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Cunningham Wildcat team with 6-Man District trophy

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Approved Minutes from October BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Bjorn Halderson, and Travis Thimesch via zoom; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and guests Leo Hageman, Lane Halderson, Zach Strohl, Chris Marquart, Alan Youngers, Kameron Kasselmann and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson,

seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 special Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing meetings. Motion carried 6-0. Board member Megan Green and guest Cameron McClendon arrived to the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$404,942.29 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed turned the meeting over to Alan Youngers of McCown Gordon to update the board on the status of the bond project, including budget and time line. Superintendent Reed shared updated architect plans.

Guests Chris Marquart, Alan Youngers and Kameron Kasselmann left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Superintendent Reed discussed the

Food for Kids Backpack program, Purple wave auction, Radio options, 5th-8th Grade Body Health presentation, and addressed issues from the newspaper.

Principal Dunlap shared with the board the KESA Accreditation presentation we will submit. He talked about Fire prevention week and upcoming Calendar items for sports, academics and extracurricular activities.

No report.

Guests Leo Hageman, Lane Halderson, Zach Strohl, and Cameron McClendon left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Administration for 15 minutes at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel and return to the board room at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Administration for 5 minutes at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel performance under the KOMA exception for non-elected personnel and return to the board room at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Megan Green, to accept the resignation of Karen "Joey" Hageman as foodservice support. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion of the December board meeting date resulted in changing the date and time to hear construction bid information. New date and time is Monday December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for November 7, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on November 7th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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

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

Landwehr; Pat Elpers.

Online Visitors: Joyce

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer.

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

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

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to ask for the appointment of Greg Schreiner to the Economic Development Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Greg Schreiner to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag presented the Commissioners a proposal to combine the Façade Program, Dilapidated Program and a new Residential Improvement Program together.

Commissioners discussed their concerns with consolidated the programs and made no decision on the combination of the programs.

Ms. Schrag will bring it back before the board in the future.

Commissioners discussed the 2023 Holidays for Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the following 2023 Holidays for Kingman County:

KINGMAN COUNTY 2023 HOLIDAYS:

New Year's Day

Monday, January 2, 2023

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 16, 2023

Presidents Day

Monday, February 20, 2023

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023 (½ Day)

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2023

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023

Columbus Day

Monday, October 9, 2023

Veterans Day

Friday, November 10, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas

Monday, December 25, 2023

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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

Commissioners received a copy of the Sales Tax and Compensating use tax for October 2022 in the amount of \$75,310.15.

Stan Goetz, HR was in to discuss FEMA and to let the Commissioners know that Flood Maps will be updated.

Mr. Goetz submitted performance review information to the County

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The Cunningham Courier will be mailed out on Friday next week. Deadline remains the same: Tuesday afternoon. Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!! -Roberta

Happy Nurse Practitioners Week to Our NPs!

A Heartfelt Thanks for All You Do!



LAURA

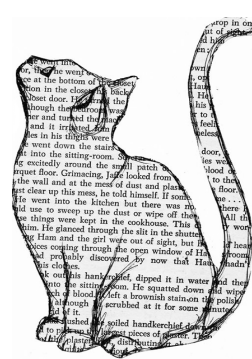
JESSICA

KIM

LOGAN

AMY

BRENDA



Meanderings

Oh, dear. I don't feel like meandering this week. Not at all. It's too cold. And I don't like the cold. I dread the wind that whips across this part of the once vast prairie. I dread the heating bills. It's not that I don't appreciate Kansas Gas Company, I do, but I don't like paying for my gas. Like all others who appreciate a good deal, free is the best deal of all.

I would prefer to snuggle under the electric blanket with a couple of beasts next to me, and read through all the adventures in those shelves and stacks and closets of books that are here in my home. I can see many adventures awaiting me in those stories—if I could just spend more time reading. Siiiigh.

I just finished a trek across Kansas with Maude and Sallie March.

This diptych was a fine way to spend a couple of cold afternoons and evenings. (pronounced diptik. I checked today for a word that meant two books in a series. And what I found was "two books do not a series make." Diptych is two; triptych is three.)

In the first book, 16-year-old Maude and 11-year-old Sallie, newly orphaned after their Aunt Ruthie was killed by a miscreant bullet in front of the dry goods store in Iowa. They manage to runaway from their new guardians and head to Independence, Missouri, with plans to find their Uncle Arlen.

They barely leave town when they are innocently involved in a bank robbery and are forced to go on the lam. They have many adventures along the way to Independence. And the characters they meet are varied and interesting—both the good ones and the wicked.

In the second book, Sallie and Maude are living quietly with their uncle in Independence, when "Mad Maude March" is arrested for robbery and murder. She

manages to escape from jail and she and Sallie are off again, across the new state of Kansas to find their Uncle Arlen in the Colorado Territory. They have many adventures along the way, dressing as boys sometimes and girls other times. The stories of Mad Maude's escapades follow them through Lawrence, Council Grove, Fort Zarah, Fort Dodge and on into Colorado Territory.

It was rollicking good reads. I will miss those two girls and their friends and compatriots. But I will now head to Philadelphia to spend some time with Rosato and Associates, Lisa Scottoline's characters in the all-women law firm in the City of Brotherly Love. I've read three in the series, and I think I will enjoy the remaining books as so far they are just good murder mysteries, no serial killers. I have pretty much sworn those off.

Later today, I was looking up something else for this paper. I can't remember what it was now, but there was that word 'diptych'. Isn't that weird that I learned the word today and then I

see it in another totally unrelated story later?

The plan for Thanksgiving is to travel to Garden Plain for the annual Timesch Thanksgiving dinner in the basement of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. It is generally a large gathering... 60 to 80 folks. Relatives of all sorts show up – aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, brothers, cousins once and twice removed, second cousins, fifth cousins, friends of cousins, people we aren't sure how they fit into the bunch, but because there is always too much food, everyone is welcome.

Our newspaper photographer asked me about getting into the football game this Friday. I contacted Jeremy at KSHAA and he said I needed to contact the school where we will be playing. I googled 'Waverly' found a website, but no email addresses. I checked the map, I saw a couple of other towns that sounded familiar, so I called the Superintendent's office and visited with a nice lady there. We talked about a few things and

then she told me their athletic director's name was Robert McIntosh and that he was also their bus supervisor, and she would relay the message to him, he'd call me back as soon as he could.

And he did. He was asking me questions about the newspaper and our town. We are chit-chatting and then he says, "I wish I could help you, but I live in Waverly, New York."

"A R E Y O U KIDDING ME?"

No, he wasn't. I told him we definitely wouldn't be there on Friday and not to worry about our photographer showing up wanting permission to get in free as a member of the press.

I bragged that his football team would be out of their league with ours as we play six-man football. "Six-man? Really?"

I explained we once played 8-man, but then lost a few students in the populace and began with the 6- man team.

He said they were playing 11-man football against Syracuse (another Kansas sounding town) on Friday. It would probably be snowing, as it was snowing while he

talked to me. I told him our snow was melting.

He also told me that next week he'd be in Florida, sitting on a dock with a fishing pole and a beer in his hand, and he could hardly wait.

I told him to enjoy his football game and his vacation in sunny Florida.

He wished me a good and happy forever.

After I hung up, I typed in Waverly, KANSAS and found the correct place and the right gentleman, and am waiting to hear from him. I can't imagine a visit with him would be as entertaining as the one I had with soon-to-be-vacationing Robert McIntosh of Waverly, New York.

Always reading, and currently getting ready to read,

'Moment of Truth' by Lisa Scottoline Roberta

"But past events had impressed upon me how fast things could go wrong, and how different life might be after they did."

—Audrey Couloumbis, Maude March on the Run!

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, This week I had the pleasure of seeing the Hays High School production of Seussical (the musical) by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Aherns. Actually, that's not true. I had the pleasure of seeing it twice. And though I do not profess to be a drama critic, I am phenomenally qualified as a patron of theatre. I have seen many youth productions in Philadelphia, New York, Kansas City, Wichita and countless other towns

across America and believe me when I say the kids in Hays stack up to the best of them.

A director in New York once told me that, "The theatre experience does not begin when the curtain rises, it begins when you park your car, and from that point forward, critical impressions are made, from the ushers all the way to the closing number." And the Hays Drama Department and their many volunteers, checked every box in that progression of the theatri-

cal experience.

The musical is by far the most demanding and collaborative all dramatic endeavors. Behind every role is a selfless and dedicated cadre of cogs and wheels that make the machine hum. These include costumers, make-up artists, lighting and sound technicians, stage hands, directors, choreographers, musicians, and actors. Not to mention set designers, graphic designers, custodians, ushers and my goodness, people I am sure I have not even thought of. Just going off the program, I have ascertained that there are 101 teachers, students and citizens of Hays whose time and sacrifice contributed to a flawless and joyous

performance. Too many cooks did not spoil this broth—they made you go back for seconds. And if I could have, I would have gone back for thirds.

At first, when I attended the matinees for the over 1800 K-6 kids who were bussed in for the big event, one might think their wriggling, squiggling, and giggling in all their youthful energy would have been distracting. But instead, their exuberance (which was encouraged by Director Alex Underwood at the start of the play) only enhanced the experience. After the show watching those kids clamor back onto their buses was almost as fun as the play itself. One bespectacled 6-year old proclaimed to

me, "That was the best thing ever!" And that little burgeoning critic hit the nail on the head.

Under the obviously proficient, steady and imaginative direction of Alex Underwood (who doubled as musical director) and the complex and eclectic choreography of Adrian Rifaf, plus the welcome addition to the orchestra of Matthew Rome, and the technical direction of both Jeremy Wann and Jeff Bitikofer—the sum of all parts perfectly meshed into a seamless and exhilarating production.

I have saved the cast and musicians for last because they, of course, provided the most visual and auditory delights this production had to

offer. From the leading roles all the way down to the supporting cast, they embraced this project with enthusiasm and commitment. Oh, and yeah, an amazing amount of talent. The understudy performance was just as great in every way as the primary one.

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind, and may I add, with apologies to Dr. Seuss...

I WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS IN A BOAT I WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS WITH A GOAT

KUDOS! WELL DONE! CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE EARNED 101 OVATIONS!

My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 27

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022 Wow! It's been a year since my last chemotherapy treatment on November 1, 2021. My body seems to be back to pretty much normal. I have hair on my head

(thinner and a few curls remain), my fingernails and toenails are pretty much back to normal, my taster is pretty much okay but there are things that still don't taste quite like I think they should, I have pretty good strength back (to the extent I ever had any), and I'm trying hard to get back to my 30 minutes-a-day treadmill routine. I'm looking forward to having a better taster and cooperating stomach for the upcoming holidays! My check-ups are 6 months apart now so I think my next

one will be in January with port flushes every 3 months.

As I mentioned last time, we started September with the 135 celebration for Zenda over Labor Day. It was a hot day, and, unfortunately, I wasn't feeling well enough to participate. Those that did, all seemed to have good time. We had several out-of-state friends that came for the festivities. They braved my sickness and came over for lunch on Sunday. These were Air Force buddies of my husband's and they had a great time reminiscing and catching up. One of his buddies has turned pretty gray and has chosen to cut his hair very short. When we saw him in January, my hair was just coming back in so we looked like "twins". I think I'm winning the contest now with my longer, curlier hair.

