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## JH Wildcats Win League Championship



And just like that, the junior high 2023-24 basketball season is done, and the Wildcats have that Championship Feeling! Basketball is a long four months that ends with a downhill steam-roller effect. The Wildcats played in the HOPL league championship game for the 3rd time in 4 years! Expectations were high and the boys came ready to play. They asserted themselves early defensively, locking down Attica's top players. As a team, the Cats limited their field goal attempts and controlled both the paint and the boards, holding the Bullpups to 9 points in the first half. Offensively, we moved the ball and shot the ball better than we did all year. They saved it for the right game,

shooting over 50% for the game. After half, both teams picked up the offensive pace, but the Cats had a good lead and ended up finishing the game with the convincing win.

These 8th graders have been great leaders in practice, games, the locker room, and on bus trips. They have done a great job with whatever they have been asked to do. They display great team chemistry and focus, and it shows on the court.

Nathan led the team in rebounds with 7 followed by Liam with 5. Brody led the team with 4 steals followed by Liam, Cole, and Adam who all had 2.

-by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	13	11	9	8	41
Attica	2	7	5	11	25

### Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	15
Brody Bock	13
Tyler Osner	5
Liam McGuire	4
Cole Hageman	4
Adam Sterneker	3



## Minutes from BOE January Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:34 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green, and Jason Osner; Superintendent, Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; and Guests Jerree Fitzsimmons, Dean Fitzsimmons, Shawna Sterneker, Roberta Kobbe and Richard Martin.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as amended and appointing Richard Martin acting clerk. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller welcomed the guest to the meeting. Cody Dunlap gave special recognition to Guest Jerree Fitzsimmons for her years of service to USD 332. He then turned the floor over to Jerree who spoke about the current and upcoming Library.

After discussion, all consented to retain the current President and Vice-President. Brent Miller and Bjorn Halderson. Bjorn will be the SCK-SEC board representative.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham,

seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Jason Osner, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Arnberger discussed the recent in-service, strategic planning survey and weather conditions.

Principal Cody Dunlap discussed his report included in the board packet, highlighting upcoming Regional scholar's bowl that we will host, parent teacher conferences and the plans for following up on the structured literacy training.

Dr. Arnberger discussed special education expenditures and that a meeting was being held on the same night as the USD 332 BOE.

Construction- Superintendent Arnberger discussed potential options for more parking on the east side. He shared that he will meet with the architect on Tuesday, and depending on the weather, the pad for final phase of construction will begin promptly.

Assessment & Data- Dr. Arnberger shared post-secondary success and state assessment comparison data to similar sized neighboring districts, showing that USD 332 performs favorably on all data indicators.

Bus Bids- Richard Martin shared

bids on 10 passenger and 14 passenger vehicle. Motion made Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to accept the bid from Pratt Motor company for a 10 passenger vehicle for 54,791.50 Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap for 30 minutes at 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap for 10 minutes at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Jason Osner, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap for 5 minutes at 9:35 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meet-

ing in open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve Colin Little as assistant JH track coach for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Megan Green, to approve Megan Fischer as substitute bus driver. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with Superintendent Arnberger and Principal Dunlap for 5 minutes at 9:42 p.m. to discuss negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:47 p.m.

The board reviewed the 2024-2025 calendar draft. No action taken.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green to approve a (2024-2025) contract for Cody Dunlap to serve as Pre-K-12 Principal. Motion carried 5-0.

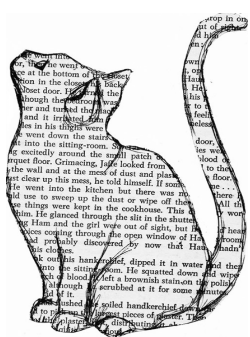
Superintendent Arnberger presented KASB recommended policy updates for review.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



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Meanderings

Sometimes things are coincidentally weird. Today is Tuesday, February 12. I was typing up the 'news of yester-

year' for 1974. The first item I typed was the birth announcement for Frank Strohl. He was born at 3:20 p.m. on this date 50 years ago. I looked at the clock on my computer. It said.... You guessed it.... 3:20. Weird, isn't it?

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I've developed a habit... probably not a good one. I like to stop at Smith's Market on South Main in Hutchinson.

Now, it didn't cross my mind back in the days when the Woodie

Seat Freeway was open. But now that it's closed and traffic is directed to Main Street, (and inevitably a wait ensues due to the trains that go right through the downtown area... GRR) I have to pass this little store twice. Once going to pick up the newspapers and once coming back.

The routine is now to go to the newspaper office loading dock and pick up the papers, then drive back down Main and stop at Smith's Market.

I especially like to pick up trail mix. The Rise and Shine trail mix is my favorite so far. I love, love, love those chocolate covered coffee beans. I do believe I could live on those.

Once, I purchased a package of coffee, but I don't care for it. I'll drink it because it's coffee, after all, but I won't buy that flavor again.

About a month ago, my friend, Jane and I stopped at Holly's Bakery, on South Main

in Hutchinson as well, and we got a bit of an afternoon treat, which included coffee. THAT coffee was absolutely wonderful. I am going to have to stop back by and inquire about it.

I read recently that the best way to brew coffee is with filtered water. I wonder if that is what made their coffee so smooth and tasty. It was delightful.

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I am groping at meandering straws for this

column this week. It has to be short because my paper is full and not much room is left for my meandering bit.... I still didn't get everything in that I wanted to get in. Some can wait until next week. Some just won't make the cut at all.

Always reading, and currently making reading decisions because I can't decide what to read...

Roberta

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

One Sock, Two Sock, Red Sock, Blue Sock

I have blue socks to wear with blue pants, gray socks to wear with gray pants and black socks to wear with red pants. Kidding. I just wanted to make sure you were paying attention.

I was content with my dull sock wardrobe until I heard that socks have gotten quite a toehold in the fashion industry. It's true. I did an internet search of "sock fashion" and came up with 383,000,000 results. There's definitely something afoot in the fashion world.

It makes sense that socks would be a fashion statement. Whenever we sit down, they peek out beneath our pant legs, subtle but expressive, like diamond earrings peeking out from under a fancy hairdo. Well, maybe not like that.

Designers saw an opportunity and they took it. There are sock subscription services and sock-of-the-month clubs. The faces of famous people are emblazoned on socks, Albert Einstein, the Beatles and Ruth Bader Ginsberg to name a few. It's not quite Mt. Rushmore, but still, what an honor.

There are even studies showing that people who wear interesting socks appear more creative, intelligent and successful than those of us who stick

to the basics. Maybe it's time I sock it to my sock drawer.

Some celebrities have been making statements with their socks for years. The singer Rihanna, who is well-heelled in more ways than one, wore a pair of white mid-calf socks with a black mini dress at an event in 2018. But these weren't just any socks. These were decorated in crystals, which I think would be hard to walk on. Also they cost \$1,340. You wouldn't want to lose one of those in the dryer.

President George H.W. Bush was known for wearing colorful socks. According to one fashion historian, Bush's socks were reminiscent of a time in fashion history when accessories were the only acceptable

place for color in a "serious" man's wardrobe. I'm embarrassed that my sock drawer is less interesting than a serious man's.

A few years ago, I thought I saw a not-so-serious man, humorist Garrison Keillor, in an airport. I wasn't sure it was him until I saw his red socks. You may think a lot of men wear red socks. I say, name them. It was Keillor all right. I read that he always wears red socks because people send them to him after reading that he always wears red socks. With that in mind, I always wear cashmere sweaters.

There are advantages of buying your socks in one color. It's one less decision to make every day. Plus there's a good

chance you can come up with a match if one goes missing. Socks are notorious for that. And that's why I'm not excited about buying fancy socks. In no time I'd be stuck with a bunch of stylish but useless socks. As it is, I'm stuck with a bunch of unstylish but useless socks. That's because I save all my abandoned socks in the hopes that someday their sole mates will return.

