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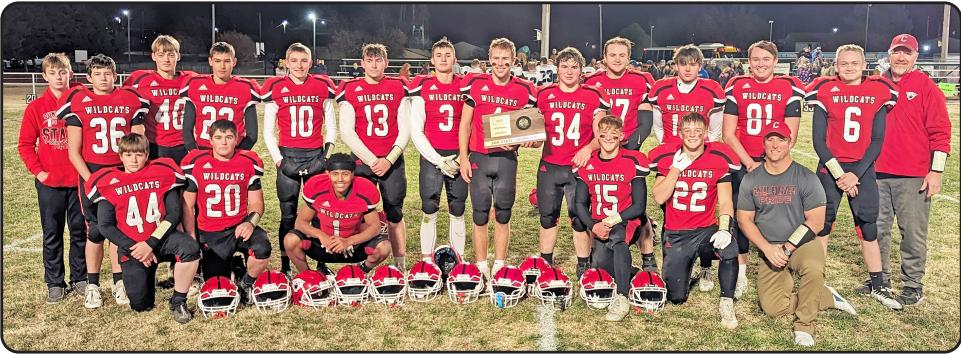
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Wildcats Win Sub-State Tournament





The Tescott Trojans came to town for the second time this year, this time to face the Wildcats for the substrate title. Tescott was coming off a big 5 OT win to upset Waverly in Sectionals the week before.

The Cats were ready for a hard hitting physical game and prepared for whatever the Trojans may throw at them. Tescott got the ball first but gave it up on downs in their first series. The Cats took one play to score when Will

Head Coach:

Manager(s):

Assistant Coach(s):

threw a pass to Skyler for a 43 yard TD. Dagim kicked the 2 point conversion for a quick 8 point lead.

Wildcat defense stopped the Trojans in the next series and gave the offense good field position again. Will spread the ball around hitting Albers for an 11 yard pass and Dagim for a 12 yard pass. Jack finished the drive with a 7 yard TD run. Dagim capped it with another 2 point kick. 16-0 for the Cats.

The defense was in lock down mode

once again forcing a punt in four plays. Luke M got a 10- yard Punt Return on the possession change. The Cats went back to the "score in one play" mode as Will connected with

Albers for a 53 yard TD. Another kick by Dagim 24-0.

Defense stopped the Trojans in 3 downs again. The visitors had a good punt, but Luke M reeled off a 25 yard return to get the ball past midfield. Will hit Luke on a 13 yard pass. A scramble by Will, a 3 yard plunge by Jack, and a kick by Dagim put the Cats up 32-0.

Defense stymied the Trojans again with good field position. Will hit Dagim on a beautiful 33 yard pass. He followed that up with a 16 yarders to Luke Albers and a 13 yard TD strike. Dagim was money on the kick, so the Cats extended their lead to 40-0. Tescott responded with their best possession of the night scoring on a 9 play drive. The extra point failed; Cats up 40-6.

The momentum for the Trojans was short lived as the Cats scored in two plays. Luke Albers "Moss'd" a Trojan defender and his teammate for a 46 yard grab. Dagim connected on his 6th PAT in a row for a 48-6 lead. The Trojans lasted 3 plays and went for it deep in their own territory trying to get to half time. No good. With just 4 seconds on the clock, the Wildcats took advantage of good field position and a strong kicker. Dagim's 26 yard field goal finished the game at half, 52-6.

Wildcats get into Dodge next Saturday for the third year in a row, ready to battle for a state championship over the #1 seeded Cheylin Cougars.

-by Coach McGuire



photos by Molly Morgan

Grade Weight First & Last Name 1 Dagim Reed 11 147 3 Luke Albers 11 156 Luke McGuire 12 157 4 149 6 Blake Swope 10 Will Wegerer 10 11 135 12 Payton King 11 191 10 Dylan Halderson 185 13 15 Skyler Thimesch 157 167 Layne Green 20 22 Stephen Kerschen 9 174 10 23 Logan Kinsler 134 12 200 34 Jack Ruckle Kollin Fischer 140 36 40 Kendall Rogers 10 139 44 Cole Ruckle 9 159 77 Trenton Schnittker 11 249 Andrew Schultz 10 201 81

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Meanderings

I deliberately left little room for a column this week. I've had a tickly throat since Sunday, and today it doesn't just tickle. It hurts. And I am

freezing. It is quite a challenge to type with gloves on. (Pardon and decode the words and meanings as best you can.) In addition to the gloves, I've turned up the thermostat and fired up the space heater. Not helping much. I am ready for an electricblanket bedtime! It might be a pile up of pets on the bed. One dog, three cats. If they could get along, I'd ask for more.