I finally got my haircut and got a little control over the chaos. The curls in the back were getting

pretty heavy and hot so those have been greatly thinned out. Since the top is a little thinner and seems to be not growing as well, it was trimmed up and now I'm trying to train it. The sides were trimmed up, too, so that the crazy person look is under control (for now). I'm probably going to keep it fairly short – there's a lot to be said for being able to just run a comb through it.

I went in for my 3-month flush of my port-a-cath. Since I'm on 6 months between oncologist visits, it will be time to flush it again at that appointment. Someday I'll get the port taken out. Or maybe it's a good luck charm that helps to keep those bad cancer cells away. You know my luck, right? I'd probably take it out only to have cancer recur and then have to put it back in. I know, I know, I should think only positive thoughts!

We did make it to the fair. It was a sunny,

warm, day with a little breeze. Since it was during the week, it wasn't very crowded. We did see more items this year than last, but the buildings didn't seem to have nearly as many vendors. Even though the largest pumpkin was a record setter, the poor watermelon was a measly 64 lbs (last year's was over 200). I think that's just a testament to our dry weather. Of course, a Pronto Pup and an ear of corn were consumed. The fair is not complete without a ride on the Old Mill ride. One of my daughters finally admitted she didn't open her eyes on that ride until she was about 11. Those guys that yell at you just around that dark curve get me every year and my husband just laughs (as he jumps a little in his seat as well!)

My hubby had his surgery and came home a week later. He's adjusting and our lives are getting back to a normal rhythm in between doc-

tor appts. Cooler days have helped. We've got deer hunters in the area. We've certainly been seeing quite a few deer in the yard, in the fields, on the road.....I just got my vehicle repaired from hitting a deer this summer. I certainly don't need any more repairs!


Unfortunately, two Zenda community members passed away these last few months from various cancers. This cancer stuff is no fun. My hubby and I consider ourselves fortunate that so far, we are survivors.

Cooler weather, teasing chances of rain, fall church dinners, time change – and I am glad the elections are over and the Medicare sign-up will soon be over! Those advertisements and phone calls and text messages are really annoying!

Have great holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year! Here's hoping the New Year doesn't have anymore medical surprises for any of us!

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Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Thursday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 18th HS FB 6 man sub-state at Waverly	Sunday, November 27th 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Library Open House
Sunday, November 20th 6:00 p.m. UMC Community Thanksgiving Service	Monday, November 14th 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
Monday, November 21st JH BB at Chase	Tuesday, November 29th Scholars' Bowl at HOME
Tuesday, November 22nd NHS Blood Drive Please Donate	Wednesday, November 30th school picture retakes *** Book Club
Wednesday, November 23rd Thanksgiving School break begins	Thursday, December 1st JH BB vs Norwich at HOME
Saturday, November 26th HS FB State tournament at Dodge City	Friday, December 2nd HS BB vs Minneola at HOME

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman, (620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm


Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda Public Library
Monday 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791




Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Community Thanksgiving Service

All are invited to a Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Cunningham United Methodist Church, this Sunday, November 20th. Our three local church pastors are participating in the service. It is a non-denominational service and all are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments in the UMC fellowship hall following the service. The church has an elevator and there will be assistance available for those who wish to use it. We have much to be thankful for, please come and join in this community service. Donations and non perishable food items will be collected and given to the Cunningham Food Bank.



South Central Community Foundation Hosts Holiday Open House

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to host its second annual Holiday Open House on Monday, December 12th from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. This event is come and go, so please feel free to stop in and join us for hot chocolate and desserts as we celebrate this past year!

SCCF is a nonprofit that covers seven counties including Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford. The Foundation manages donor funds, scholarships, and has an annual competitive grant cycle available each year.

If you would like to learn more about SCCF or their programs, please call at (620) 672-7929 or visit www.sccfks.org.



Pratt Community College
Choir and Jazz Band
Concert
NOVEMBER 20
2:30 PM
CARPENTER AUDITORIUM
\$5 ADMISSION

Cunningham Public Library
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2022
3:00 - 8:00 P.M.

MEET WITH LOCAL ARTIST, DARREN PARKER FROM 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

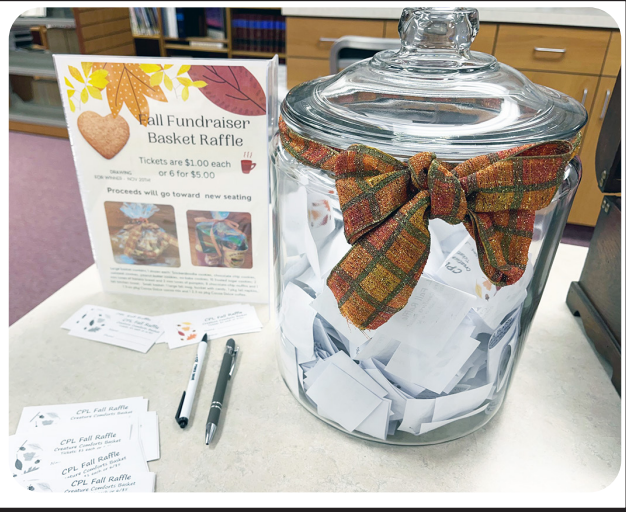
Cunningham PRIDE Christmas Carolers will join us around 6:30 for some seasonal cheer and refreshments
PLEASE JOIN US!

Library Fundraiser for New Seating

Final Nashville High School Alumni Gathering

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

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




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NHS to Host Blood Drive

NHS will be hosting a blood drive on November 22nd from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Individuals may sign up online or by contacting Ingrid Ricke for sign-up help. 620-388-2548 or ingrid.ricke@usd332.com



Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman (620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
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Showtimes:
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Sunday at 5:30

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

1927

Nov. 18– Kafir corn threshing is on in full swing in this locality at this time.

A large crowd attended the box social at Walnut Hill School last Friday evening. The ladies' box lunches sold for a total amount of \$50.20. The prize for the most popular young lady was won by Helen Cooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schad of Enid, Okla., have purchased the Sunflower Café from Leona Whetstone and took possession Tuesday of this week.

The North End Café, which has been closed down for several months, was opened to the public Wednesday noon. Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Ambler of Burrton are the new proprietors, and Mrs. Ambler and her daughter, Norma French, will operate the establishment.

1932

Nov. 18 – Cunningham was suffering a touch of "old time" winter this week with temperatures ranging from below zero to 16 above all week.

1937

Nov. 19, 1937 – Cunningham celebrated Armistice Day with a free barbecue, when more than 800 pounds of beef and 60 gallons of coffee were consumed by the large crowd attending the affair. Many contests were staged and some of the winners were Mrs. Pete Stockemer in the Rolling Pin Throwing Contest, Doug Booth in the Fat Man's Race (Harry Schafer puffed in a close second), Mrs. Jim Luce in the Housekeeper's Race, and Victor Miles in the Potato Race on Horseback (Floren "Shorty" Rose was second in this contest). Colonel Ellsworth Walters of Skedee, Okla., gave the principal address of the day. Roy McGeorge served as the chairman of the Armistice Day Celebration.

1942

Nov. 20 – William Cooley, President of the Cunningham Christmas Celebration, announced this week that there will be no celebration this year.

Twenty-four men from Kingman County left Wednesday for Fort Leavenworth where they will begin military service with the United States Army. The group included two men from Cunningham, Orville Renner and Fred Irsik.

1947

Nov. 21–
At Hauser's Market
Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce, 1b. can, 23c
West-Shire Mince Meat, 2 lb. jar, 39c
Shurfine Pumpkin, 2 ½ can, 17c
Lakeside Corn, 12 oz. can, 16c
Jello Pudding, 2 boxes, 15c
Swansdown Cake Flour, box, 39c
Gerber's Baby Food, 2 for 17c

1952

Nov. 21 – Miss Dorothy Jean Wyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wyer of Penalosa, and Mr.

Ivan Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain Sr. of Cunningham, were united in marriage, Sunday afternoon, November 16, at 3:00 o'clock, in the United Brethern Church in Penalosa.

Miss Pat Oswalt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Oswalt of Penalosa, and Mr. Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Cunningham, were married last Friday evening in a quiet candlelight ceremony performed in the Church of Christ in Penalosa.

Donna Renner and Carolyn Ball sponsored an all-school dance in the Lodge Hall following the Junior Class play last Friday night.

1957

Nov. 22– Clara Mae Spade and Eugene Freund were united in marriage last Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the St. Leo Catholic Church. Rev. Albert Esswein read the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with blue mums. Music was provided by the St. Leo Grade School choir.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spade of Nashville, and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freund of Cunningham.

Bob Osborn is the new custodian at Cunningham Grade School, succeeding Harold Stark. Mr. Osborn recently purchased the Albert Harris property in the south part of town, and he and Mrs. Osborn are moving into their new home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gray have moved into a house they recently moved into town, located across the street south of the Hilltop House Nursing Home.

1962

Nov. 22 – A new minister has been called to the First Baptist Church in Cunningham.

He is Rev. Jesse Edward Hogue of San Antonio, Tex., who with his wife, Rita, and three children, are expected to move here this week-end.

To help put "Christ Back Into Christmas," the Cunningham Santa Claus Day Program will again award free Bibles to lucky treat-holders on Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 8.

1967

Nov. 23 – Football Team Wins Six and Ties One For the second straight year, the Cunningham Wildcats enjoyed an undefeated football season. Last year the Wildcats won all seven games – this year their record had one blemish, a tie game with Sharon.

In posting their 6-0-1 record this year, Cunningham scored 314 points (an average of 45 points per game) while limiting their seven opponents to just 92 points (an average of only 13 points per game). The Wildcats edged out Nashville-Zenda, 34 to 27, in their opener; tied Sharon, 26 to 26, in their second game; and then proceeded to roll over Sylvia, 67 to 25; Norwich, 34 to 7, Hardtner, 59 to 0; Partridge, 46 to 0; and Alden, 47 to 7.

Jim McCune paced the Wildcat scoring attack with 92 points on 14 touchdowns and eight points-after-touchdowns. Larry Lubbers came up with 77 points on 12 touchdowns and six points-after-touchdowns. Ned Albers was the other big scorer with 65 points on 10 touchdowns and five points-after-touchdowns. Frank McClellan scored 29 points on four touchdowns and five point-after-touchdowns. Monte Rose scored three touchdowns and had three points-after-touchdowns. Charles Lackey made two touchdowns and two points-after-touchdowns. Danny Theis scored once and had one point-after-touchdown and John McCune scored one touchdown.