If socks are going to be a fashion accessory, and if missing socks continue to be the problem they've always been, why not start seeing socks as fashionable whether they're playing single or double. If wearing two colorful socks makes people think you're creative and successful, wouldn't wearing two different colorful

socks really knock their socks off?

Turns out somebody already thought of that. At least a dozen companies sell mismatched socks in all sorts of patterns and colors. I'm all for it, but I don't understand why anyone would need to buy them. Doesn't everybody have a drawer full like I do? If you didn't have the fashion foresight to save your mismatched socks, I'd be happy to give you some of mine. They come in pairs of black and gray, black and blue and blue and gray.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of I Used to Think I Was Not That Bad and Then I Got to Know Me Better and other books. Contact her at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I'm learning to use power tools. Hang on, put your phone down! There's no need to call the cops. Nobody's been hurt, the cats are not in danger and when I say "power tools" I really mean only one small DeWalt battery operated handheld drill. But to

me it's a BIG deal and not just because it's got my name written on it in black Sharpie.

I am ridiculously proud of the fact that I am able use to this drill without supervision so long as such use is restricted to making holes in small objects without harming myself or damaging anything in the Shop where I'm working. I am further allowed to make as much a mess as I like or deem necessary but when I'm done, I am expected to leave the place as spotless as

I found it and return my drill (as well as the drill bits) to the shelves where they belong. At present, I have way fewer drill rules than those that apply when I use kitchen appliances. I've been told it'll stay that way I don't blow up anything with my DeWalt so I'm determined not to drill any eggs...or the microwave.

I have mastered drilling holes in oyster shells, scallop shells, dried gourds and small pieces of wood. But I'm frustrated I haven't licked piercing clam shells be-

cause that's what prompted this endeavor to begin with. When I'm back East, I don't save the shells of all the clams I eat because I'd need to rent a U-Haul truck to bring them home. But a few times a year, we ship in (through supermarkets in Lawrence or K.C.) 50 or 60 pounds and those shells for the past four years I've kept, with some vague notion that "one day" I'd make something cool with them.

My DeWalt Swami listened to what I wanted

to do with my buckets of clam shells and told me that if I wanted holes in all of them, I was going to have to learn to do it myself. But what neither of us anticipated, nor were we warned by the internet, is that puncturing a Wells Fargo safe door is easier than boring a hole in a clam shell. We've done two so far, pretty much just to establish it COULD be done but neither of us is inclined to prove that point another hundred-ish times.

I could throw the clam shells in the pond

or switch to using them intact in a different project but I'm unwilling to throw in my beach towel and give up the scheme in my head just because my "one day" isn't right now. I've yet to truly explore that big world of power tools so now that I could be a bank robber if I wanted to, I'm not going to let clam shells stump me.

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

Poetry from Daily Life: A poem about a tick or termite? Sure can, if the rhyme is right

By David L. Harrison

I hope you are enjoying our Sunday column, "Poetry from Daily Life," which provides each week the wit, wisdom, and experiences of poets and authorities on poetry. By offering such a rich mix of voices, we're reminded of how poetry impacts our daily lives. More than fifty poets from across the United States and abroad are waiting their turn to be a guest on "Poetry from Daily Life." Please tell others about this unique feature. I hope you'll thank the Springfield News-Leader for making it possible.

Today I'll introduce myself in the same way

that I introduce guest columnists. I live in Springfield, Missouri and write poems, stories, nonfiction, and books for classroom teachers. I write for all ages but most often for students in grades 3-5 and I like poetry best. Two recent books that I especially enjoyed working on are "The Dirt Book" (Holiday House, 2021) and "Partner Poems and Word Ladders for Building Foundational Literacy Skills" (Scholastic, 2022). A unique fact about me is that I once skinned a 5-foot Indian cobra and tanned its hide.

Writing Couplets

In 1959, I sat in an auditorium in Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia to hear Robert Frost speak. At 85 and rather frail, he still thrilled us by reading his famous poems. Many of Frost's best poems were in verse and he especially loved couplets such as those in "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." In that poem he rhymed one line — "Whose woods these are I think I know" — with a next line that ended in "though."

T. S. Eliot often used couplets in Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, which later became the basis for the musical sensation, CATS. He rhymed one line — "With cats, some say, one rule is true:" — with a next line that ended in "spoken to."

Ogden Nash loved writing humorous couplets. One of his most famous rhymed the line — "The cow is of the bovine ilk;" — with a second line that ended in "milk."

I often used couplets in my own work. Here are two examples, one long, one short, from "bugs, poems about creeping things" (Wordsong, 2009).

"The termite doesn't eat the way it should.

"It's not its fault, its food all tastes like wood."

The other tells a short story named "A Tick's Friends."

"The tick has no friends. "Therefore, my story ends."

Couplets are the most versatile form of rhyming poetry. Whatever your mood or your message, you can start with two lines that rhyme and add other rhymed pairs if you need them to complete your story. Be sure that your second line has a similar number of accented syllables, set in the same pattern, as the first.

Making up couplets is a great way to have fun while taking your vocabulary out for some exercise. Creating couplets with a partner or as a family game is even better. Tip: It helps to prepare some lists of words that rhyme with a lot of other words:

bay, bray, clay, day, gay, gray, hay, hey; blue, brew, boo, brew, chew, crew, dew, do.

One player makes up a line. Another player, or group of players, must provide the second line to rhyme with the first.

(first voice)

"It's raining today."

(second voice)

"Let's stay in and play."

(first voice)

"Winter's coming, bring on the snow."

(second voice)

"I love winter, ho-ho-ho!"

This year for the holidays, surprise a few people by sending them couplets you've written especially for them.

David L. Harrison is the current Missouri Poet Laureate as well as Drury University Poet Laureate. His awards include the Christopher Medal and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Children's Literature Award. To learn more, visit his website at davidlharrison.com.

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Community Bulletin Board

<b>Thursday, February 15</b> 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Wednesday, February 21</b> 8:00 a.m. School Advisory Committee Meeting
<b>Friday, February 16</b> No School *** HS BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME	<b>Thursday, February 22</b> HS BB Sub-State for Boys
<b>Monday, February 19</b> Presidents' Day Bank closed *** Scholar's Bowl Parents Night	<b>Friday, February 23</b> HS BB Sub-State for Girls
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b> HS BB vs Attica at HOME *** Lions' Club Meeting	<b>Monday February 26</b> 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
	<b>Thursday, February 29</b> HS BB Boys Sub-state tournament begins

Free Admission for Booster Club

On Friday, February 16th, we will celebrate our Booster Club members with free admission to the CHS home basketball games. These membership dues support students and staff in a variety of ways, including recess equipment for elementary students, treats after elementary field trips, concession stand bucks for athletes/coaches/cheerleaders/pep band members, pizza parties for HS and JH play cast and crew and Scholars Bowl team, supplies for HS art class, spirit gear to welcome new staff to the district, and 5th quarter gatherings for HS students after football games. We hope that all our members come out to enjoy the basketball games on Friday. Go Wildcats!!

Hilltop Manor is Stylin'

The public is invited to another style show on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Hilltop Manor. (The last one was held in March of 2022... and it was wonderful)

Employees' children and grandchildren will model adorable pillowcase dresses lovingly made by residents of Hilltop Manor.

The dresses will later be sent to girls in need elsewhere in the world. Refreshments will be served.

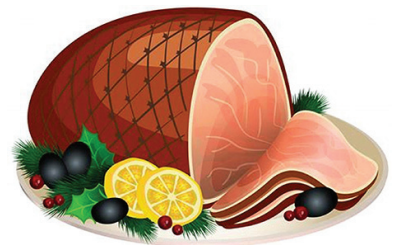
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*In observance of Presidents' Day, Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, February 19th*

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You do not need to show your physical card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply

provide your SSN for benefits like:

- Birth Certificate.
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt.
- Employment Authorization Document.
- Form I-94 or Form I-94A.

You do not need to show your physical card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply

provide your SSN for benefits like:

- Housing.
- Health insurance.
- Food assistance.