HEY! Don't forget to visit me in Norwich this Saturday. They have a craft fair going on there. I'll be selling my cards and giving away copies of The Courier.

Repeat all this the next Saturday at the Kingman Parade Day craft fair. I have found I enjoy these little gatherings.

Oh, WAIT! I just received notification we are due for some rain and/ or snow on Saturday. If that is the case, I'm staying home. Norwich isn't exactly a hop, skip and a jump from Cunningham. I've driven it many, many times.

Side note to B: You just had to wait a week and there it is!

My temp is 101.4. Yikes. I am sicker than I thought. This is really going to be short column. My electric blanket is on high so I'll be toasty when I get to bed. If I ever get there. Make that 102 degrees. Ugh! I am never going to get this paper finished!

Okay, I'm off to bed. Sorry about the lack of organization and such. I am just happy to get this paper out and to your folks. A quick trip to Hutch tomorrow, and the papers will be ready to mail on FRIDAY.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable (and healthy) holiday season.

Always reading, and currently reading,

"The Only Woman in the Room"

by Marie Benedict,

Roberta

"Today Hedy's invention serves millions through GPS, Galileo, and GLONASS satellites, Bluetooth, cell-phone, and digital wireless systems. (illustration credit i1.23)"

- Richard Rhodes, Hedy's Folly: The Life and Breakthrough Inventions of Hedy Lamarr, the Most Beautiful Woman in the World



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

As some of you may be aware, I joined the newsroom of The Hays Daily News (HDN) this week in an exciting endeavor by CherryRoad Media, HDN Editor Chapman and I to expand local news coverage for the paper. I'm honored and take this responsibility seriously. But most of all I'm thrilled to contribute in a small way to an honored tradi-

tion, particularly now as newspapers everywhere face demanding daunting financial and technological challenges while still striving to meet their communities' needs. And we do need them. Since I learned to read, I've understood the vital role of local papers. They are not empty word when I say, "They connect us. Local newspapers link us to our pasts, inform our present, and protect our future."

Tallgrass Tumbleweeds will be unaffected by my new ventures. You'll find my column weekly, right here, where you're reading it now. Thanks so much for being here and supporting YOUR local paper!

I've been cheered on, fed, and supported this week by too many friends and family to name each one of them by name and no doubt I'd leave somebody out, but I would be remiss if I did not shout "THANK YOU" from the top of the highest Flint Hill I can

My cats on the other hand...

Most days it's beneath my three cats to show any interest in what I'm doing but I am expected to be their ever-adoring and servile human,

which clearly I am. And I truly don't think I've spoiled them any less this past week. If I could translate "cat," it seems they would have me tell you otherwise because they've all three been much more vocal than usual. Even our Momma-Kitty, BatKat has been chirping at me, and usually she's the quietest of the bunch.

And they've all shown their displeasure in other ways, too. BatKat has grown fond of perching in front of me with an accusatory stare. Her brilliant blue eyes emit an uncomfortable Super Hero's beam of disap-

proval until I stop whatever I'm doing to pick

My big cat-burrito of a handsome lug, Delaney, brought me more dead mice and birds than usual. And when that didn't seem to garner the attention he felt he deserves, he rearranged everything on my desk so that he can sleep with his derriere on my keyboard while I work. I've given up trying to put things back. In fact, I'm bumping against him right now as I try to type this column.

But my sweet baby Luca has been the Drama Queen of them all including climbing a ladder left near the carport, rung by rung-no lie, in order to hop on our cold tin carport roof. Then she pretended to wail, batted her eyes, and flirted like Elizabeth Taylor until she was helped down.