In rushing yardage, the Wildcats ran 308 plays for 2,060 yards, an average of 6.3 yards per carry. Their seven opponents ran 246 plays for 663 yards, an average of 2.6 yards per carry. Jim McCune carried 98 times for 816 yards, averaging 8.3 yards per carry. Ned Albers ran the ball 79 times for 557 yards and a 7.0 average. Larry Lubbers carried 47 times for 385 yards and an 8.2 average. Charles Lackey ran 16 times for 92 yards and a 6.7 average. Frank McClellan carried 20 times for 101 yards and a 5.0 average. Monte Rose ran six times for 20 yards and a 3.3 average. Marvin Oller carried the ball 13 times for 69 yards and a 5.3 average. Harold Stark carried the

ball twice for three yards and a 1.5 average and Earl Stark ran five times for 17 yards and a 3.3 average.

Quarterback Frank McClellan attempted 37 passes during the season, completed 17 for six touchdowns and 358 yards. Jim McCune threw six times with no success. Ned Albers completed one of three passes for one touchdown play that covered 20 yards. Marvin Oller was unsuccessful in three passing attempts.

In kick-off returns, Jim McCune had six for 192 yards. Ned Albers return seven kickoffs 130 yards, and Larry Lubbers returned two for 29 yards. Lubbers returned five punts 96 yards, an average of 19 yards a return, and Albers returned three punts 15 yards, a five-yard average. Kicker Danny Theis had 45 kick-offs for 1,740 yards, an average of 39 yards per kick-off.

Coach Jim Webster says he was very pleased with the Wildcats offensive efforts this season, but expresses considerable pride for his defensive team, who allowed only 92 points and 663 yards rushing.

The 1967 roster had 11 seniors, Jim McCune (co-captain), Wayne Jarmer (co-captain), Frank McClellan, Tom Schnittker, Ned Albers, Alan Albers, Monte Rose, Paul Sallee, Charles Lackey, Danny Theis, and Harold Stark; six juniors, John McCune, Harold Bayer, Larry Lubbers, Ron Albers, Tom Strohl, and Earl Stark; four sophomores, Marvin Oller, Curtis Kitson, Kenny Reif, and Eddie Panek; and four freshmen, Mark Dafforn, David Schnittker, Bill Ogden, and Ronnie Park.

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1977

Nov. 23 - *Egad, The Woman in White* is a tale of treachery, human frailty revealed and suffering unabated. Melodrama is the grand old style of a century ago. With Sir Percival Glyde, the villain who traps our young heroine, Lauren Fairlee into an unwanted marriage, Percival is surrounded by others who seek to defeat him. He battles the wicked Countess Fosco but in the end is defeated.

Laughter is this play's purpose, and it has that in plenty. Abandoned wives, insolent servants, lawyers, hypochondriacs and manly drawing masters all combine their characters to add to the laughter that ends when the hero, Walter Hartright, brings Sir Percival to justice.

This plays to be a 'mellerddrama' in the old style even with vaudeville acts between scenes.

Egad, The Woman in White is directed by Terry Phillips and is produced by the Junior Class of CHS.

Acting in the play is Richard Cain, Lori Rohr, Bill Osner, Roberta Thimesch, Terri Dupee, Kevin Huffman, Karen Cornelius, Leah Eck, Berry Bortz, and Melva Oller.

Turn the clock back 100 years to the time when the bad guy was very bad and the good guy got the gal.

"Zounds" don't be foiled again. Come see us on November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS gym.

Sacred Heart Church of Cunningham will have a Thanksgiving Eve Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday.

The Cunnigham Wildcat basketball team began practice of the upcoming season on Monday, November 14. The Squad numbers 19 with four seniors, five juniors, five sophomores, and five freshmen. I am pleased with this number, especially the balance from each class – Coach Dale Magnett

Parents and friends turned out in great numbers for the Open House sponsored by the Cunningham Schools on November 17.

Sixth Grade:

It has been a pleasure to be in sixth grade with Mr. Larson. We thought of an idea for science. It was to mold eyeballs, paint them and then label the parts.

For art we made a scene depicting Thanksgiving. For Open House almost all of us had to clean out our desks. Were they dirty???

Now we are making Turkey for art out of farm feathers.

Reporters Linda Sterneker and Jackie Thimesch

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This new brick sign, identifying the Catholic church, was recently erected at the corner of 1st and Valley Streets.

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson
Be A Friend

Whenever I make friends today, I credit a flat bicycle tire and an eight year-old professor. Despite competing with thousands of other events these past five years, the "friendship lesson" still burns as brightly as the glint off the chrome on a Schwinn in July.

The lesson, like so many others, sprang from the most common

of events. The classroom was rolling along at 55 mph toward the hardware store in search of a bicycle inner tube. The professor was my then eight-year-old daughter. I hadn't even realized class was in session until it was over. Now I wish I had taken notes.

"Tell me a story about your life, Dad," is how she opened her instruction.

I did as instructed, sharing the "caught bringing a snake to school" story. She giggled.

"Tell me another," she

grinned, scooting closer to me in her seat.

I complied, this time sharing the "caught shooting spitballs" tale. As the anecdote unfolded, her eyes grew wide, then an expanding grin exploded into a laugh that shook all the way to her little blond pigtails.

"Tell me another!"

And another. And then another. I lost myself in the telling of those pleasant childhood memories. She snuggled closer the more animated I got. She especially liked the stories I had the most of -

ones revealing Dad doing something really dumb. The more I revealed to her, the closer we felt.

Five stories, 12 miles and one repaired bicycle later, I finally figured out that Dad had been the student.

My daughter had taught me that when we show special interest in someone by asking them questions about their life, they feel good about themselves. The better they feel about themselves while around us, the better WE feel about ourselves.

The more we sincerely draw others into revealing themselves, and treat those revelations gently, the more we deepen the personal bonds of friendship between us. To have a friend, we must first BE a friend.

Time flies, memories fade, and five years later that little girl is now a teenager. Stories about boys at school are now more interesting than mine. Teen activities leave us less time alone. At age 13, it's no longer cool to snuggle with Dad. These days,

if I drive her anywhere, it's more likely to be a junior high dance than a hardware store.

Driving to that dance the other day, the teenage professor grinned and broke the quiet hanging between us. Her words assured me that magical day half a decade ago burns just as brightly in her memory as it does in mine. Despite the passage of time, despite her becoming more woman than little girl, some lessons never change.

"Tell me a story about your life, Dad."

Christian Humor: Jokes You Can Tell in Church

What's loved by Noah and also most meat-eaters?

Ham.

What did the family members say when asked who would say grace?

"Grace."

Who in the Bible had the greatest business plans? The prophets.

Which book of the major prophets is the easiest to understand? Ezekiel.

South Central Community Foundation Celebrates Giving Tuesday

Joining millions around the world participating in the global generosity movement on November 29, 2022

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. GivingTuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back on November 29, 2022, and throughout the year.

Covering seven counties in South Central Kansas, SCCF encourages community mem-

bers to remember the many amazing nonprofits who make our region an incredible place to call home.

"A year-end donation to many of these organizations can make a huge difference," said SCCF Executive Director, Holly Launchbaugh, "This donation would allow their staff, sometimes completely volunteer based, to focus entirely on their mission instead of how to keep the lights on."

GivingTuesday was launched in 2012 as a simple idea: to create a day that encourages people to do good. Over the

past ten years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

People demonstrate generosity in many ways on GivingTuesday. Whether it's helping a neighbor or stranger out, or giving to causes we care about, every act of generosity counts.

For more details about the GivingTuesday movement, visit www.givingtuesday.org, or contact SCCF to learn about the local nonprofits.



Catholic Churches
Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays - 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church
Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church
Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
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(to donte contactJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

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Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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What: Food

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Wildcats Move on Down to Sub-State

Wetmore traveled 4 hours southwest to Cunningham to face the undefeated Wildcats in the sectional round of the 2022 football playoffs. They boasted a record of 7 wins and 2 losses, one of those losses to a Nebraska team. Records don't mean much at this point in the season. You have to win to move on.

The opening kickoff was a touchback by Dagim. We are used to that. On the second play of Wetmore's drive they ripped off a 60 yard touchdown run. We are NOT used to that. Wetmore missed the extra point,

but there was still the damage of a touchdown as the score was 0-6. It took the Wildcats 6 plays to even the score and go ahead. The drive was highlighted by Trey completing an 18 yard pass to Lane, Luke M scoring on a 40 yard TD run, and Dagim kicking the extra point. Cats up 8-6. The Cardinals did not repeat their success of their first drive. They gained minimal yardage on their first three downs and Dagim knocked a 4th down pass away to give the Cats great field position. Trey scrambled to complete a 17 yard pass on a 5 play scoring drive, then capped the drive with a 3 yard TD pass to Lane. Cats up 14 to 6. The Wildcat defense

held strong again forcing the Cardinals to punt after 4 plays, then gave up the ball on an interception which negated the field position we had. Defense answered the call again, holding the visitors to 2 yards on 3 plays and forcing a punt near their endzone. The punt snap was not great. Jack and Trent nearly got a touchdown on the loose ball but settled for a safety! Cats up 16 to 6. Wetmore elected to punt the free kick after the safety. Luke ran it back 28 yards courtesy of Trey and Lane paving the way with great blocks. On the first play of the drive Luke completed a 30 yard touchdown to Lane in heavy traffic. Kick was good, Cats up 24-6. The

Cardinals punted after 3 plays as the first quarter ended.

Trey hit Lane for a 35 yard completion to start the next drive. Two plays later Luke ran for 16 yards, and on the 6th play of the drive Trey hit Luke Albers for a 10 yard touchdown. Cats up 30-6. The Cat defense gave up a first down but no more, stopping the visitors on downs. The Cats wasted no time with Luke scoring on a 56 yard run, Lane and Trey providing some needed protection to get him down the sideline. Wildcats up 36 to 6. The Cardinals answered with a few first downs and then a score on a big pass play. Luke blocked the extra point attempt. Cats up 36 to

12. The Cats answered with a 7 play drive, Luke rushing for 25 yards on one play with blocks from Luke Albers and Lane. On another play Luke McGuire passed to Luke Albers for 19 yards. Luke M finished the drive with a 3 yard TD run. Dagim's kick was good; Cats up 42 to 12. The Cats swarmed the Cardinals for 3 plays and ended the half on defense.

After half the Wildcats received the kickoff. Luke and Jack both had good yardage on the first two runs of the second half. The next two plays were not good and on the 5th play of the drive the Cats threw a pick. However, Trent had hustled down and caused

the Cardinal who had intercepted the ball to fumble. Luke recovered and the Cats were in business again! Luke completed a 30 yard pass to Lane, then Luke finished the drive with a 10 yard touchdown run. Dagim nailed the extra points kick. Cats up 50 to 12. After a touchback the Cardinals had another short drive; short as in one play. Lucas picked off a pass and ran it back 18 yards to set up the offense yet again. Trey put the final touch on the game with a 5 yard TD pass to Lane. Game over. Cats over the Cardinals 56 to 12.

-Coach Lance McGuire



CJH Wildcats Outscore Argonia

In week two of the Junior High season, the Wildcats hosted Argonia. The visitors scored the opening basket and it was a whole lot of Wildcats after that. The Wildcats outscored Argonia 16 to 7 in the first quarter and never looked back. They built on the first quarter and had a 34 to 11 halftime lead. The Wildcats are aggressive and physical, often turning the game into something more like a mix of football and basketball, but it is fun to watch them get after the ball. The second half the Wildcats went 12 deep and subbed 5 for 5 in short runs. The Cats finished the game 58 to 34.