You should also know your physical card is not required as evidence for the Department of Motor Vehicles. The only state that requires a physical card is Pennsylvania. For all other states, acceptable evidence includes:

- W-2 forms.
- Form SSA-1099.
- Non-SSA-1099 forms.
- Pay stubs.

Keeping your card at home reduces the risk of loss or theft – and helps you keep your information safe. To learn more about keeping your card and information safe, please visit our Fraud Prevention and Reporting webpage at [www.ssa.gov/fraud](http://www.ssa.gov/fraud).

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**1929**

Feb. 22 – On Friday, Feb. 15, the Spivey high school basketball teams came up and divided a double-header, the girls winning and the boys losing.

The local girls started off with a bang and at half led 10-1. The Spivey girls came back in the second half with a rush and with some accurate goal shooting almost caught up with the Cunningham girls, the score ending 17 to 16.

The boys game was a romp for Spivey. As usual the locals started well, but at the half the visitors were leading 20-4. Cunningham improved some in the second half but the game ended 40 to 11. The C.H.S. boys were at a loss to hit the basket and were terribly weak on free throwing. The Spivey team is an experienced aggregation, most of the team having played together for two or three years.

**1934**

Feb. 23 – The Skelly Oil company have received the necessary brick and tile for their new “Super Station” which they are erecting here. Work on the foundation is going along fine. The large storage tanks have been placed beneath the ground and it will not be long before they will begin work on the erecting of the building.

**1939**

Feb. 17 – Cunningham was defeated by Zenda last Friday night on the local court by a score of 25 to 21.

Offensive star for the Wildcatters was Donald Huhman who made ten points. Delbert Schwartz was next high for the locals with six points.

Smith was the Zenda quintet’s shining light, almost half of his team’s points were hung up by the red-haired gentleman. Twelve points were credited to him.

The Forest Service is trying to get all farmers having shelterbelts and all farmers who will have a belt planted this year to reduce the number of jack rabbits immediately. Research by the Biological Survey has disclosed that eight jack rabbits will eat as much as one sheep or 40 of the rabbits will consume as much as one cow.

The curtain has fallen on Cunningham’s second debate season. The season was officially ended for us at the district tournament held in Pratt, Feb. 11. The squad this year was composed of the following people: Joan Anderson, Mrs. Victor Miles, Bill Evans, Elizabeth Wetherall, Phil Fee, Don Schreck, Bernice Harkrader, Jean Fee, Paul DeWeese, and Dale Sheldon.

**1944**

Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

**1949**

Feb. 18 – Wedding vows for Miss Florine Stillwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stillwell of Cunningham, and Leroy Kampling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kampling, also of Cunningham, were read Thursday morning at 10:30 o’clock, February 10, in the Sacred Heart church in Cunningham. Rev. Irvin F. Lampe, pastor of the church, officiated.

For the eighth consecutive year the Cunningham Wildcats have won the annual Kingman County League Tournament.

The eighth time came when the Wildcats defeated the Norwich Eagles, 26 to 23, in the finals of the tournament held in the Kingman high school gym.

Cunningham will have a new \$116,000 grade school. Contracts were recently let for the six-room building.

The general contract went to N. F. English Construction Company of Hutchinson. Louis Guinn of Wichita received the heating and plumbing contract, and the wiring will be installed by the Butters Electrical Company of Wichita.

The building will be constructed of brick, with stone trimming, and will be erected west of the present school building.

**1954**

Feb. 18, 1954 – Roy Ellis will open the Ellis Derby Station this Saturday. Mr. Ellis was formerly employed by the Skelly Oil Company at the local gasoline plant, but was laid off during the recent “bumping” action brought on by the closing of the Lyman, Okla. gasoline plant. We are glad to see the station re-open, and Cunningham wishes Mr. Ellis success in this venture.

A raging pasture fire, fanned by Sunday afternoon’s high winds, swept across a two-mile stretch, two miles north of town, threatening several farm homes in that area. Volunteer firemen and neighbors gathered quickly and started back-fires and plowing and finally extinguished the flames before any serious damage was done. The fire started in the Roy McNamee pasture, located on the two-mile section road north of Cunningham, and burned through about two miles of pasture land, almost reaching the George Gridley farm home on the four-mile section road.

Carl Poland moved a five-room house from the Pretty Prairie neighborhood to Cunningham, Wednesday. He located it on his property to the rear of Dr. D. E. Thompson’s Dental Office.

**1959**

Feb. 19 – Members of the Cunningham 4-H Club participated in the annual Kingman County 4-H Club Day at Kingman last Saturday.

Debby Sheldon received a blue ribbon for her demonstration on packing a picnic basket, and Rollin Dillinger was awarded a red ribbon for his demonstration on squaring a board.

The club’s girls trio, Debby Sheldon, Mary Cusenbary, and Norma Greenlee, received a top blue ribbon in the musical division and will be eligible to participate in the Regional 4-H Club Day at Pratt, Saturday, Feb. 28. Mrs. Bill Bradley accompanied the trio.

The Cunningham club also received a red ribbon for their rhythm game. Members of the group were Norma Greenlee, Debby Sheldon, Mary Cusenbary, Carolyn Witt, Sue Hellar, Kathy Bainum, Trudy Boswell, Gladys Voss, Sidney Boyd, Jerry Pelzl, Joel Pelzl, Randy Sheldon, Rollin Dillinger, Bobby Witt, Mike Hutchison, Monte Rose, and Ronald Murphey.

**1964**

Feb. 20 – The Wildcats won their last home game of the season last Friday night, turning back the Alden Tigers, 51 to 47, in a Ninnescah League game.

Cunningham used a balanced scoring attack – Gerald Schnittker’s 13 points, Elmer Adelhardt’s 12, and Jim Cain’s 11 – to maintain a steady advantage throughout the game.

Approximately three inches of wet snow fell in the Cunningham area last Saturday morning. The snow quickly vanished, but perhaps a half-inch of moisture could be realized from its fall.

The Kingman County Planning Board on School Unification has decided to present a two-district plan to school patrons for the June 2 election.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Mertens of Cunningham, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Helen Jane, to Robert Lynn Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. August E. Meyers, also of Cunningham. Both are graduates of Cunningham Rural high School. Miss Mertens is presently employed with the Kingman County ASCS Office, and Mr. Meyers is attending Pratt County College. A June wedding is planned by the couple.

**1969**

Feb. 20, 1969 – Johnny Shelman, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shelman, suffered the loss of the third and fourth fingers on his left hand in an accident at the grade school shortly after noon last Thursday.

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the band concert in the school gym-auditorium last Sunday afternoon.

Charles Yingling, instrumental music instructor, presented his 46-piece high school band, the 27-piece grade school band, and the junior high combo in a program of varied music. He was assisted by Student Conductors Rogene Cooley and Kris Sheldon.

Accuracy from the free-throw line paid off for the Cunningham Wildcats here last Friday night as they downed Mullinville, 55 to 45, in a non-league game.

Mullinville out-scored Cunningham in field goals, 18 to 15, but the Wildcats made 25 free throws to Mullinville’s 9 to register the victory.

Marvin Oller paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 21 points, 11 of them free throws.

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**1974**

February 21, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Mike Strohl of Cunningham announce the birth of their son, Frank Edward, born at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 1974, at the Pratt County Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ½ ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strohl, Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Weber, Kinsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thimesch and family had as their Sunday visitors Mr. and Mrs. Ken Curtis of Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Case and family of Belpre.

Teresa Ellis of Pratt was a weekend guest of Mrs. Roy Ellis and Shirley.

Melodie Graves attended the Christian Citizenship Seminar at Topeka, February 13-16, sponsored by the Methodist Church. She stayed at the Forest Park Camp. The group studied different senate and house bills and talked to senators and representatives. Melodie also watched the senate and house in action and saw bills passed. Attending the seminar were eleven students and five counselors from all over Kansas.

Victoria A Kincheloe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Kincheloe, Cunningham, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the end of the fall semester at Wichita State University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Hilltop House Happenings by Olin Stanley Northrop: Our ‘thanks’ to Mrs. Coral Poland for the Grit papers that she gave to us.

