edward (Laurinda) Wade, Wichita, and his sister Liz Wade, Kansas City, KS. He was especially fond of his niece Sarah Hartwig, his nephew William Wade and his great nephew Oaksen.



John graduated from Pratt High School, Pratt Community College, and Pittsburg State University with a degree in Political Science. He worked in and around the railroad industry most of his adult life, beginning as a "gandy dancer" during college then transitioning into railroad equipment sales, with his invention of the Keg Karrier. He spent most of his professional career with Portec Rail Products of Pittsburg, PA, then Herzog Railroad Services of St. Joseph, MO. He enjoyed the road, meeting people, exploring the country and developing product improvements. He spent time in the Saint Louis area but called Lenexa, Kansas home for 40 years. He lived his last 5+ years in Coralville, Iowa where he found excellent pulmonary care at the University of Iowa Medical Center, great landlords and comradery at the American Legion.

John was well respected by his peers and over the years cultivated friends from coast to coast. John loved to spend time with his friends and dogs. When he had the opportunity, he was an avid hunter and sportsman, liked to dig holes, climb rocks, play cards and to 'discuss' weighty and not so weighty subjects. John had a passion for history, leading him to the National World War I Museum and Memorial where he volunteered until his move to Iowa for his lung transplant. He was a longtime member of the Elks and Sons of the American Legion.

There are two opportunities to toast or roast John:  
Saturday, May 18 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, June 8 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
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Except when intended for Mothers, John would think flowers a waste of money. Should friends desire, contributions should be made to your favorite charity. His were the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City, MO, the Pratt Historical Society, VFW Post 7397 Charity, Lenexa, KS, or the American Legion Post 721 Charity, Coralville, IA.

John will be missed by many, most especially his family and close friends.



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