When I showed the cats one of my news articles, they sniffed and scratched the newsprint. I don't want to tell you what they did next. But I'm pretty sure you can guess what cats think newspapers are good for...

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



Strange Encounters with Willie Nelson

The worst kid I knew in school was Freddie von Mousse. Older than the rest of us (we were 4th grade he was 6th), Freddie was the only kid we knew who smoked. Freddie was the best marble player, the best fighter, and the best allaround tough guy on the playground. You didn't want to cross him.

I can remember Freddie being the talk of the school after he spent an entire afternoon holed up in the "Indian Rocks" in the field behind our

school nursing a pack of Marlboros while we all waited for our moms to emerge from their monthly Mother's Club meeting. Freddie's behavior was scandalous. In case you are wondering, we had much less supervision on campus in the olden days.

Fast forward to the present (I've been out of elementary school for 50 years). I've had the good fortune to run into Freddie again, on occasion. He seems to have grown out of some of his past abrasive tendencies. He is married and the father of a passel of grown children. His wife seems to find him tolerable. Freddie is a talented contractor now. He even helped me roof my garage a few years ago. Freddie's appearances are infrequent, but it's always good to see him when he appears. He's really a great guy. I ran into Freddie again sometime back...

I was flying Southwest Airlines from Austin to San Diego (business trip, nothing too exciting).

Seated near the back of the plane, I kept noticing a flurry of activity in and around first class. The flight attendants were noticeably excited, and passengers kept milling about in the isle. I observed a young mother dragging a small child towards the front of the plane, obviously trying to interact with one of the first-class passengers. My curiosity aroused, I began intense observation. Soon a somewhat small and weathered man in a black ball cap and hoodie stood up. I couldn't believe my eyes. There stood my old classmate and playground menace Freddie von Mousse. Soon Freddie began signing autographs. As he glanced around the plane, eyes furtively scanning the crowd as more people apthis was not Freddie. The rugged stranger was none other than Willie Nelson. He looks just like Freddie

von Mousse! Sometime after this life episode, I had the good fortune to hear a friend's story. In the interest of privacy, we'll call him Walter. Walter had also been traveling, with a Southwest flight booked out of Austin, headed to the west coast on business. Having the need to make an early morning flight and weary from a long week at work, Walter had ingested copious amounts of black coffee that morning, in order to stay awake on the long drive to the airport. Traffic into Austin can be thick, and so it was this morning. Running behind schedule, he soon found himself seriously late. Upon arrival, Walter raced with full bladder and shoes in hand through security, only to realize that he had missed his flight. Oh,

the disappointment and inconvenience. In frustration, Walter headed to the men's room to find some relief.

Upon entering Walter made haste to the first urinal available. I should include here, especially for those ladies reading, a word on men's room urinal etiquette. Men are different than women. We do not visit the restroom in groups or herds. We prefer to urinate alone, or at least in semi-privacy. So, when entering a men's room, we attempt to park ourselves with plenty of space apart from those present. Translation, whenever possible, you try to leave one empty urinal between you and the next guy. In Walter's case, this was not possible. If forced to urinate next to another man, the standard rule is all eyes forward. Do not make eye contact. On with the story...

Walter entered the

men's room and found only one open spot. He quickly stepped forward to relieve himself, positioned between a smartly dressed millennial businessman and a homeless guy. Obeying the eyes forward rule, Walter at first ignored some excitement to his left. Evidently there was a restroom attendant engaging in animated conversation with the homeless guy. Finding this unusual, Walter, before flushing, couldn't help but glance that way. To his great surprise he found he was not looking at a homeless guy. He was staring into the startled eyes of Willie Nelson! Stunned, Walter had no words to say. In a flash Willie flushed and fled (I hope he washed his hands). Walter couldn't believe what had just happened. What a way to meet a celebrity! Go Willie go...

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Spreading Caring and Kindness

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We are well on our way into the holiday season. Although, if you have been in any retail store or coffee shop, we have been in the holiday season since roughly Aug. 15. I have to admit I am a sucker for this time of the year. I suspect this is the case for many of us, and the holidays are highly anticipated and much enjoyed.