Several exciting domino games were played at the West House Sunday afternoon.

Your reporter is a constant reader, news writer, domino player and also works crossword puzzles.

**1979**

February 22, 1979 – On Friday, February 16, during the halftime of the boys “A” team game, Karen Simon and Joe Strohl were crowned Queen and King for the 1979 basketball homecoming festivities. Crown bearer for the ceremonies was Robbie DeWeese and flower girl was Holly Webster. Artwork centered around the theme “Sharing the Night Together” was done by Leah Eck. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Leah. She has done the artwork for the homecoming murals for the past three years and has a done a beautiful job.

Karen and Joe reigned over the remainder of the game and the open dance following the game with music provided by disc jockey, Gail Geiger. We would like to thank Mr. Warren Meireis and all others who helped to make these homecoming festivities a success enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale Osborn are happy to announce the engagement of the daughter Karla Denise, to Lee Edward Stillwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Stillwell, Jr. of Penalsosa.

Karla is presently a student at Emporia State University and is employed in the Dean’s Office there. Lee attended Pratt Juco and is engaged in farming and is presently employed at Exxon at Kingman. May 26 is the date chose by the couple for their wedding.

The second graders enjoyed a party in their room on Valentines Day. After exchanging their valentines which were held in large envelopes the children had decorated the committee served refreshments of cookies, candy, party crackers, a Valentine cake and iced tea.

Committee members for the party were Leann FitzSimmons, Holly Webster, Brian Horst, and Dale Harbert.

Mr. King gave the class Cognitive tests on Wednesday. This was a new experience for the children.

After having several children out of school ill the past two weeks, all are back in class.

**1984**

February 23, 1984- Monday morning Feb. 20 the spell-off for the Kingman County spelling Bee took place at Cunningham Grade School. The children representing Cunningham in division A grades are: Julie Kerschen, 6<sup>th</sup>; Steve Gridley, 7<sup>th</sup>; Karla House, 6<sup>th</sup>; Kim Huffman, 6<sup>th</sup>; Eddie Jarmer, 7<sup>th</sup>; and Brian Sant, 7<sup>th</sup> ins the alternate.

Representing division B, grades 1-5 are: Julie Theis, 5<sup>th</sup>; Amber Magnett, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kathy Rosenbaum, 5<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca Rohr, 5<sup>th</sup>; John Witt, 4<sup>th</sup>; and Misty Ormiston, 3<sup>rd</sup> is the alternate.

The Kingman County Spelling Bee will take place in the Cunningham gymnasium March 31 at 9:30 a.m.

David Larson, fourth grade teacher, was in charge of the spell-off for Cunningham students. He was assisted by Liz Miller, fifth grade teacher and Donna Jones, sixth grade teacher.

The theatre workshop class of Pratt Community college brought a rare treat to children of Cunningham Grade School on February 17 by representing their musical drama, “The Chest of Dreams” in the CHS auditorium.

The play by May Bush was concerned with a little girl who had inherited chest belonging to her grandmother. The plot included a gypsy ghost, representing the good and the creative, an evil spirit Karkino who was negative and destructive, the girl, her mother and three of the girl’s ‘little’ friends. All parts were played by college students, who formed a ‘rock group’ as the realization of their dreams.

David Thornhill, CHS graduate was scheduled to have part, but was unable to do so because of illness. However, th accompanied the group to Cunningham.

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## Letter From a Birmingham Jail

In April of 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama. Alone for several days in the dull “monotony of a narrow jail cell,” as he described it, King penned a letter that has been described as one of the most important historical documents ever written. Considered a classic treatise on civil disobedience, it is perhaps one of the most beautifully crafted and eloquent letters ever composed. Every American should read it.

In the 1950s and 1960s, state governments

were failing to uphold the rights of African Americans under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. Even after the 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown v. Board of Education (overturning Plessy v. Ferguson from 1896) which struck down segregation in the nation’s public schools, discrimination persisted, especially in the South. At the time, Birmingham, Alabama was a hotbed for racial tension, and considered by many to be the most segregated large city in America.

King had led a campaign to desegregate a downtown shopping district in Birmingham. Teaching a means of agitation by nonviolent direct action, this was done with boycotts, marches, and lunch counter sit-ins. Hundreds had been arrested. On April 12, 1963 - Good Friday - King was arrested as well.

On the day of his arrest a group of white

moderate clergymen wrote an open letter to King, which appeared in the Birmingham News, criticizing the demonstrations. They urged a stop to the nonviolent protests and thought it more important to keep the peace rather than make immediate demands. They advised waiting for the courts to weigh in and public opinion to change.

King’s reasoned response, his letter from Birmingham Jail, began with scribbled notes in the margin of the newspaper. In this forceful written statement against injustice, King respectfully dismantles their arguments with crisp and specific language. Bristling with energy, the letter provides a compelling defense of nonviolent demonstration and became a rallying cry for an end to discrimination.

According to King’s secretary, Willie Pearl Mackey (who pieced together and typed his words along with the

help of Pastor Wyatt Tee Walker), after beginning the letter on the edges of the newspaper, King continued writing on toilet paper, greasy sandwich bags, paper napkins, and other scraps of paper. The fragmented pieces of paper (carrying almost 7,000 words) were smuggled out of the jail inside his lawyer’s shirt.

King’s words are penetrating and worth considering today. He wrote – “We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be coworkers with God...”

King argued that theirs was a righteous cause and noted that he had been labeled an extremist. He embraces this asking wasn’t Jesus

an extremist for love? Wasn’t the Apostle Paul an extremist for the gospel? Wasn’t Socrates an extremist for truth? All were martyred for their extremism.

With King’s inspiring words, he brought the struggle for civil rights into clear and brilliant focus. He wrote – “Abused and scorned though we may be, our destiny is tied up with the destiny of America. Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, we were here. Before the pen of Jefferson scratched across the pages of history the majestic words of the Declaration of Independence, we were here. For more than two centuries our forefathers labored here without wages; they made cotton king; and they built the homes of their masters in the midst of brutal injustice and shameful humiliation. And yet out of a bottomless vitality our people continue to thrive and develop. If

the inexpressible cruelties of slavery could not stop us, the opposition we now face will surely fail. We will win our freedom because the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of God are embodied in our echoing demands.”

King’s letter, written in the Birmingham jail, helped focus the world’s attention on the plight of African Americans in the South and spurred the famous March on Washington in August of that year. It was here that King delivered his famous I Have a Dream speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial. His words deeply affected the nation’s views on racial segregation and intolerance. Every American would benefit from pondering King’s immortal words today.

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## The True Story of the Three Blind Mice

By Jan Ackerson

You’ve heard that despicable children’s song—I know you have. Three blind mice, see how they run...I’m here to set the record straight; there’s not a word of truth in that odious tune. (I suppose you think a mouse once befriended a

lion, too. A lion! Lies, I tell you. All lies.)

So—let me start with that first line. Three blind mice... Yes, there were three of us, but we were hardly blind. Granted, Maximilian squints a bit; it runs in his family. But Alexander and I—our eyesight is just fine, thank you very much. No, it’s not lack of sight that got us into trouble, but lack of foresight, of vision. Everything that

happened to us was a result of rash action. My mother always used to say “Bartholomew, never go into a hole too small for your whiskers.” But we rushed into our grand scheme without thinking of the consequences.

What can I say? We’re mice. Our brains are the size of a morsel of cheese, a crumb of bread.

Pardon me while I sniff out a snack.

Where was I? Oh

yes, our grand scheme. See how they run. Well, naturally we were going to run. We knew the time of day when the cat (that vile creature) was most likely to be taking a long nap. I’ll admit that we forgot another famous mouseish proverb: A cat sleeps with its eyes closed and its ears open. The plan was to run quickly past her on our journey into...The Promised Land.