The Wildcats were led in rebounds by Stephen with 6. Andrew, Cole, Layne, and Nathan all had 3. Steals were a team affair. Assists were led by Layne with 3.

-Coach McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen	17
Layne Green	12
Brody Bock	10
Cole Hageman	6
John Paul Kerschen	4
Andrew Kerschen	4
Liam McGuire	2
Nathan Ndambuki	2
Tyler Osner	1



Jr. High Girls' Rally Comes Up Short

The Cunningham Jr. High girls' basketball team played host to the Argonia Lady Indians on Monday, November 14, 2022 and lost 18-22. The Lady Wildcats struggled to score early on and throughout the first half as they would trail the Lady Indians 3-10 at the half. In the third quarter the Lady Cats were able to put six more points on the score board, but the defense allowed Argonia to score 8 of their own and the home team found themselves trailing 9-18 to start the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter the Lady Cats defense played with more energy and they also were able to get a few shots more shot to fall as they were able to outscore Argonia 9-4 in the fourth quarter, but the rally came up short and the Lady Cats fell by a score of 18-22. The loss drops the Cunningham girls record to 1-1 on the young season. Cunningham will travel to Chase on Monday, November 21. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 4, Rylee Miller 7, Andi Young 2, Whitney Mead 5.

- Coach Bart Ricke

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	16	18	12	12	58
Argonia	7	4	12	11	34

Super Fun Holiday Gift Ideas That Get Kids Excited to Learn

(StatePoint) Shopping for kids this holiday season and looking for gifts that offer some educational value? The good news is that you don't need to sacrifice fun! Here are five awesome gift ideas that will get school-age kids excited about learning outside the classroom.

1. With the Magic Adventures Microscope, young biologists can explore tiny worlds full of huge discoveries, zooming in on flowers, animals, food, minerals and more using eight double-sided smart slides that activate amazing BBC videos and images. Inquiring minds can discover answers to curious questions like: How do leaves change colors? What do plant cells look like? What is sand made of anyway? They can also make their own discoveries by finding things around the house and getting a closer look using the reusable slides or large sample tray. With up to 200x magnification on this real microscope, kids will be amazed by what they see. A capture-and-save feature allows for documenting findings, and included games and quizzes add to the

fun and let kids put their knowledge to the test.

2. Reading enthusiasts will love a subscription to a book of the month club offering selections for their reading level and interests. This is not only a great way to promote a lifelong love of literature, it can help a young reader build their home library.

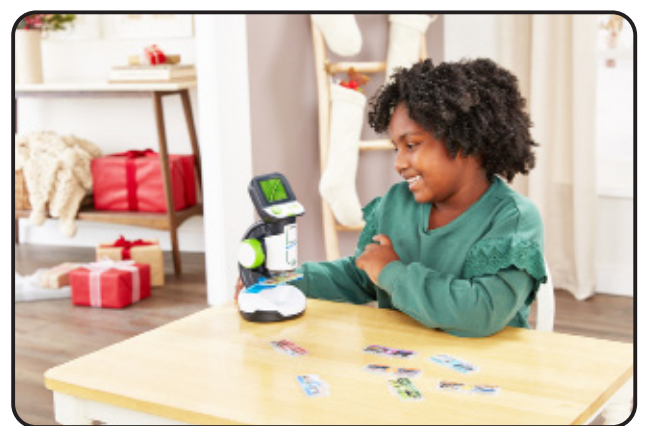
3. Fledgling explorers can travel the world and see everything in it with the Magic Adventures Globe from LeapFrog. Using the stylus, children can tap on the interactive learning globe and experience new places, languages, cultures, animals, geography, habitats and more through high-quality BBC videos. Featuring an integrated

video screen, animations and live-action videos fully immerse kids in the curriculum to provide a better understanding of the world through more than five hours of videos. They can also play interactive games to explore the globe, challenge a friend and solve mysteries. With its focus on curriculum-based content and important foundational skills, LeapFrog toys offer experiences that make learning fun.

4. Encourage kids to become informed citizens of the world with a subscription to a news magazine designed just for them, such as "The Week Junior." This is an excellent way to build vocabulary, while engag-

ing kids on a wide range of subjects -- from culture and arts to science and government -- in a way that's appropriate for their age.

5. Foster a love of fine arts by gifting kids an all-in-one sketching, painting and coloring set complete with everything



they need to unleash their inner Picasso. Pencils, markers, acrylic and watercolor paints, along with brushes, paper pads and canvas boards, will give artists of all ages the foundational tools they need to try their hand in various mediums.

5. Board--not bored: Encourage some good old fashioned family fun with board games. From chess and checkers to modern classics to the latest trendy games, this is a gift option that's sure to engage family members of all ages.

5 Screen-Free Holiday Gift Ideas for Families

(StatePoint) Holiday shopping for families with children? Check out these five totally screen-free gift ideas that are sure to brighten the season by getting families to spend some much-needed quality time together.

1. Upgraded outdoor games: Give outdoor play an upgrade with KidiGo

NexTag from VTech, designed for ages 5 and up. Way more than just tag, it's a high-tech spin on 20 different backyard games including capture the flag, freeze tag and hide-and-seek. To play, all you need are the four included electronic units and adjustable arm bands. A friendly voice explains the quick and easy-to-learn rules and no referee is required -- the game lets you know who got tagged, who's safe and who's it. With single- and

multi-player options, the whole family can get in on the fun, especially when you combine two systems. Play indoors or out with a 135-foot range between units. All you have to do is press the big button and tag, you're it!

2. Kitchen assistance: Introduce adults and kids alike to the fundamentals of baking with a family-friendly baking kit subscription. Each month, a new kit is mailed to your recipients' home with recipes, activity booklets

and all the ingredients needed to create something delicious.

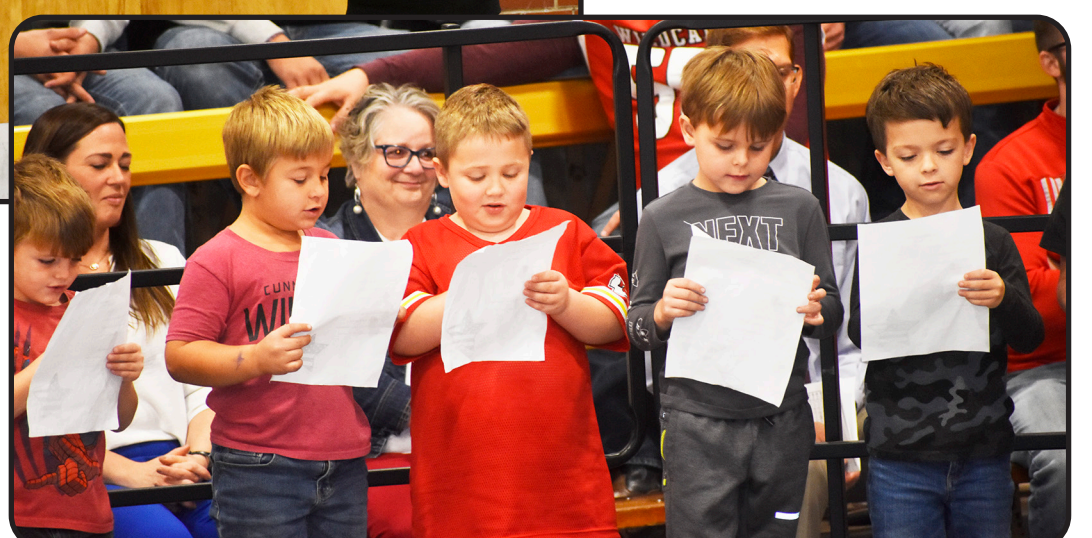
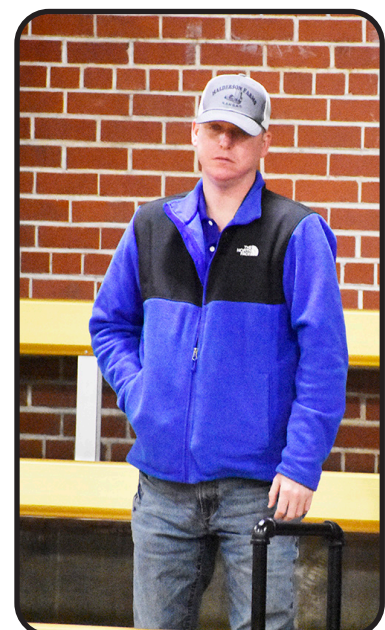
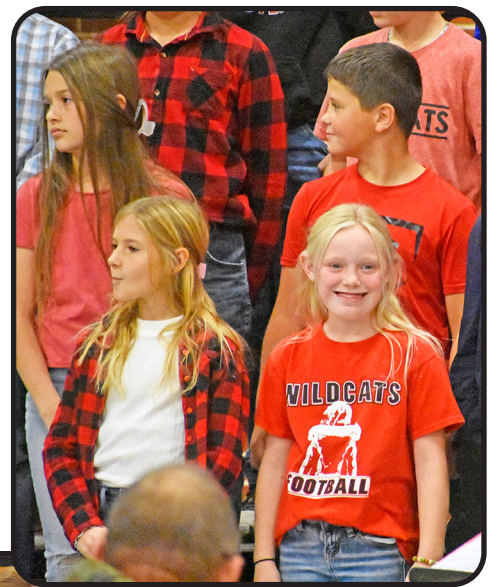
3. Swim time: The weather may be frightful, but that's no reason why families can't enjoy a delightful day at the pool. Consider gifting your favorite family with a day pass to an indoor aquatic center or water park. For families with young children, look for a facility that offers splash pads and swim lessons. For those with older kids who are already profi-

cient swimmers, check for amenities like water slides and wave pools. Want to take it a step further? Sign your recipients up for an indoor pool membership until summer returns.

4. Inspiration: Give families all the ideas and inspiration they need to beat boredom, create new traditions and make memories with "The Adventure Challenge: Family Edition." This journal offers 50 adventures in different catego-

ries, along with space to share thoughts and photos about each experience.

Honoring Those Who Served



CHS Band Performs in Mass Choir



Cunningham band was blessed to participate in the HOPL Mass Band at Norwich. Five hours of rehearsal = One Amazing Concert! The kids worked so hard and it paid off! There are so many things I love about

Mass Band/Choir:
1.) 100 kids coming together from different schools for the soul purpose of making a musical memory together! These kids compete against each other in every other interaction, but with

band/choir they come together and make music... together. How amazing is that?!?
2.) There are no losers, no defeat, when it comes to a musical performance of this nature. Every student was beam-

ing after the concert! And that was a sight to see!
3.) The sheer numbers were amazing! 12 trombones, tubas/baritone, 21 percussion, 4 french horns, clarinets, flutes, and trumpets and saxophone's galore!