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But not everyone looks forward to the holiday season. This is also a time of the year that can be hard for many from a mental health state. There is a lot of pressure this time of the year. This is especially true for those of us in agriculture. It is also the end of the year and for many of us this has been a difficult year in multiple ways. Drought and financial pressure can take its toll and the hustle, bustle and high expectations of the holiday season can be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

proached him, I realized

Couple that with the stiff upper lip, keep-itall-inside mentality of farmers and ranchers, the holidays can be a very difficult, trying time. I am sure many of us have been there, it is a hard, lonely road to go down, but it doesn't have to be that way. The other thing about farmers and ranchers is that we are a tightknit community, and we will go out of our way to help a neighbor. Mental health is no different.

It is simple for us to know what to do but very difficult to actually reach out to someone in trouble. Often neighbors and friends are the first to notice. Someone experiencing a mental health crisis might be withdrawn, quieter than normal and avoid activities and events they normally attend. The signs are not always easy to see but as a friend or neighbor you will know when things aren't "right."

It is incredibly difficult to take the next step and urge someone to seek help and even more difficult to intervene on their behalf and get them help. I know it is not comfortable, but the consequences of ignoring signs of distress are even worse. We have to work together to end the stigma of seeking mental health care; it is just as important as taking care of ourselves physically.

I also encourage anyone struggling with added stress during the holidays to type in Rural Minds Matter into any search bar to bring up a list of resources. If you or a loved one is experiencing an acute crisis, dial 988. It's a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emo-

tional distress. During this time of holiday cheer and the rush of the season, please take time to check in on friends and neigh-

bors, especially if you have not seen them in a few days. Really talk to them and listen to what they are saying. If you are reading this and in mental distress, please seek help; it is not a sign of weakness but rather one of great awareness. I hope everyone will be able to enjoy this season of time with friends and family, just remember, the greatest gift you can give is the one of caring and kindness.

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Community Bulletin Board

Friday, November 24 No School

Friday, December 1 HS BB at Minneola

Saturday, November 25 HS FB 6-Man State at Dodge City

Sunday, December 3 KAY Princess Party/ Train Party

Monday, November 27 NO School

Monday December 4 USD 332 BOE Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 Classes resume -- HS in new building

Falcon Classic at Fairfield

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 p.m. Book Club at Library

Thursday, November 30 HS Scholars' Bowl at South Barber

JH BB at Norwich

Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 6 Winter Sports pictures

Thursday, December 7 Falcon Classic at Fairfield

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JH BB vs Stafford at HOME

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Caroling at the Gazebo Sunday after Thanksgiving

"Once there was a monotone angel who wanted to sing in the Christmas choir. Sitting on a cloud, he would practice trying to make his voice go higher. Over and over all morning long; he could not sing the Christmas song." - Aaron Giles

"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains:" - James Chadwick

What does the monotone angel have in common with the sweetly-singing angels? They all sing "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" and you can, too!

'Tis the season for the (mostly) annual Caroling at the Gazebo this Sunday, Nov. 26th, at 6:00 p.m. at Dafforn Park. Sponsored by PRIDE, this event is a fun kick-off to the Christmas season. All are invited to "don your gay apparel", get your fala-la on, and join for a time of caroling, followed by refreshments at the Cunningham Community Center.

12 Days of Christmas -Winter Science December 4 - 19, 3:30 - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday Pratt Education Center and Museum Find us on Facebook for schedule of crafts and activities! Experiments Arts & Crafts Book Readings

Toys for Tots Drop Off!

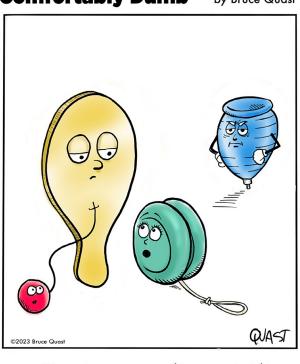
Cozy's Pizza is a Toys for Tots drop off again this holiday season. Visit the Pratt area Toys for Tots website to learn what toys are accepted until December 6th:

https://pratt-ks.toysfortots.org/ local-coordinator-sites/lcosites/default.aspx?nPageID=0 &nPreviewInd=0&nRedirectI nd=3



Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



"I'm serious, you guys, this comes straight from the top!"