There were rumors, you see—rumors of pies, of treacle tarts, of chewy bread with enough crustiness to trim an old mouse’s incisors. There were rumors of muffins, of peanuts, of cakes. And did I mention cheese? Oh, there were rumors of veritable mountains of cheese in The Promised Land, so Maximilian and Alexander and I ran toward it...

...but the cat woke up.

With an unholy noise, she bounded after us. Luckily we three scampered in separate directions, confounding the horrid beast. Cats are stupid and distractible; we were fortunate that Tabby lost sight of us when she stopped to lick a paw.

They all ran after the farmer’s wife...I take umbrage at this. Tiny brains or not, no self-

respecting mouse would chase a human being. We ran to escape that giant hairball; is it our fault that the only escape route took us into the room where the farmer’s wife was sewing? We regrouped in a shadowy corner, our hearts fluttering madly. There was a certain amount of anxious squeaking on Alexander’s part.

Of course she screamed. Why do humans screech so? She was in no danger from us. She’d be wiser, I think, to scream when Tabby enters the room; I’ve seen the way that the cat unsheathes her horrible claws while gazing malevolently in the woman’s direction.

But I digress. Pardon me—there’s a crumb under the table that I must investigate. If it’s edible, I need to claim it before Alexander spies it. Alexander cannot be trusted.

Back to the farmer’s wife...there we were, Maximilian, Alexander, and I, paralyzed with fear at the woman’s shrieks. Tabby was lurking nearby and we were nowhere close to The Promised Land. And just at that moment, the farmer entered the room to investigate the cause of his

wife’s terror.

We were trapped.

She cut off their tails with a carving knife. Again, this is not strictly true. The poor terrified woman flung her scissors at us as we cowered in the corner, and by virtue of an unlucky bounce, they nipped off a bit of Max’s tail. It was a piece no larger than the tip of his nose—but these stories grow with each retelling. Max is fine, save for the injury to his dignity; a mouse’s tail is his pride. “Guard your tail, boy,” my father always said. “Without it, you’re nothing but a hamster.”

Did you ever see such a sight in your life as three blind mice? Of course you didn’t. As I said earlier, it was vision, not sight that we lacked. We still hope one day to achieve The Promised Land, and I’m devising a new scheme to get there. I’ve seen the dog walking freely there and back, and I’ve decided that we should befriend him I think he can be useful to us. After all, we have a common enemy.

I don’t see how this plan can possibly fail.



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**St. John, Zenda**  
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**St. John, Nashville**  
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10:30 a.m.

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

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### Church of Christ

**Penalosa**  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



### First Christian Church

**Cunningham**  
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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.

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**Zenda**  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
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Pastor J L Nichols  
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[swirls, sniffs and sips red wine]

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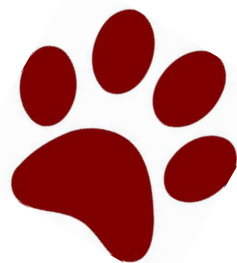
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Back Row: Brody Bock, Liam McGuire, Coach Lance McGuire, Nathan Ndambuki, Cole Hageman  
Not pictured: Andrew Kerschen, and Assistant Coach Eric Kerschen



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 Back row: Assistant Coach Bart Ricke, Kory Morgan, Kendall Rogers, Nate Sterneker, Andrew Schultz, Luke McGuire, Luke Albers, Stephen Kerschen, Coach Bob Stackhouse



Front Row: Grace Hageman, Ava Bock, Katie Ogg, Gracie Smyth, Whitney Mead, Rylee Miller  
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 Not pictured: Coach Kayla Staley, Assistant Coach Maekayla Hartley

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### Cunningham Comes Back to Defeat Cougars

The Central Christian Cougars entered the game with an upset on their mind after trailing by eight going into the fourth quarter, the Wildcats rallied to defeat the Cougars 66 to 58 on February 6, 2024.

Both teams shot the ball extremely well in the first quarter with Cunningham getting the edge 21 to 18 with help from a three point basket by Luke Albers just before the buzzer. Will Wegerer added ten points

to Alber's nine points. Dagim Reed scored a two point basket to end the scoring.

Cunningham lost a point in the second quarter as Central Christian tallied 17 points to the Cat's 16 for the second quarter. Reed and Albers each scored four points. Wegerer scored three points on a traditional three point play. Nate Sterneker and Dylan Halderson each scored two points and Luke McGuire added a free throw to the total. The half ended with the score at 37 to 35.

The Cougars kept up the scoring pace in the

third quarter with 19 more points. Cunningham went a little cold and could only manage 11 points and trailed 48 to 54 going into the fourth quarter. Albers scored six points. McGuire and Wegerer had three and two points, respectively.

The Cats turned up the heat and only allowed four points for the Cougars while scoring 18 points and completing the comeback with a 66 to 58 victory. Wegerer scored seven points to lead the Cats. McGuire and Halderson each scored four points. Albers added three points.

by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		2	2/4	8	8	3	1	1
Wegerer	6	2	4/5	22	9	6	1	
Albers	6	2	4/8	22	10	2	3	
Sterneker	1			2	3	2	1	
Reed	3		0/1	6	1	1		
Morgan					1			
Halderson	2		2/6	6	3			

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Cunningham	21	16	11	18	66
C. Christian	18	17	19	4	58



Luke McGuire



### Cunningham Downs the Thunderbirds

The Wildcats traveled to the Thunderdome at Pratt-Skyline and came away with a victory 59 to 49 on February 9, 2024.

Dagim Reed and Luke Albers led the Cats in the first quarter with five points each. Will Wegerer added a basket to give the Wildcats a 12 to six lead after one quarter.

Cunningham did not allow a basket to Skyline in the second quarter but sent them to the line three times where they were 7 for 7. Albers scored six points. Wegerer scored on a three point basket

and Logan Kinsler went two for two from the free throw line. The half ended with the Cats up 23 to 13.

The Cat defense continued in the third quarter only allowing eight points to Skyline and scoring 15 points to lead 38 to 21 after three quarters. Albers scored seven points and Wegerer added five more to his total. Dylan Halderson went two for two from the line and Reed added another free throw to his total.

The fourth quarter was a different game than the first three with Skyline scoring 28 points and Cunningham scoring 21 points. Both teams turned the ball over and

both teams shot well from the free throw line. Wegerer made ten points which included seven for eight from the line. Kory Morgan capitalized on two good assists for four points. Albers also scored four points and Halderson added three points. Although he didn't get into the scoring column, Luke McGuire did an excellent job of holding one of their top plays to six points for the game. There were 47 fouls called in the game and Skyline went 20 for 23 from the line and Cunningham shot a very respectable 24 out of 32 free throws for the game, 75%.

by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire					5	6	1	2
Wegerer	2	3	7/8	20	10	3	1	
Albers	4	2	8/10	22	4	2	4	
Sterneker					1		2	
Reed	1		4/8	6	3	2	2	
Morgan	2			4			1	
Halderson	1		3/4	5	1			
Kinsler			2/2	2	2			

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Cunningham	12	11	15	21	59
Skyline	6	7	8	28	49



Will Wegerer



Dagim Reed



### CHS Lady Wildcats



Matilyn Jump



Emily Ogg



Kyra Morgan



Macy Neufeld



Maranda Lohrke





Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 4

Traffic Stops	8
Civil Papers	1
Interview	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Lost or Found Property	2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock

Monday, February 5

Traffic Stop	1
Control Burn	3
Animal	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Vandalism	2000 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Theft	300 Blk W Wallace Ave, Kingman
Traffic Violation	NE 20 Ave and E Hwy 54 Area, Kingman
Recovered Property	100 Blk W Second Ave, Norwich

Tuesday, February 6

Traffic Stops	4
Civil Papers	1
Control Burn	2
Disabled Vehicle	1300 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	@mm 188

Wednesday, February 7

Suspicious Vehicle	200 E.A. Ave, Kingman
Weapons/Firearms	@MM 179
911 Call ACC/Hang Up	1300 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	SW 10 St and SW 170 Ave Area, Cunningham
Sign Down	Cunningham