The sound produced was moving!
Congratulations kids! Thank you Shawn Knopp for an amazing day!
Director Nicole Kerschen



photos by Molly Morgan



photo by Nicole Kerschen



How to Catch a Turkey
by CGS Second Graders

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey for Thanksgiving. First I will build a trap. Then I am going to put feed on the trap. Next I build a secret exit to hide in. After that, I will put some leaves over the trap. Finally I grab it with my hands and my mom will cook it.
Liam Henning

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I will hide a net in a tree. Second I will put bricks in the net. Third I will get in the tree. Fourth, I will launch the net with the bricks at the turkey. I will jump out of the tree and catch him. Dad will cook him.
Daniel Hellman

First I will make a grass trap. When the turkey walks over the grass trap the turkey will fall into the hole. Second I will get a net and wrap the turkey up. Third I'm going to drag the turkey home. Fourth, my mom will cook the turkey.
Graham Huff

This year I'm in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I am going to set a trail of food. Next I push a trap out of a tree. Then I catch my turkey and my grandma will cook it.
Jonathan Ogg

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I have to climb a tree. Next I get some bricks. Then I throw some bricks off of the tree. After that, the turkey gets hit and falls down on the ground. Finally I grab the turkey and take it home and dad cooks it.
Clay Young

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I will dig a big hole. Next I will tie a rope to a box and then I will hide. Then when a turkey comes it will fall into the hole. After that, I will pull the rope and the turkey will be trapped. Finally, my mom will cook the turkey and I will eat a nice turkey.
Chase Simon

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I am going to build a treehouse and then I'm going to get a net. After that I am going to get a rope and tie it the the net to get on the turkey. Then I am going to drag it to my home and my mom is going to cook it.
Olivia Halderson

This year I am in charge of catching my family's turkey. First I will tie the rope to a tree. After that, I will pull it up. Next when the turkey gets in the net I will throw bricks at it. I will grab the net on the fireplace and my cousin will help bake it.
Caleb Williams

This year I am in charge of catching a turkey for my family. First I build a cage that has turkey seed in it in the forest. When it gets in the cage, I will shut the cage door. Then I will carry the turkey to my house and mom will cook it.
Linux Thimesch



A column by Dorothy Rosby

Late for Time Management

I don't know what this says about me, but I was late for a time management seminar. And I could have used every minute of it too. Theoretically, we all have the same 168 hours in our weeks, but I consistently come up short by around 35 hours. There's clearly some leakage somewhere. Or some time mismanagement. What follows are tips I picked up at that part of the semi-

nar I did make it to.

1) Focus! Let me demonstrate what a time waster lack of focus can be. I type the paragraph above at 6 a.m. Then it occurs to me that I could probably find some good time management tips online, including the ones I missed during the first ten minutes of the seminar. I go to the internet and up pops the headline "What diet experts order at Burger King." That could be interesting. I check it out and now I'm hungry. I make and eat breakfast, load the dish-

washer, throw in a load of laundry, and finally return to my computer at 7:10. I check my email, glance at Facebook and read the paragraph I've just written. Then it occurs to me, I could probably find some good time management tips online.

2) Plan. The seminar leader suggested that each week, we make a plan for the upcoming one. Then, at the end of every day, we jot down our list of what needs to be accomplished the next day in order to stay on track for the week. This sounds like an old-fashioned to-do list to me, and that's something I am particularly good at. My to-do lists are so effective that I'm often able to use the same one three or four

days in a row.

3) Handle email efficiently. The presenter at the time management seminar suggested we set aside time for dealing with emails, say first thing in the morning, just after lunch, and at the end of the day. He also said he clears his inbox every single day by doing one of five things with each message: reply, forward, schedule, file or delete with an emphasis on delete. This sounds clever to me since I check my email every time I hear that little ding and I still never get below 150 emails in my inbox. Now I finally understand why: I've been neglecting the reply, forward, schedule, file, or delete part. Especially the delete part.

4) Handle paper only once. Pay it, file it or toss it immediately with tossing being the preferred choice. I've been known to handle the same piece of junk mail 20 or 30 times. Junk mail arrives at my home by the truckload daily. Sometimes we open it; quite often we do not. Either way, it winds up next to our toaster though we have no intention of toasting it. At any rate, it takes at least one touch to get it from the mailbox to the toaster, a couple more to rifle through to see if there is anything important, at least one to stack it on top of yesterday's mail when I realize there is not, and a few more to shove it all aside when I butter my toast.

5) Eat your frog the first thing in the morning. The frog, of course, is a metaphor for those tasks so unpleasant that you simply cannot bring yourself to do them. It's important you summon your courage and swallow them first thing in the morning because frogs left uneaten have a way stinking up the whole house while you're shuffling through yesterday's junk mail or checking online for time management tips.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate; Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand and other books.

Family, friends, fun and football!  **Newspaper Fun!**  I'm going to be in a Thanksgiving play. Kids: color stuff in!

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Happy Thanksgiving

What are your plans for Thanksgiving Day? I'm looking forward to dinner with my family, some hiking, and shopping too. Have fun whatever you do!

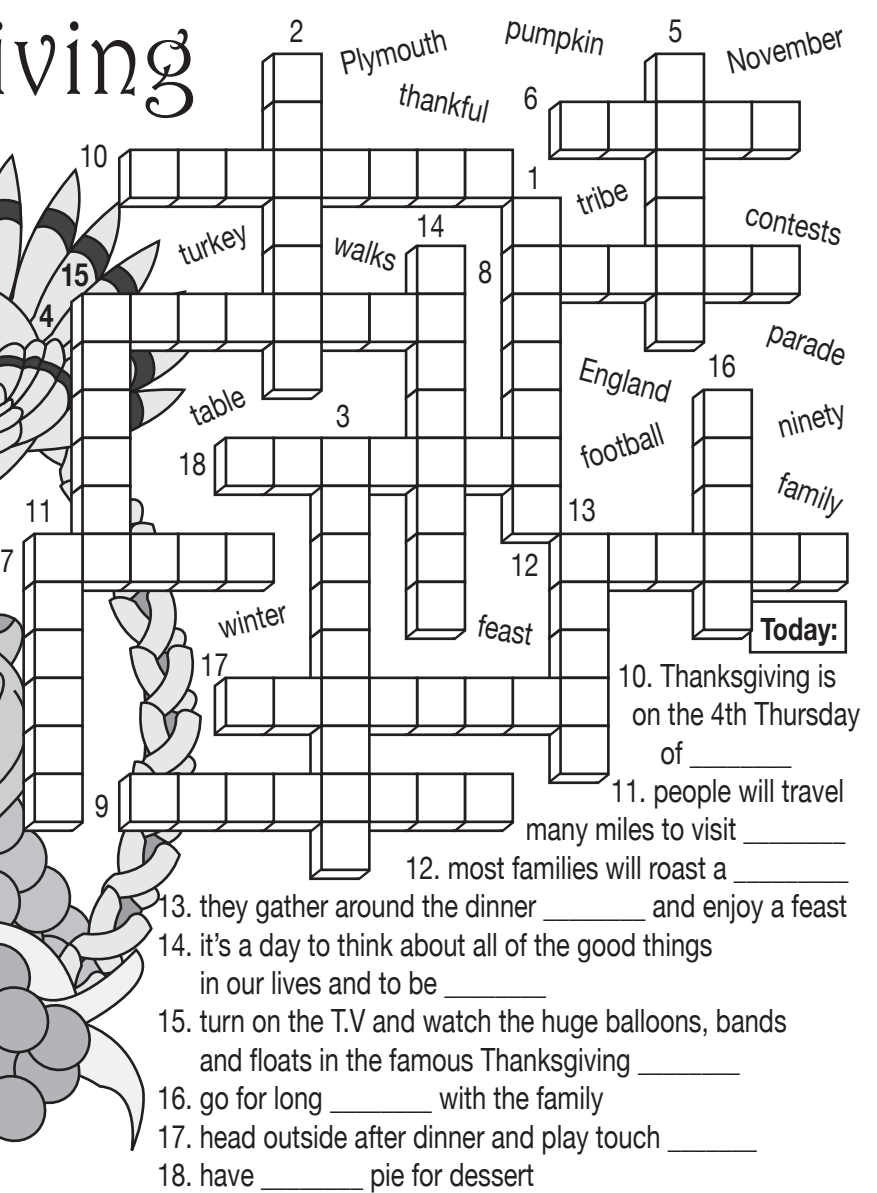
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle. It is about the Pilgrims, their Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving we enjoy today.

The Pilgrims:

- were from this country
- wanted religious _____
- sailed on this ship to America
- landed here in Massachusetts
- lost almost one half of their people during the first, cold, hard _____
- were shown ways to grow food by Squanto, a member of the Patuxet _____, who could speak English
- in the fall of 1621, shared a harvest _____ ...
- with _____ members of the Pokanoket tribe
- had races and _____

freedom Mayflower

A whole cornucopia filled with fruits and nuts to gobble up. Yum!



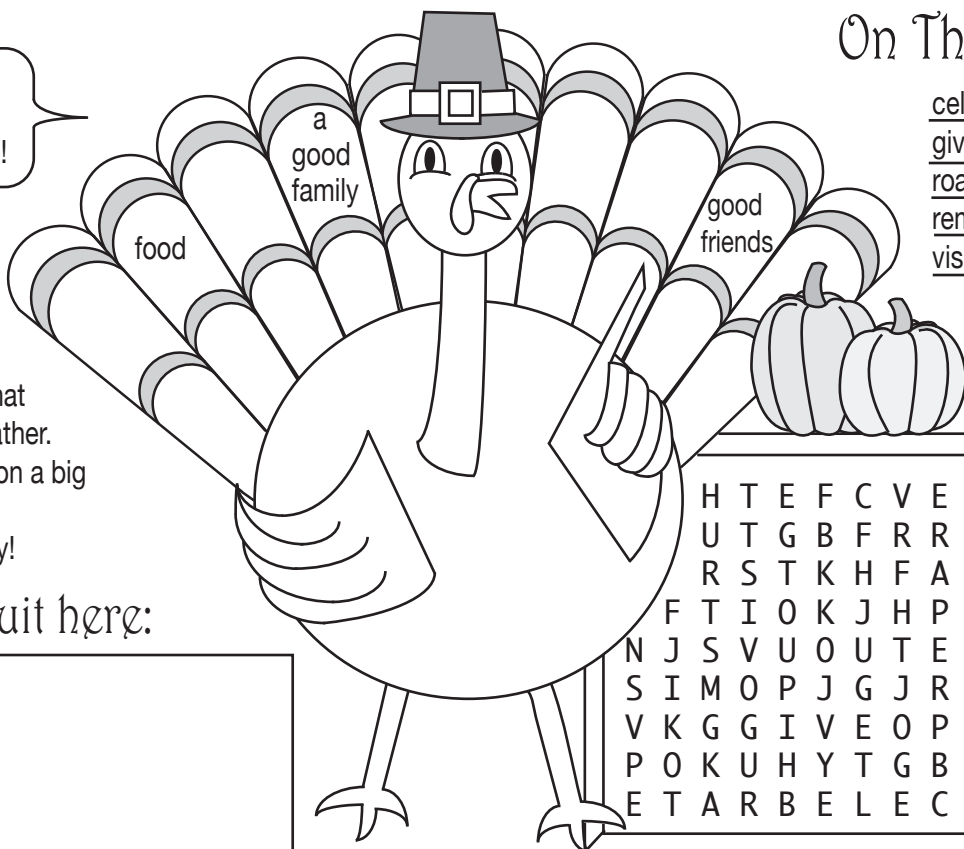
2 Plymouth pumpkin 5 November
thankful 6
10 turkey walks 14 tribe contests
15 table 3 England 16 parade
18 7 11 winter 12 feast Today:
13. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday of _____
11. people will travel many miles to visit _____
12. most families will roast a _____
13. they gather around the dinner _____ and enjoy a feast
14. it's a day to think about all of the good things in our lives and to be _____
15. turn on the T.V and watch the huge balloons, bands and floats in the famous Thanksgiving _____
16. go for long _____ with the family
17. head outside after dinner and play touch _____
18. have _____ pie for dessert

Giving Thanks!