"All of us take pride and pleasure in the fact that we are unique, but I'm afraid that when all is said and done the police are right: it all comes down to fingerprints."

— David Sedaris, Holidays on Ice



"All these things are miracles. It is a miracle if you can find true friends, and it is a miracle if you have enough food to eat, and it is a miracle if you get to spend your days and evenings doing whatever it is you like to do."

— Lemony Snicket, The Lump of Coal: A Christmas Holiday Book for Kids

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1928

Nov. 23 – Cunningham Rural High School dropped a 13-6 decision to Spivey High School in a wellplayed football game oin the local gridiron last Friday afternoon. Cunningham's score came on a thirty-yard pass play, Darrel Kelly passing and Avery Maxedon catching.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferd Burnett are having a new windmill erected at their home. The old one was so low that the trees kept the wind from getting to the wheel.

Work on the Fairmount Creamery building is going forward at a rapid rate when the weather permits. The rain and stormy days of last week end and the first of this week held up the work some.

1933

Nov. 24 – Work on the Skelly Oil company's big Gasoline Plant and Compressor Station started in earnest last Saturday.

Surveyors were immediately put to work laying off the site for the erection of the plant. A large bunkhouse is in process of construction for housing of the men for the project. Also a large ware-house is being erected at the lease.

We understand from the engineer that there will be twelve, five-room houses erected on the lease, which will be used for dwellings for the operation of the new station after it is completed. The compressor station will be completed of five units at present with room for five more to be added as needed.

The gasoline plant takes the gasoline from the Natural Gas before it goes into the pipeline. This is said to be very profitable to the Skelly company, as the quality of the gas here is the best in the state.

Enrollment at Cunningham Grade School has reached 131 pupils. There are thirty in Miss Helen McClure's room; thirty-one in Miss Una Morine's room; thirty-three in Miss Cozette Taylor's room; and thirty in Principal Harve Manahan's room.

The quilt which was raffled off last Tuesday evening by the Ladies of the Altar Society, Sacred Heart Catholic church, was won by Martin Pelzl.

Earl Strong of Nashville, and Everett "Red" Baber drove into town Monday with eight big geese, which altogether weighed about one hundred pounds. They got them on the river east of town, and were eight out of a bunch of about forty, the boys said.

1938

Nov. 25 – Fred J. Twyman, Kingman Democrat, was elected Sheriff of Kingman County by one vote over Jim Ingram of Spivey, his Republican opponent, after a canvass of the absentee ballots were finished Monday. The official count gave Twyman 2,635, and Ingram 2,634.

Virgil Dove, 24, of Stafford, was killed, and his companion, Ray Morris, 34, of Hutchinson, seriously injured when their 1931 Chevrolet coach plunged into a deep ditch on Highway U. S. 54, three and onehalf miles west of Cunningham, just west of the Ves Adams home, about 12:30 o'clock, Friday morning.

1943

Nov. 1943 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1948

Nov. 26 - Cunningham Rural High School will open the 1948-1949 basketball season here next Tuesday night against Preston High School. Coach Eugene Eisenbise said this week that his probable starting line-up would include Daniel Bayer, Don Theis, Bob Urban, Jack Watkins, and Norman Zrubek.

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1953

Nov. 27 - Wiley Doty, 73, of Holton, Kans., formerly a Cunningham resident, passed away at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kans., last Saturday.

E. C. Dafforn of the Dafforn Motor Company, local Chevrolet dealer, turned over the keys of the new driver's training car to Mr. Pat Benningfield, Director of the Board of Education of Cunningham Rural High School.

This is the third year that the Dafforn Motor Company has provided a car for the driver's training classes in Cunningham Rural High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steffen, Mark and David, left Monday morning for Minneapolis, Minn., where they will visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long and Teresa.