Thursday, February 8

Traffic Stops	4
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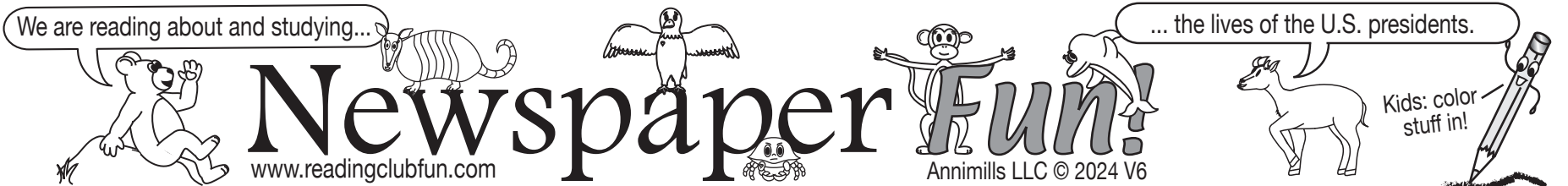
Control Burn	1
Civil Paper	1
Follow Up	5000 Blk S. Seneca St, Wichita
Follow Up	4000 Blk S Broadway, Wichita @mm163
Debris in Roadway	200 Blk E.A. Ave, Kingman
Citizen Assist	200 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
Trespassing	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Violation	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Violation	NE 40 Ave and E Hwy 54 Area, Kingman
Traffic Violation	2000 Bk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Assist Other Agencies	

Friday, February 9

Warrant Service	1
Traffic Stop	3
Control Burn	7
Civil Paper Served	5
Transport Civilian	400 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Saturday, February 10

Traffic Stop	3
Civil Paper	3
Suspicious Person	400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Extra Patrol	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial	300 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Traffic Violation	5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Violation	2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal	400 Blk E F Ave, Kingman
Lost or Found Property	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Juvenile Matter	120 N Spruce, Kingman



# Honoring The Presidents

February 12th is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many people think he was the greatest U.S. President! He kept the union of the states together. He freed slaves. He is still remembered today for his powerful and heartfelt speeches. **Read the clues to help you fill in this puzzle about Lincoln:**

- he was \_\_\_\_\_ on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky
- his family lived in a one-room log \_\_\_\_\_
- there were no \_\_\_\_\_; Abraham spent his days playing or working
- he loved to \_\_\_\_\_; would walk for miles to borrow a book
- in 1836, he received his license to be a \_\_\_\_\_
- in 1842, he married \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Lincoln; they had four sons
- he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for one term (Whig Party); opposed the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ into new areas
- in 1858, he ran for the U.S. Senate, but was not \_\_\_\_\_
- the Republican party, which opposed slavery, chose Lincoln to run for President (1860); he won, becoming the \_\_\_\_\_ President
- right away some southern states split from the \_\_\_\_\_; they wanted to start their own government
- Lincoln did not want the country to \_\_\_\_\_; the Civil War began with the Confederate Army, led by Gen. Robert E. Lee, having the upper hand
- during the war, in 1862, Lincoln signed the "Emancipation Proclamation" giving \_\_\_\_\_ to all slaves (in the south)
- after a \_\_\_\_\_ (1863) at Gettysburg, PA, the war's tide turned - the Union Army led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to win
- Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg to give a \_\_\_\_\_ - it has become famous: *The Gettysburg Address*
- in 1864, Lincoln was elected \_\_\_\_\_ again
- the Confederate Army \_\_\_\_\_ in April 1865; Lincoln urged all Americans to make peace and get along
- five days later, Lincoln went to the \_\_\_\_\_ with his wife, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln and killed him

Lincoln was famous for wearing a stovepipe hat!

A bust or a statue of a President is one way we can honor him.

I'm worth a long walk!

freedom theater



## How We Honor The Presidents

Today we remember and honor the work of the presidents by naming schools, libraries and other buildings after them. We name parks after them and put up statues to honor them. How many things can you think of that we put the image of a president on? **Find and circle below the ways in which we honor presidents.**

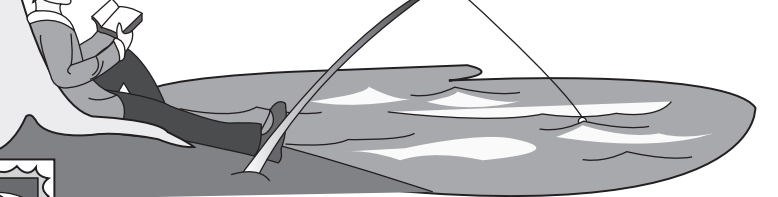
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Abraham liked to tell jokes and stories. He also liked to fish and wrestle.

## Abraham Lincoln's Younger Days!

What do you know about President Lincoln's childhood? It's always fun to learn how presidents spent their time as kids growing up. Read each statement. **Circle "T" if you think it's "True" and "F" if you think it's "False."**

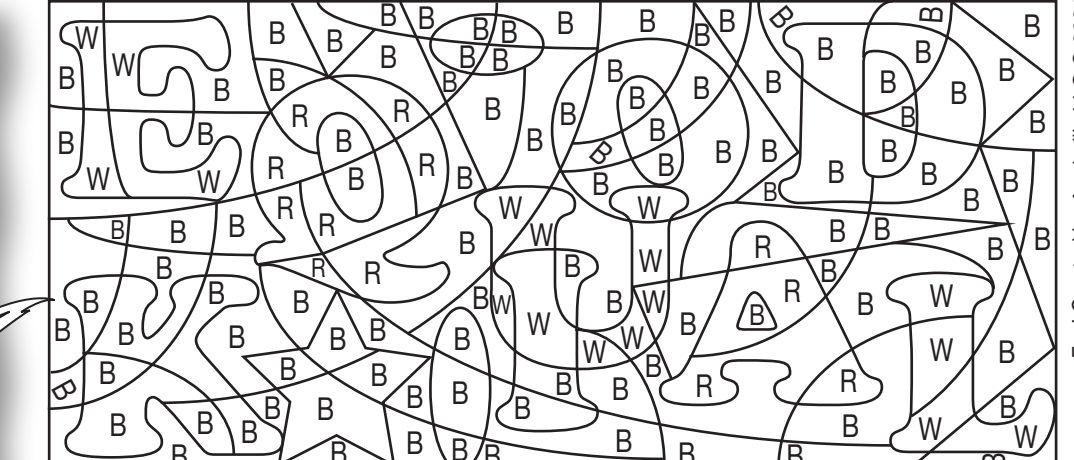


- Abraham Lincoln's):**
- was born in Kentucky. When he was seven his family moved to Indiana. **T F**
  - lived in a wild area with many bears and other wild animals. **T F**
  - Mom died when Abraham was 9 years old. **T F**
  - had 24 brothers and sisters. **T F**
  - loved to read books from the "Harry Potter" series. **T F**
  - had a horse. **T F**

Color in the puzzle to find out what the first line of President Lincoln's famous speech, the Gettysburg Address, says!

R = Red  
 B = Blue  
 W = White

**Gettysburg Address**  
*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created...*





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

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**February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month**

Swaney Veterinary Clinic is offering discounts on cat and dog spays/neuters during February.

Ask about multi-pet discounts that are available.

Call for prices and scheduling. 620-532-5544

**Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption**

**Chip**

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Spunky, beautiful and well dressed! He loves being the center of attention and gets along well with the other kitties as well as the bunnies. Take me home please!

Male Domestic Shorthair

Chip weighs about 4 pounds and is about 5 months old.

His adoption fee is \$75.00

He has been at the shelter since September 30, 2023

**Cooper**

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I'm a single guy, looking for companionship. I'm house-trained but I also love being outdoors. I can be your strong protector, but I still like to cuddle. I'm part couch potato and part watch dog. I Love treats but I need to watch my weight a little too so if you watch me, I'll watch you. I'm a homebody and not fond of riding in cars. And I definitely don't drive. :-)

Male Retriever, Black Labrador / Catahoula Leopard Dog

Cooper weighs about 80 pounds and is about 2 years old.