Here's a fun project you can do!

- Make a turkey out of colorful paper.
- Cut off the turkey's feathers.
- Give one feather to each family member, friend or guest.
- Ask each person to write things that he or she is thankful for on the feather.
- Paste the turkey with its feathers on a big piece of paper.
- Hang it up for all to read and enjoy!

Draw your favorite fruit here:



On Thanksgiving We ...

- celebrate family
- give thanks
- roast turkey
- remember friends
- visit neighbors
- watch football
- prepare food
- decorate tables
- march in parades
- eat pumpkin pie

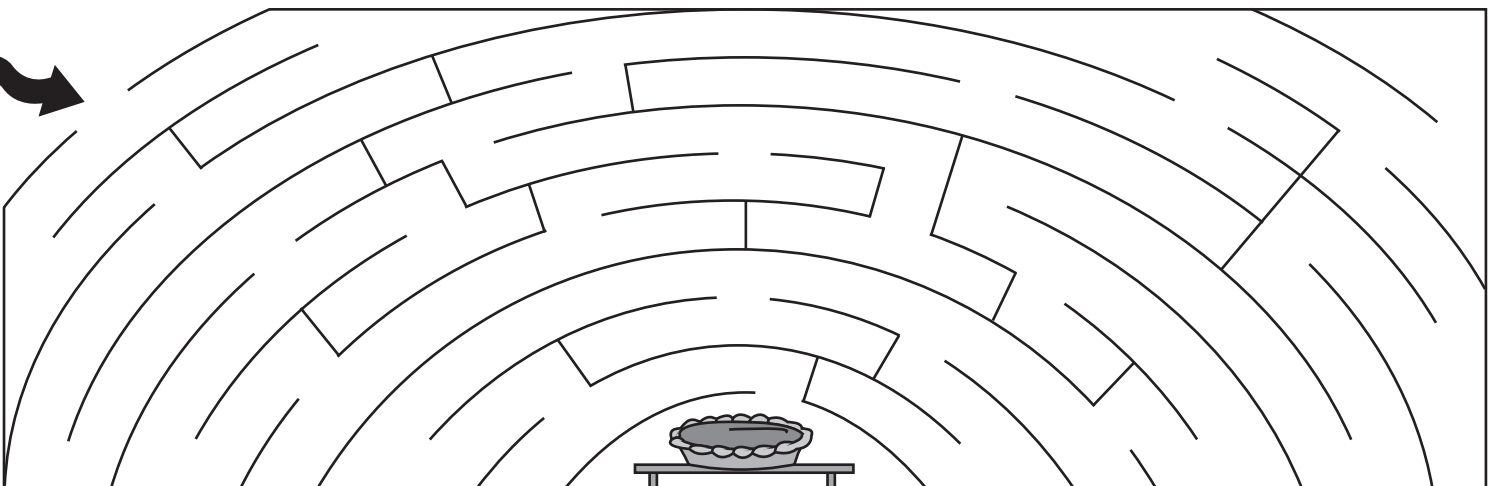
VERBS are "ACTION" words. Find and circle all the action words that are underlined above.

H T E F C V E O K U H G T F E F D R
U T G B F R R N U T F D E T B F E O
R S T K H F A N B M O J A H G F D A
F T I O K J H P N G A G R N H T F E S
N J S V U O U T E K E R O N L O T A I T
S I M O P J G J R K F C O T H C T A W A
V K G G I V E O P K E H B I T R D S Z G
P O K U H Y T G B D R E M E M B E R A Q
E T A R B E L E C V G B H N J U O K J I



Find the Pie!

Star baked a pumpkin pie from a sugar pumpkin! Help her find the table where she left it to cool!



(Answers on page 10)

Thurber's Tail.com



by Tom Purcell

Can Dogs Talk?

I've always loved dogs who talk in TV shows and movies.

I've also always loved jokes told by talking dogs.

Which is why this joke makes me laugh out loud:

A three-legged dog walks into a bar and sets his pistol on the table.

"I don't want any trouble," says the nervous bartender.

"I have no beef with you," says the dog. "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

I recently watched the 1959 movie, "The

Shaggy Dog," and laughed out loud when Fred MacMurray realizes that his son has been transformed into a talking, shaggy dog.

One of the first movies to feature a talking dog, it was a runaway Disney hit, and I think I know why.

Any human whose home is blessed with a wonderful, silly dog would love for their pups to be able to talk.

Even though some dogs may appear to be voicing human words, such as "I wuvvvv youuuuu," Scientific American says that dogs

cannot talk the way humans do — but scientists do make it clear that dogs can communicate with us.

Thurber and I communicate very well with each other every day.

He is way smarter than I ever expected him to be and he understands the many words, tones and gestures that I use when I ask him to do something or retrieve something.

He tells me when he wants to eat, play, help him get a ball that slid under a chair and many other things.

Thurber uses his eyes, various whimpers, groans and tones to communicate what he wants me to know or do.

When the matter is urgent — such as the need to go Number 1 or 2 — he knows a loud bark

will get my immediate attention.

Dogs are way smarter than many people are aware. The average dog can learn about 165 words, but some dogs can learn more than 200 and even beyond 1,000!

If Thurber could talk, I know he'd tell the silliest, corniest jokes, such as this one:

"What do you call a Labrador who does Magic?"

"A Labrakadabrador!"

Or this one: A dog walks into a dentist's office one evening and says, "I think I'm a moth."

The dentist says, "I'm sorry, buddy, but I can't help you. You need to see a veterinarian."

"I am seeing a veterinarian," says the dog.

"Then why did you

come to my office?" said the dentist.

"Your light was on," said the dog.

The fact is, Thurber DOES "talk" in a series of funny videos featured on his blog, ThurbersTail.com. Watch him tell jokes at this link: ThurbersTail.com/FunnyVideos.

In any event, all of this talk about talking dogs reminds me of the fellow who sees a sign outside a house that reads: "Talking Dog for Sale."

The fellow walks up to a dog sitting on the front porch, and the dog says, "May I help you mister?"

"You really can talk!" says the man. "You're amazing!"

"My life has been amazing," says the dog. "My talking skills helped me communicate with human authorities and other

dogs to save avalanche victims in the Alps, as well as earthquake and hurricane victims all over the world. Now semi-retired, I spend my days telling jokes at the local children's hospital."

The fellow, flabbergasted, asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to sell an incredible dog like this?"

"Because he's a compulsive liar!" said the dog's owner. "He's never left the yard!"

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Tom Purcell is creator of ThurbersTail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom's beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

A Catio for the Cats

Thanks to a grant received this summer from Petco Love, the Kingman County Humane Society has added a "Catio" feature to their new facility at 811 East C Ave. Catio construction was completed just in time for Fall weather and the cats have been enjoying the chance to explore outdoors while still safe from the elements and other dangers they might be exposed to outdoors. The cats have stairs, climbing ramps, hiding places, hammocks and other toys to keep them entertained. They also have easy access to a cat door that allows them to come and go as they

please. "This is something we have always wanted for our cats" said CJ Jergenson, executive director of KCHS "and with the support from Petco we are finally able to give our cats the outdoor experience. So far its unanimous...they love it!"

Kingman County Humane Society is a non-profit organization providing food, shelter, vet care and love to as many animals as possible. Our lifesaving work is supported 100% by donations, adoption fees and grants. Started in 2001, the new Animal Rescue and Adoption Center at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman, Kansas is currently providing care for

over 70 animals.

For more information about Kingman County Humane Society, visit kingmancountyhumane-society.org. Learn more about Petco Love here: petcolove.org.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Lucky

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Pinscher, Doberman
Weight: 73 pounds
Age: 6 years old
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: Nov. 5, 2022

Such a sweet, gentle boy! He's only six years old but he's been neglected for so long he doesn't believe there is anything to look forward to. We hope to convince him otherwise, starting with a new name "Lucky". Brought in as a stray dog, his owner didn't want him back. He was way

underweight, has several open sores on his back from being kept in a kennel that was too small for him, still afraid of coming out of his kennel and too timid to make direct eye contact. Lucky needs some TLC. He's slowly learning to trust again and has all the potential to become a wonderful, loving family member. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Lucky!

Oliver

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



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

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

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

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



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

Happy Thanksgiving

Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and pumpkin pie. Yay!

A whole cornucopia filled with fruits and nuts to gobble up. Yum!

I'm so proud of my pie!

2 F R I B E
6 T R I B E
1 N O V E M B E R
14 E T
8 N I N E T Y
15 P L Y M O U T H
M A L L
3 N A
16 W A L L
18 P U M P K I N
11 D A F D
12 T U R K E Y
9 F E A S T
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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Commissioners for the Department Head reviews.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

Forest Bramwell for sheds in Section 9, Township 30, Range 7W (Valley).

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and the Commissioners discussed the Road agreement and the chain of contact when using the roads.

Commissioners discussed the special use permit being needed for haul routes and the changes in the haul routes being used.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the St. Leo Road Hot Mix funding fu-

ture with the County Commissioners.

The County did not receive funding for the St. Leo Road that they submitted for funding so Mr. Arensdorf asked the Commissioners if they would like to submit the project again in the Spring.

Commissioners discussed submitting it for funding again.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed current mowers and possible needs for

new machines in 2023 and that the delivery time is up to 6 months to a year.

Commissioners would like Mr. Arensdorf to look at the pricing of mowers and get back with them.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his departments October financial reports to the Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer submitted her letter of resignation to the County

Commissioners stating that her last day would be December 16, 2022.

Ms. Luntsford also reminded the Commissioners of the tax sale on November 28th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the October 31st, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the October 31st, 2022, Commission

meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion.

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

In Fundraising, Father Knew Best

An unsolicited solicitation package from Boys Town arrived by mail the other day, earlier and bulkier than usual. I've given to a lot of charities, but the Nebraska-based organization, founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan, has never been one of them. Yet, the volume of free stuff they sent this year made me wonder about the effectiveness of guilt-driven marketing.

The "Christmas Appeal" package included three pens (two ball-points and one felt tip),

two pairs of socks, a full-color 2023 wall calendar, eight holiday cards with envelopes, a sheet of gift labels and, predictably, dozens of personalized return address stickers.