The grade school's basketball teams opened the current season with one win and two defeats in a three-game session at Spivey last Wednesday night. Both Cunningham boy's teams lost their games; the first team losing by a 40-39 score; the second team losing by a 20-17 score. However, the Cunningham girl's team won their game by a convincing 49-5 score.

The Cunningham boy's first team registered their first win, Tuesday afternoon, when they defeated Langdon Grade School, 25-18.

1958

Nov. 27, - Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dafforn of Cunningham, will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, November 30. Due to illness in the family, no special celebration will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Dafforn were married in the Methodist Church in Medicine Lodge in 1908. They lived in Zenda at that time, where Mr. Dafforn operated the telephone company.

Following the "horse and buggy days," Mr. Dafforn acquired the Ford Motor Car Agency for Zenda in 1912, which he operated there until he moved the business to Cunningham in 1934. In connection with the automobile agency, Mr. Dafforn also operated the Zenda Electric Light Company from 1919 to 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Dafforn are the parents of one son, Francis, also of Cunningham.

1963

Nov. 28 - Only a week has gone by since we printed the last issue of the Clipper, yet, in that short period of time between that issue and this one, great tragedy has befallen the United States and its people and the world and its people.

John. F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, and at the age of 46, the youngest man ever to be elected to that office, was killed by an assassin in Dallas, Tex., last Friday shortly after noon.

Most Cunningham businesses were closed Monday, as were the schools, and memorial services were held in the churches Sunday and Monday.

1968

Nov. 28– The trophies for the horseshoe tournament, Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 14, are on display at DeWeese's IGA. Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament, please contact Dean Cooley.

A record enrollment of 482 students, including 21 from Unified School District No. 332, has been reached this fall at Pratt Community Junior College, according to Director of Admissions Ray McKinney.

Five Cunningham volunteer firemen were honored for longtime service at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council in the City Hall, Monday evening.

Glenn Patton and Ray Shafer were awarded gold 25-year pins, and Dave Willinger, Faris Harris, and Frank Cain Jr. received silver 10-year pins.

November 22 – 1978 – The Cunningham Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 9. Dean Cooley and Leo Zrubek, Jr. are co-charimen of the day's festivities. The parade will begin at 2 in the afternoon. This will be preceded by the arrival and introduction of the carloads of senior citizens at 1:30. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be held one week later, Dec. 16.

The parade will have the following categories: costumes; pets; horses; bicycles; tricycles; dolls and doll buggies; wagons; and floats. Pick your catagory and come join the fun! Prizes for the floats will be \$50, \$25 and \$15. The other catagories have prizes of \$5, \$2.50 and \$1.00

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1978

Hilltop: We want to thank Sam Theis for cutting our men' hair. We appreciate him coming out and being so faithful. Friday he trimmed up Pop Jones, Sam McMichael, Clifford Trotter, Bill Neal, Bob Woodworth, Harry Hodson, Harry Triplett, Eldon Allen and Gerald McDonald.

Kay House was busy giving permanents to Ana May and Edna Mummert.

We have started to gear up for Christmas gifts. If you want to shop early, come on out. We will have a craft area Dec. 9 in the Wildcat Den.

In conjunction with National Education Week, Cunningham Schools held open house at the high school and elementary school Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents were taken on a tour of classrooms by their children, and were able to view the children's work and visit with the teachers.

The Spanish Department presented two plays, directed by Rubie Cusenbary.

In the cast of 'Un Norteamericano en Mixico' were Mike Beat, Rick Sterneker, Eric Meyers, Duane Panek, Joe Harbert, Jancie Stillwell, Naola Thimesch and Rosa Padia.

A second play, "Los Tres Cuervos', featured Joe Stohl, Dale Panek, Janice Stillwell, Duane Panek, Mike Beat, Eric Meyers, and Rick Sterneker.

The 1978-1979 boys basketball season began Nov. 13 when 24 roundballers hit the floor. I am very pleased with the number of players we have out this season. We are not at a solid 23. We have an excellent class distribution with seven freshmen, six sophomores, six juniors and four seniors.

Berry Bortz, a Cunningham senior, made the 1978 Great Golden Plains football team on both the defensive and offensive teams.