His adoption fee has been waived as he is in the 'For Adoption By Owner' program.

He has been up for adoption since February 1, 2024

Adult-Only Home Preferred. Should be an only dog.

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

**KCHS Donation Wish List**

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:  
13-gal. kitchen trash bags  
dry cat and kitten food  
clumping cat litter  
canned dog food  
Purina Puppy Chow  
long-lasting chews  
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets  
paper towels

bleach  
liquid laundry detergent  
poop bag rolls  
disposable gloves (large)  
The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman  
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068

**Local Students Named to Dean's Honor Roll at Wichita State University**

WICHITA, Kan. (February 7, 2024) - Wichita State University has announced the names of 3,686 students who were on the WSU Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2023.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

About Wichita State University

Wichita State University is Kansas' only urban public research university, enrolling more than 23,000 students between its main campus and WSU Tech, including students from every state in the U.S. and more than 100 countries. Wichita State and WSU Tech are

recognized for being student centered and innovation driven.

Located in the largest city in the state with one of the highest concentrations in the United States of jobs involving science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), Wichita State University provides uniquely distinctive and innovative pathways of applied learning, applied research and career opportunities for all of our students.

The Innovation Campus, which is a physical extension of the Wichita State University main campus, is one of the nation's largest and fastest-growing research/innovation parks, encompassing over 120 acres and is home to a number of global companies and organizations.

**Cunningham, KS**  
**Alice Huelskamp**  
**Ethan Paris**  
**Michelle Sours**

**Students Qualify for Regional Free Throw Competition**



Nine Cunningham students qualified to move on to the regional level of the Knights of Columbus free throw competition by winning their respective age divisions at the district competition on February 11. They will shoot in Garden Plain on February 18. Pictured are:

Front row: Vaughn Preisser, Leah Rogers, Casyn Miller, Bentley Strohl, Daniel Hellman.

Back row: Adam Sterneker, Nathan Ndambuki, Macy Neufeld, Cooper Neufeld.

submitted by Shawna Sterneker

# Honoring The Presidents

**Gettysburg Address**  
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created...

Answers: 1. T, 2. T, 3. T, 4. F, an older sister and a younger brother who died as an infant, 5. F, he loved to read, but Harry Potter books weren't even written yet... he liked **Robinson Crusoe**, 6. T

**How We Honor The Presidents**

Abraham Lincoln's Younger Days!

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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. February 5, 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; Leslie Schrag, Kingman Economic Development Director; Virginia Valaniz; Valorie Weinger.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; User 1; Julie Lyon; Fred Foley

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer 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.

Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss mailing out Real Estate values and received bids from Komtek and Postalcity. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve using Postalcity in the amount of \$5,464.27. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Virginia Alaniz, EPIC committee; Valorie Weinger, EPIC Committee were in to discuss EPIC project and they want to focus on Clyde Cessna.

Chairman Henning asked them why they chose Clyde Cessna

as there are also other people of importance in Kingman County and asked them if they had been down to the Expo Center to see the Walls. Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he isn't against the project but they are something that will need to be maintained in the future with an additional cost to the taxpayers.

Chairman Henning discussed that all Elected Officials should work together to ensure that the budget is appropriate and fair to the taxpayers. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 9:02 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:22 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 9:22 a.m. with no decision made. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:22 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve an employee change from detention to dispatch. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve shared leave for an employee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss an added appropriation to the Council on Aging for payment of the commodities pickup for 2024.

County Clerk submitted the January 29, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024, Commission Meeting with amendments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners approved a summary of transfers and corrections for January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$1,872,304.18.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

SC Telcom-Cable Crossing-Sections 8 & 9, Township 27, Range 10 (Dresden).

Haviland Telephone Co.-install fiber optic between Sections 12,13,14 & 23, Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf was in with a Construction Engineering application for Project 48C-5230-01 to be signed.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Notice received for the Spring

KDOT Cost Share Program. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:17 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:32 a.m. with no decision made.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to talk with the County Commissioners about a voucher that was submitted.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Leroux for coming in to explain the voucher. Commissioners signed abatements. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:37 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas

Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:52 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners opened quotes received on the sprinkler system for the Courthouse. Babson Landscape Management \$5,500.00 Younie Lawscapes \$6,360.14

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Babson Landscape Management for \$5,500.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Communications they had with the City of Kingman and the communications have been good. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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#### ACROSS

1. Falling out
5. Bottle top
8. Door fastener
12. Shoe emanation?
13. Staff note
14. Home to Buccaneers
15. Actress Spelling
16. Thor's father
17. Kidman's husband
18. \*He served two nonconsecutive presidential terms
20. \*JFK and RFK's relationship, abbr.
21. Foreword
22. J. Edgar Hoover Building org.
23. Pac-Man venue
26. Long and adventurous journey
30. Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
31. Like life, according to some
34. Is it enough?
35. Jalisco plant
37. As opposed to rent
38. Grassy mound
39. Flat-top hill
40. \*W in George H. W. Bush
42. Nicki Minaj's genre
43. Reusable painting pattern
45. Sacred songs
47. Horse control
48. Laughing predator
50. Gunk
52. \*Nobel Peace Prize winning president
56. Social media button
57. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid

#### DOWN

1. Campus drillers
2. One on a pedestal
3. Golfer's warning
4. "Jeopardy" question, e.g.
5. Closet wood
6. \_\_\_ acid
7. Body between England and U.S.?
8. \*President who spent the shortest time in office
9. Orator's stand
10. Pampering establishments
11. J.M. Barrie's Peter
13. Like hot lava
14. Short and plump
19. Endow
22. \*WW2 Pres.
23. \*Thomas Jefferson was his VP
24. "Thesaurus" author
25. Cut it out
26. Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
27. Annoy a bedfellow
28. "Bravo! Bravo!" e.g.
29. Online reviews
32. Delivered by a mare
33. Hole punching tool

#### 36. \*a.k.a. Old Kinderhook

38. Danish money
40. Intelligent humor
41. Vomiting
44. Pressed beverage
46. Tap house
48. TV classic "\_\_\_'s Heroes"
49. Egg parts
50. Past tense of chide
51. Sand trap tool
52. Ill-mannered
53. Albany-Buffalo canal
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## Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported she is working with sheriff's office and Tyson for the drone, and they have everything they need.

Western Kansas Economic Development Alliance Group advocating for their share of the resources distributed. Economic development meeting will not be held this week as scheduled. She stated the house will try to override the governor on the tax plan.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from January 29, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Debbie Withers to serve on the Council for Aging. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners discussed the fair board filing for 501c3 status. They see no reason it would affect their support funds.

Tyson asked for ap-

proval to send the thirty-six tracts with delinquent taxes to First American Title. Chairman Shriver made the motion to approve the request to send thirty-six tracts to First American Title. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Smith, CEO, and Alan Waites, CFO, PRMC, presented their first quarter reports. Alan gave the financial report through December 31, 2023. Tammy reported they are finishing up their master plan, it will be presented in April. They have recruited a general surgeon that will be here in the near future. She stated they are still working with Horizons and city police on the grant for mental health. PRMC will contract employees from Horizons. The grant will cover those costs the first year. She stated the community needs assessment survey is active now until March 8, 2024. They encourage people to participate. They are still working on the day-care situation. Chairman Shriver read HB2637 concerning rural and sole community hospitals. Tammy said she would check it out.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling, gave an update on the 2023 year end for landfill and recycling. He reported the tonnage coming into the landfill is up. He is taking a lot of out of county materials that needs to be addressed. He stated the ADC machine that was purchased is working great.