Can it possibly pay to invest in so much merchandise for someone with no history of donating? It would seem so, because Boys Town pretty much invented the model and has been using it effectively since 1923 when Father Flanagan mailed his first free calendar. During the Depression, when times and fundraising were tough, he even sent out woolen blankets.

Today, Boys Town

receives about \$160 million in annual donations, more than half of it from direct mail appeals.

As I examined the loot I wondered what to do. The pens are useful, the calendar is rather nice, and the greeting cards alone will save me several dollars come December. But am I obliged to make a donation? The Federal Trade Commission clearly states, "You may keep such shipments as free gifts." But that doesn't address the emotional quandary.

I placed a call to Thomas Lynch, Director of Community Service Programs at Boys Town. A chipper fellow, he be-

gan by saying that Father Flanagan, who died in 1948, was "a marketing genius," who knew that people would be more likely to read a solicitation if it was accompanied by a gift (puzzle books were early favorites). He found, as Mr. Lynch noted, "Many people feel that if they receive a gift they should give one in return."

Moreover, Flanagan determined that it was acceptable to lose money in a mail campaign's initial years as long as it paid out over time. "Once someone sends a donation," Mr. Lynch explains, "they and their families will be donors

for a long time, maybe for generations."

As mailing costs climbed in recent decades, many charities looked for other channels to reach potential donors. But Boys Town doubled down beginning in 2005, increasing its direct mail spending 70%. By 2012 net profit from the campaigns had doubled.

Boys Town gathers a lot of feedback from donors. One thing that came clear was that people enjoy the free gifts more if they don't have the words Boys Town on them, which is why the greeting cards and even the socks are not branded.

Mr. Lynch refused

comment on his costs of acquisition. He did mention that the socks — kids' size, with holiday images — are new, so it's too early to tell if they will be effective as fund-raisers. Or guilt producers.

"Some people pay the postage and send it all back to us," Mr. Lynch conceded. Do they ever include a donation? "No," he said. "I'm afraid that doesn't happen."

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Peter Funt's new memoir, "Self-Amused," is now available at CandidCamera.com.

Diabetes Management: It Takes a Team

(NAPSI)—Almost every American has a family member or friend affected by diabetes, and more than 1 in 10 Americans have the disease. Diabetes occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Diabetes can damage many of your organs, including your eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart, and is linked to some types of cancer.

If you have diabetes, working with a team of health care professionals can offer you the personal care you need to improve your health. Your team may include your primary care provider, a nurse, an eye doctor, a certified diabetes educator, a pharmacist and others. Your team can give you advice, recommend a program to manage your diabetes and answer any questions you may have.

"Working with a team helps ensure people stay on top of their self-care plan, including having their blood pressure, feet and weight checked regularly," said National Institute of Diabetes and

Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Director Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers. "Routine health care will help people find and treat health problems early, or help prevent them altogether."

But remember, you are the most important participant in your diabetes care. Here are some tips to help you manage your diabetes.

- Become an expert on your disease, and don't be afraid to ask for help.
- Talk with your primary care provider and other members of your health care team about ways to manage your diabetes as early as possible. Your health care team can also help you develop a plan to prevent diabetes-related health problems.
- Get routine medical exams to check your blood glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and weight. Keep a list of your numbers so you can see how they are changing.
- Have routine eye, foot and dental checks, because you may not have any symptoms until you develop serious health problems.
- If you smoke or

use other tobacco products, stop.

- Ask your primary care provider what vaccines you should get to reduce your risk of getting sick, such as a flu shot, pneumonia shot or COVID-19 vaccines.

Healthy habits can also help manage your diabetes. Set a goal to be physically active on most days of the week. A daily walk with a friend or a family member is one way to be physically active. If you are not active now, ask your health care team about the types and amounts of physical activity that meet your needs.

Following a diabetes meal plan can help manage your blood glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol. Choose foods that are lower in calories, saturated fat, trans fat, sugar and salt, such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, tofu, beans, seeds and nonfat or low-fat milk

and cheese. Your primary care provider may refer you to a registered dietitian to help you create a meal plan that is easy for you to follow and has the nutrients to help manage your diabetes.

Stress can lead to unhealthy habits such as smoking, poor sleep and excessive eating. Take part in a diabetes education program or support group that teaches you techniques for managing stress. You can also ask for help if you feel down or overwhelmed. Talking with a mental health counselor, friend or family member about your feelings may help you feel better.

Working with your diabetes health care team makes it possible to get the care you need to live a healthy and fulfilled life.

To learn more about how to manage diabetes, visit the NIDDK website at www.niddk.nih.gov.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting were not available at time of publication.



Kingman Public Transportation

305 North Cedar, Kingman, Kan.

Phone (620) 532-5744



Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

First Come - First Served

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Policeman: Do you have a warning sign on the front of your vehicle?
Driver: Yes, sir. There's a little sign up there that says 'Dodge'.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 6th

Traffic Stop 1
 Traffic / Debris in Roadway 12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Traffic / Animal Complaint 9075 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Traffic / Animal Complaint 1000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic / Animal Complaint 10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Suspicious Person 630 W D Ave, Kingman
 Suspicious Person SE 70 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman
 Suspicious Person E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman

Monday, November 7th

Traffic Stop 1
 Traffic Complaint 858 E D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 5000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Animal Complaint 1048 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SW 70 St SW 40 Ave, Spivey

Tuesday, November 8th

Traffic Stop 1
 Unsecured Building SW 70 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
 Suspicious Activity 10661 SE 70 Ave, Rago

Wednesday, November 9th

Traffic Stop 1
 Animal Complaint 5000 E Hwy 42, Rago
 Disturbance 422 E D Ave, Kingman

Thursday, November 10th

Traffic Complaint 13346 SE 180 St, Harper
 Traffic Complaint SE 10 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
 Traffic Complaint 12500 S Hwy 14, Rago
 Traffic Complaint 14000 S Hwy 14, Rago
 Traffic / Suspicious Vehicle 2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Suspicious Person 2252 SE 10 Ave, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Friday, November 4th

Traffic / Disabled Vehicle NE 35 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
 Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
 Debris in Roadway 15000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Saturday, November 5th

Traffic Stop 5
 Traffic Complaint 12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Vehicle Fire 1250 S Peters St, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 116 E Sherman, Kingman



Dreaming of Snow Days

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

There are two kinds of people in the world: people who hate snow and those of us who love it.

If you think I am crazy, consider I grew up in Wisconsin. In my world, snow means picturesque landscapes coated in white, the fun of sledding, tubing, downhill skiing and snowmobile rides, and if you are lucky — a snow day.

My farm friends might roll their eyes and say, what about chores. On

my family's dairy farm our cows were safe and warm in the barn, and we didn't have to break ice or dig them out of the snow. We only had issues if temperatures were extremely low for a long enough time that the barn cleaner froze up. Those were not fun days.

Since snow is a much rarer treat in Kansas, helping with livestock and navigating drifts on snowy days doesn't really bother me. Plus, the snow never seems to last longer than a day or two so it melts before my excitement wears off.

You might think it is too early to be wishing for snow but there are chances in the forecast, and I am filled with anticipation. I dream of fluffy

floating flakes that fall peacefully as the sound is absorbed and the countryside is blanketed in white.

That may be a bit of wishful thinking since Kansas snow often seems like it is right out of the blizzard from the Claymation classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." The drier, drifting snow that whips across the Kansas plains is exactly where I imagine the Abominable Snowman.

Even if it isn't the picture perfectness of my dreams, snow is needed. This year's drought conditions have ensured that pretty much all farmers are excited about any precipitation regardless of form.

The unexpected break from our busy lives can be a blessing too as we pause our daily routines and postpone plans. Snow days are a special kind of boost to moral because they often include spending time with our loved ones and doing all the little things that we never have time for otherwise.

On days when the world shut down, my family often had a blast and made lasting memories. In my younger years, snow days were spent making forts with my brothers. As I grew older, my dad would take us out for a snowmobile ride. Mom was ready with snacks to warm us up while watching movies as a family. Snow days have

brought me so much joy because they are almost always spent with family. In the aftermath of the pandemic there has been debate about whether or not remote work and school means the end of snow days. I have been heartened to see that many educators fighting to keep snow days. There is great value in disrupted schedules making time for joy and togetherness.

Today when I end up canceling plans because of snow, it usually allows me to spend more time helping on the farm. Checking on livestock and making the rounds on the farm don't seem like work when you are with your favorite people and have nowhere else to be. Quality time working is

just as fulfilling as play.

If we are lucky enough and get great snowfalls this winter, remember not to spend too much time worrying about canceled plans or the work that is looming. Instead, I hope you will join me in embracing snow for the beauty, the moisture and the moments of togetherness.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Now That's Rural-- Joann Knight, Hilmar Cheese

by Pat Melgares "Who Moved My Cheese?"

That was the title of a business book that was especially popular a few years ago, as a parable of how to deal with change. Today we'll learn about a remarkable change that is coming to southwest Kansas, and it is literally about cheese. A new state-of-the-art cheese and whey protein processing plant is being constructed in Dodge City.

Joann Knight is executive director of the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation with headquarters in Dodge City. She's a native of the region and a graduate of Dodge City Community College and the University of Oklahoma Economic Development

Institute.

"Back in 1992, we started talking about recruiting dairies from California where they were being crowded out by population expansion," Knight said.

Recruiting dairies became a successful strategy for the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance in following decades. As milk production grew in western Kansas, leaders wanted to add value and create more jobs.

In 2021, Hilmar Cheese Company of Hilmar, Calif. announced that the company would build a state-of-the-art milk processing facility in Dodge City. "We're excited," Knight said.

"This will be a \$630 million project and create 260 jobs. The average salary is projected to be \$63,000."

The plant will operate 365 days a year and have the capacity to handle 260 tanker trucks of milk

per day, the equivalent of the production of 110,000 cows. "They'll be bringing in milk from across the region," Knight said.

Hilmar Cheese Company was founded in 1984 by 12 dairy farm families in central California. In 2007, the company opened a production facility in Dalhart, Texas. The company is now one of the world's largest producers of high quality, American-style cheese and whey products.

"Hilmar is an incredibly environmentally sensitive company," Knight said. One of the factors that attracted Hilmar to Dodge City is the city's innovative waste water treatment system, which has won numerous awards.

"Milk is mostly water," Knight said. "Once the cheese solids and whey are removed, that water will be recycled and reused. It can be re-irrigated and used in the biogas production sys-

tem. They'll actually be injecting water back into the aquifer."

David Ahlem is president and CEO of Hilmar Cheese Company. "Dodge City gives us many opportunities, including a local and skilled labor force, a supportive and expanding agricultural region, and an excellent transportation network that allows us to easily reach our expanding markets," he said at the time of the announcement in 2021.

The company specializes in the production of cheddar and American-style cheeses used by private label and national brand companies worldwide. It currently produces such cheeses as cheddar, monterey jack, pepper jack, colby, colby jack and mozzarella.

Whey is processed into whey protein products that are used as ingredients in many foods including nutritional beverages and bars; and lactose, which is mar-

keted internationally as an ingredient in confections and infant formula. Hilmar exports products to 50 countries.