1983

Nov. 22- Last Call - Nov. 28, 1983 Final Date for Family Histories for the Kingman County Biographical History Book. They MUST be submitted by Nov. 28. Send to Kingman County Historical Society Box 281, Kingman Ks 67068

The Cunningham High-Q team placed second at the High-Q tournament at Liberal sponsored by the Students Government Association of Seward County Community College, Nov. 16 and 17.

There were 16 schools competing, eight on each day. Cunningham competed in six matches on the first day winning all 6 matches and accumulating 370 points. The second day Liberal also won six matches but scored 380 points, winning first place.

The team from Cunningham was Lori Jarmer, senior, Sandra Strong, junior, Orin Stillwell, sophomore, and Scott DeWeese sophomore. Also going were Tom Clark, Brett Deemer, Jim Harbert, and Dennis Hageman.

The Cunningham High School Kayettes have done and are doing several things this month. The Kayette members are donating fruit, candies and cookies to be taken to the Hilltop Manor resthome in Cunningham. The tray favors were sent on the 23rd to help the residents celebrate Thanksgiving. Also this month the Kayettes will help get the resthome in the Christmas spirit by decorating it.

With thought of the first Thanksgiving in mind, the members of the Cunningham United Methodist Church decided to share from our bounty, food for the Kingman County Food Bank. A month before Thanksgiving, the children of Sunday school decided to work for someone outside their homes. (this turned out to be mostly grandmothers and neighbors.) and to their pay in non-perishable food, which would in turn be given to someone in need.

On Sunday evening, a group of thankful people added their contributions, and a large assortment of food was presented at the altar.

The service was conducted by Rev. Walter, where songs of Thanksgiving were sung.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 332 will hold a public hearing in the Nashville-Zenda High School Gymnasium at Zenda. All testimony and evidence given at this meeting will be considered on the closing of the school (N-Z High School) at the end of the current school year May 22, 1984.

Museum Hours Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

or contact Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

My Name Is Wachichi |

By Eliza Evans

In the tongue of my ancestors, Wachichi means Tall Grass.

The tall grass grows across these open lands to feed the mighty herds of buffalo that roam. The buffalo gives food to my people that we may be strong and live the fullness of our years upon this land the Creator has given us.

Today we hunt.

The sun is changing places with the moon to make room for longer night and cold ahead. The Great Spirit has breathed upon the forest turning trees to color of fire. Soon the leaves will be soft as ash under our moccasins and my tribe must move to our wintering grounds. I watch bird and fox, bear and moose make ready to fly far, to eat much, to sleep long. It is the way of all those who live by the rhythm of earth, sun, sky and moon.

Even now we make ready.

The women will gather the berries that lie thick on the branch. They will grind the buffalo meat and buffalo grease with the berries to make much food that it may be well with my people.

The words are not spoken, but I know my sisters will look long for kymunchia—the small, red womb berries—in hopes that there will be a wedding feast.

Yes, deep in my breast there is a sharpness of longing no food can satisfy.

If my arrow is true,

and if the Creator grants me success, I will present Chief Lone Wolf with a bountiful portion of meat and bone and hide for the coming year. I will lead the hunt and prove myself worthy of his daughter Running Doe that we may walk the path of our days together. I have carried this longing for three full years and it is heavy.

But my own mother mocks me. She does not think a High Chief's daughter will give me favor. "Kitiotio!" She laughs. "Dreamer!" I harden my face against her words.

Every day she is saying my eyes are stars and my legs have turned to saplings not able to hold me. She tells me to walk tall, and not be so easily turned by Running Doe. Her form, the blackness of her eyes, her hair—a flowing river down her back.

But I cannot turn another way. The wanting of her gnaws my insides. And so I dream.

Many braves have gathered now to hunt the buffalo. We move as one, men and horses, silent as the shadows. A single untrue step will cause an early charge and we will be shamed.

We must not be shamed.

Holding to the cover of trees, we ease our way closer to the grazing herd. The air is thick with the smell of earth, dung and the hot breath of the animals. The musky stench hits my nostrils and stirs my insides.