Doug Freund, road/lake, presented the rock quotes for asphalt mixing. Pearson Materials

quoted \$50.20 per ton for 3/8" unwashed stone and \$44.20 per ton for gray screenings and Cornejo Materials Stone Yard quoted \$46.43 for 3/8" unwashed stone and \$31.73 per ton for gray screenings. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the quote from Cornejo Materials Stone Yard for the unwashed stone for \$46.43 per ton and the gray screenings for \$31.73 per ton. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:47 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning the sale of property closing documents. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:51 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:51 p.m. for fifteen minutes discuss non-elected personnel concerning an HR issue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to return from executive session at 3:05 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue presented a quote from Main Street Auto for Rescue 1 in the amount of \$3,664.13 to replace the turbos. The commissioners asked if he could get one more quote and report back. He reported there was a keyboard on one of the garage doors that isn't working. He presented a pay slip for Jonathan Popovich for \$15.00 per hour to clear snow. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve hiring Jonathan Popovich at \$15.00 per hour to clear snow when needed. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:12 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss hourly pay. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:22 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

They discussed the fire/rescue budget. He was told the 2025 budget process will start in a few months and he should turn in his budget needs for 2025 at that time.

Chairman Shriver stated to department heads that any employees that are off for an extended period of time due to medical reasons have to notify the clerk's office immediately. There will need to be a doctor's note stating they are off work and also a doctor's release before they can come back to work.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:31 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning taxes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:44 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the documents concerning the sale of land purchase. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for February 5, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:05 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### Public Notice

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CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-000004  
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and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.  
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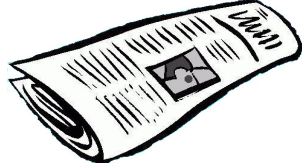
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## Lucy Flynn

Lucille "Lucy" Flynn, 87, passed away Friday, February 9, 2024 at Pratt Health and Rehab. She was born on June 22, 1936 in Pratt to Rolland A and Verna Faye (Walker) Nixon. Lucille married Wesley Cromwell and he preceded her in death. She then married Emmett Flynn and he preceded her in death.



Lucy graduated from Langdon High School in 1954. She received her Associate Degree from Pratt Junior College. She worked at Pratt Regional Medical Center, Dillons and the printing press. She was a member of Iuka Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, life member of VFW Axillary Post #1382 and Professional Women. She enjoyed crafting and bowling.

She is survived by her brother, John Nixon of Park City; sisters, Ruth Duscher of Buhler and Joan (Bill) Newman of Avondate, AZ; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucy is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Wesley Cromwell and Emmett Flynn; and companion, Leo Ronald Roberts.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Louis Keeling presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Iuka Methodist Church or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



## Bob Davault

Robert "Bob" Homer Davault Obituary

Robert Homer (Bob) Davault, born October 24, 1941, went to be with the Lord on February 10, 2024. Bob grew up on Lake Road with his parents Homer Frederick Davault and Roberta Grace (Smith) Davault, along with his sister, Nancy Caroline Davault. As a youth, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping minks. He would rise early in the mornings before school to check his traps. After collecting an abundant supply of beautiful pelts, the budding entrepreneur would sell them so Sears & Roebuck for mink coats. In high school, his prize possession was his turquoise blue '57 Chevy.



Bob enjoyed being outdoors and working with his hands, so he elected to become a master plumber. After interning in a local company, he accepted a job as a union plumber for several years, constructing hospitals and schools around the State of Kansas, including buildings at Pratt High School and the Pratt Community College. Afterward, Bob became an entrepreneur, opening his own business. His expertise, work ethic, and steadfast attention to detail made him beloved by his customers.

Bob maintained his passion for fishing, spending many hours in peaceful solitude on his fishing lease. It was the place he felt most connected to God and nature.

Bob was married to Lu (Hoefer) for approximately fifteen years. On April 26, 1977, he married Georgeanne (Griffith) Brown. Together, they gave their children a wonderful example of the steadfast love and patient endurance it takes to be married for forty-two years. Georgeanne predeceased Bob in 2018. He is survived by four children: Homer, Sharon (Roger), Carla (Gene), & Cathy; seven grandchildren: Chandler, Cameron, Stephanie (Jared), Shelly, Jeremy (Courtnei), Henry (Eleanor), & Jack; six great-grand children: Coben, Thane, Theodore, Declan, Mia & Adalynn; and sister: Nancy Davault.

Friends may sign the book Friday, February 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary with burial following at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pratt Area Humane Society or the Homer F. Davault Scholarship Fund at the Pratt Community College in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Mike Lewis

Mike Lewis was born on a cattle ranch in Kinsley, Kansas to Buck and Lucy Lewis 84 years ago. He was the oldest of four siblings Lana, Niki and Van. He grew up helping on the ranch and riding his horse on the sand hills of Edwards county. When he was 9, he began working at his fathers livestock auction - where his passion for the livestock business began.



In 1958, he married his high school sweetheart Ruth and they celebrated 65 years together this past November. Mike and Ruth have three children, Shawna (Greg) Schneider, Michelle (Mike) Stivers and Mike (Jake) Lewis; 7 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. His family meant everything to him and he was happiest when they were all home.

Mike started at Pratt Livestock in 1959. He was the manager many years and was fortunate enough to be a co-owner. In 2019 he was inducted into the Cattle Marketing Hall of Fame. A buyer once said that he was the only cattleman he ever knew who could make both the buyer and the seller happy at the same time. His reputation in the cattle business is legendary.

In true livestock fashion Mike went to the highest bidder on 2/12 surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 2-4 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 19, 2024 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. A private family inurnment will be at a later date at Hillside Cemetery, Kinsley.

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will be helpful tools for first responders as well as visitors and delivery services. Signs were printed by Taylor Printing in Pratt and assembled and installed by volunteers in early February. Funding for these new signs was provided by the City of Zenda, Kingman EMS, and a grant from South Central Community Foundation (SCCF).

story and photos submitted by Beth Blasi



## Carol Glenn-Walter

Carol Vaunita Glenn-Walter was born on the family farm in rural Cunningham, Kansas, on November 22, 1937, to Elmer Raymond and Elva Racheal Waters-Glenn. She passed away on February 11, 2024, following a courageous battle with lung cancer that began in May 2017.



Carol was affectionately called "Cookie" by family members and grew up on the Glenn Family Farm with her four siblings: Calvin, Pat, Dallas and Ken.

She met her husband, Carroll "Walt" Walter on the McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas and they had their first date on Valentine's Day in 1956. The two were married only a few months later on September 15th of the same year. Following their marriage, Carol went on to work in Civil service at most of the bases in which Walt was stationed.

Carol retired from McConnell Air Force Base on January 3, 2023 to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. Her eldest daughter, Robin Michelle was born on September 1, 1957. while Walt and Carol were stationed at McConnell Air Force Base. Their second daughter, Melinda Rene', was born on April 1, 1968, just days after Walt received orders for Hawaii.

Many are left to cherish Caro's witty sense of humor and her love for encouraging others. She is survived by her son-in-law and daughter, Tom and Robin Puent, of Wichita, Kansas, and grandson, Steve. She is also survived by son-in-law and daughter, Loren and Rene' Swor, of Duncan, Oklahoma, and her three granddaughters, Savanna Canady (Jonathan), Hope and Jill Swor; brothers, Dallas (Venna) and Ken (Marilyn); sister, Patricia; sister-in-law, Charlene; many nieces, nephews, and countless friends she cherished.

Carol is predeceased by both of her parents; brother, Dr. Calvin Glenn; and husband of 41 years, Carol "Walt" Walter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Victory in the Valley, Inc, American Cancer Society, or any other organization that is intent on future research of cancer cures as well as encouraging patients and families. Memorials can also be send to the West Kingman County Education Foundation Class of 1955 Fellowship Fund.

"Cookie" left us with these final words, "My family is always first and foremost in my heart. I would like to be remembered as a caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend."

Carol's family would like to express our eternal gratitude to Sonja, Geri, and Rose for your loving care of Mom the last few months of her life.

The viewing/visitation will be at Smith Family Mortuary in Haysville, Kansas, on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 12:00pm-2:00pm.

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 10:30am at Cunningham United Methodist Church in Cunningham, Kansas



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