Increased demand for milk will benefit area dairies such as High Plains Ponderosa Dairy near the rural southwest Kansas community of Plains, population 1,037 people. Now, that's rural.

"Dairy production is so advanced these days," Knight said. "They're using robotic milkers and computer operators. They monitor 600 data points on each cow and can test the milk on the spot with their state of the art system."

"The economic impact will be compounded substantially by the additional dairies, transportation and services that will be required. This could double the dairy industry in southwest Kansas."

For more information about the company, see www.hilmarcheese.com. For more information about business opportu-

nities in the region, see www.dodgegov.org.

"Who Moved My Cheese?" A few years ago, that was a popular business book about change, and now we are excited to see this change in the southwest region of the state.

We commend Joann Knight and the people of Hilmar Dairy for making a difference with this investment in value-added agriculture processing. I'm glad to see that the production of this cheese has moved to rural Kansas.

Posted in Community vitality Tagged California, cheese, Dodge City, Ford County Economic Development Corporation, High Plains Ponderosa Dairy, Hilmar Cheese, Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, Joann Knight, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University, Ron Wilson, Rural Economic Development Alliance, western Kansas, whey

Laughs To Ease Your Election Pain

by Tom Purcell

This week half the country will be upset by the midterm election results and half will be elated.

Regardless, politics is causing every one of us more stress than it ought to, but, believe it or not, there is, hopefully, still some humor that we can all enjoy.

Since Congress has a lower approval rating than polio, here are some fun lines to share:

It's so cold today, the congresswoman had her hands in her own pockets.

The opposite of "pro" is "con," so the opposite of progress is: Congress.

Q: What did the corrupt congressman order for lunch on Election Day? A: Stuffed ballots.

Here's one of my favorite old congressperson jokes:

A congressman is walking through D.C. when he is approached by a mugger with a gun.

"Give me all your money," says the mugger.

"You can't rob me," says the congressman. "I'm an esteemed mem-

ber of the U.S. Congress."

"Then give me all MY money!" says the mugger.

Too often, people think the argument in Washington is between Republicans and Democrats, but it's really between the voters and the politicians and our ever-growing government, as this joke illustrates well:

Three contractors submit bids to fix a broken fence at the White House.

Contractor one tells a White House official he can do it for \$800. Contractor two says he can do it for \$700. Contractor three says he can do it for \$2,700.

"How did you come up with such a high figure?" the official asks the third contractor?

"Easy," says contractor three. "You give me \$2,700. I give you \$1,000. I keep \$1,000. Then we hire contractor two to fix the fence for \$700!"

We recently lost one of our greatest political humorists, P.J. O'Rourke, whose humor was filled with truth:

"When buying and selling are controlled by legislation," he said, "the

first things to be bought and sold are legislators."

"There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please," he said. "And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences."

"A little government and a little luck are necessary in life," he said, "but only a fool trusts either of them."

I've long written about our rapidly growing government debt — I've documented its massive rise over the past decade — but nobody explained government waste better than O'Rourke:

"It is a popular delusion that the government wastes vast amounts of money through inefficiency and sloth," he said. "Enormous effort and elaborate planning are required to waste this much money."

Alas, though human imperfections abound in our government and electoral process, matters could be worse, as one Russian citizen notes:

"Americans complain because it takes so long to get a definitive result from their elections," he says. "In my country, we

know our results months in advance!"

The best we can do during election week is remember that there will be other elections. Let us hope and pray the candidates who win are the ones that offer our country the best solutions.

In the meantime, the very best we can do is learn from the example of President Jimmy Carter.

Even though he only served one term, he left the White House with a tremendous sense of humor.

"My esteem in our country has gone up substantially," he said, upon leaving office. "It is very nice now when people wave at me, that they use all their fingers."

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Purcell, creator of the infotainment site *ThurbersTail.com*, which features pet advice he's learning from his beloved Labrador, *Thurber*, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Email him at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

A 10-point buck walked into a lodge restaurant and ordered a burger and fries. After the deer finished and was paying, the cashier said, "We don't see too many deer around here." "At these prices," replied the buck, "I'm not surprised."

A teacher was giving a test in health class. One question was this: "How should you retain your posture?" The farmer's boy chewed his pencil hesitantly and then wrote, "Keep the cows out and let it grow awhile."

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, November 3, 2022.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

VONCILE A. BOLINGER, Deceased.)

Case No. 2021 PR 22 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 26, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Gage Young, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Voncile A. Bolinger, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 22, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Gage Young, Executor
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McCownGordon Construction is requesting local subcontractor participation for the USD 332 Cunningham High School – Classroom and Shop Addition. This project includes demolition of the existing High School and gymnasium lobby and the construction of a new classroom wing, gym lobby, media, wood and welding shops. If interested, please contact Kameron Kasselmann at kkasselmann@mccowngordon.com for construction documents. A project pre-bid meeting will be held at High School on November 08, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Project proposals are due November 22, 2022 @ 2:00 PM via email.

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Public Notice
First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, November 10, 2022.
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DONALD R. MERTENS, Deceased.
Case No. 2022 PR 21
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary B. Mertens, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Mertens, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Mertens, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 29, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Mary B. Mertens, Petitioner
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Marilyn Conner

Marilyn Mae (Lawrence) Conner, 86, formerly of Hutchinson, KS, died Sunday, November 13, 2022 at Country Living Assisted Living Facility, Anthony, KS.



She was born on September 8, 1936 in Nashville, KS, the daughter of Albert Lawrence and Millie (Davis) Lawrence.

Marilyn was a former teacher. She taught in Cunningham, KS, Anthony, KS, Pratt, KS, and Hutchinson, KS. She was also a substitute music teacher in Medicine Lodge, KS. She attended Kansas State University, Fort Hays State University and NW Oklahoma State University, before receiving her Master's Degree from Wichita State University.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, KS. She was a 4-H club leader and loved quilting and sewing.

Surviving are one son, Robert (Lois) Lenkner of Medicine Lodge, KS; one daughter, Carol (Glen) McGeary of Carlsbad, CA; three grandchildren, Megan McGeary, William Lenkner, and Katelyn McGeary; one brother, Layle (Marlene) Lawrence of Mount Morris, PA.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, her former husbands, Walter Lenkner and Gene Conner, one son, Lawrence Lee Lenkner and one brother, Kent Lawrence.

Friends may sign the book on Thursday, November 17, 2022 and Friday, November 18, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer presiding.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Cemetery Fund or KREJ Christian Radio, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Tom Grove

Robert Thomas Grove, 75, passed away Sunday, November 13, 2022 at his home.



He was born on December 8, 1946 in York County, Pennsylvania to Burnell and Betty Marie (Markel) Grove.

Tom married Ann Marie (Hartman) Grove on October 7, 1967, in Killeen, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 8, 2021.

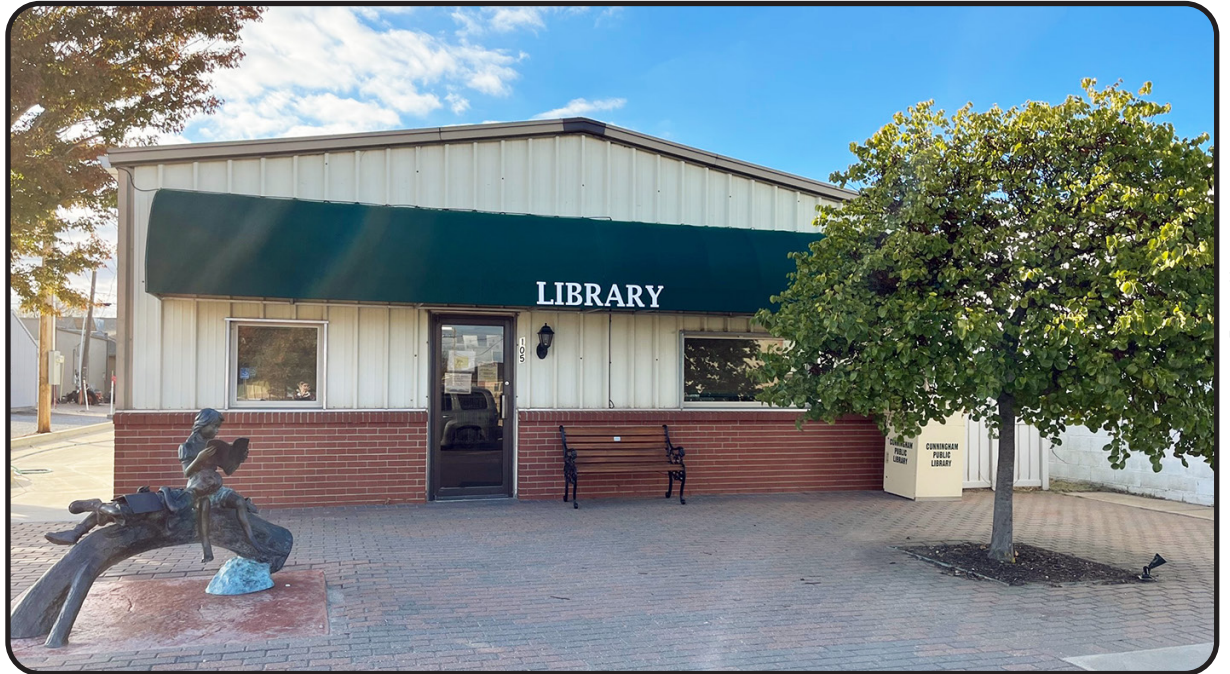
Tom graduated from Red Lion High School in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. He joined the United States Army and served during Vietnam. He owned a tire business, worked in a pizza shop and worked in lawn care.

He is survived by his daughters, Krista (Darren) Doyle of Sevierville, Tennessee, Ariane (John) Moore of Penalosa, Kansas, Whitley (Frendo) Sicheri of Pratt and Koryn Grove of Pratt; son, Lucas (Amanda) Grove of Thomasville, Pennsylvania; sister, Susan Shelley of York, Pennsylvania; brothers, Timothy Grove of Kentucky and Mark Grove of California; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Tom is preceded in death by his wife; son, Joshua Grove; grandson, Joshua Grove; and a brother, Burnell Grove, Jr.

The family has chosen cremation and their will be no services at this time.

Improvements at CPL



Kerri Steffen photo

A newly refurbished front awning was recently installed at Cunningham Public Library. The improvement was made possible in part by a 50% matching grant from Kingman County Economic Development: Facade Improvement Program. The Facade Program is also helping to fund a new book drop for the library--coming soon!

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Joan Thimesch won the \$500.00 cash prize in the Kingman County Humane Society's Cash Giveaway. Her winning ticket was purchased by the editor of this newspaper. Congratulations, Mom! and Merry Christmas!

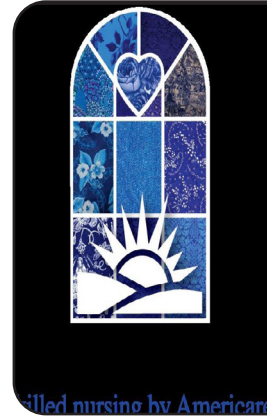
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A Note of Thanks

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