And then I see him. His head sits heavy

with power upon his shoulders. His fur is

thickened for the coming snows, the flesh is full and fat. Throwing his head, he paws the ground making clouds of dust.

My breath burns in my throat. A warrior must not be afraid.

The horses begin to stamp and snort. The time is now. I give sign to my tribal brothers. My horse beneath me is warrior, too, and we charge out of the woods. Pulling and leaning towards that one, ruler of the plains, my every nerve is stretched tight. I hear the pounding hooves. I breathe the dust. I am one with my horse as I ride beside the galloping beast. The flash in his black eye meets mine. Fever is in my blood as I shoot my arrows deep into his heart with trueness of aim. The battle cry thunders in my chest.

It is done.

The braves gather to me. None can compare to this mighty one I have slain.

We give honor to the Wisdom and Keeper of All Things.

The women will come now and prepare the meat. I mount my horse and ride back through the woods. My head is crowded with questions. Will the longing of these three years be fulfilled? My heart shakes a little.

Will. She. Be. Mine? I stop my horse and keep still for I have seen a movement.

Not many paces from me, there is a girl leaning against a tall birch.

It is Running Doe, watching me. In her arms, she holds a basket of small, red berries.

A Column by Mike Johnson

Buy Memories

I used to buy stuff. Now I buy memories & good feelings.

Nothing feels better than a musty book smells. Collectible stores should charge admission just for the experience.

Yesterday's highlight was an ancient hotel turned into a two-story junque shop. The delightful husband/wife team have owned the place 39 years. Depending on your perspective, it was either a treasure vault or a cemetery where consumer products go to die. Each item a tombstone, screaming its story with a glance, hoping you'll bring it back to life by taking it home. Some relics, some heirlooms, some artifacts requiring further study.

I bought two paperbacks, a JFK photo book, a railroad ruler & 40 comics from the 1960's. I left behind the school clock, the Olympia beer sign & 275,000 remnants of prior decades. Plenty of meat left on the bone.

I don't need the things.

feelings.

I want the memories &

The equation is always the same. Would I rather have this five dollar bill or this old thingamajig that makes me feel good with just a look? The money usually

As I've aged, I realize my mind is like these collectible shops. I can call up any old relic that's attached to good feelings. Imagination beats ownership. No travel, no expense & no storage of the beast.

Now if I could just mentally duplicate musty.

Sterling College Christmas Music Concerts Usher in the Season

Having trouble catching the Christmas spirit this year? A double dose of traditional, fun, spirit-filled, and jazzy Christmas tunes from Sterling College Music should do the trick! This year's Sterling College Music Christmas Concerts Choir and Band will be offered backto-back - the Concert Choir on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 pm at the Sterling United Presbyterian Church and the Symphonic Band on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm in Culbertson

Auditorium. With the title "Love's Pure Light," the choir concert will feature the Sterling College Concert Choir, the select ensemble Highland Singers, Sterling Men's Choir, and Sterling Women's Choir. The college groups are under the direction of music faculty member Marisa Callan.

In addition, there will be a special guest group known as the "Holly Jolly Singers," made up of Sterling Grade School 3rd through 6th grade students. The children's group will join the Concert Choir for the traditional Christmas tune "Do You Hear What I Hear" and will also present "Christmas Round" on their own.

The group is directed by Sterling College Music Education student Natalie Schweizer.

The "Holly Jolly Singers" started as a class project for Schweizer. About 20 grade school singers have been meeting with the future music teacher twice a week since late October. "The kids are all excited to perform with the college and for us to share our love of singing and the season with the audience," Schweizer said.

The theme of "light" will run through the concert which will also include the songs "I Have Seen the Light," "Hallelujah Light," and "Carry the Light." College student Rachel Thomson will perform an oboe solo in the concert's title song which is a variation of that most popular of Christmas carols -"Silent Night."

The Highland Singers will be featured in numbers ranging from sacred: "O Nata Lux" to the light "Children's Christmas Favorites." The men's choir will do "You're A Mean One, Mister Grinch" and the women "The Man with the Bag."

The next day on Sunday, December 3 many of the Choir members will spread Christmas cheer not with their voices but with their musical instruments as they present "The Sounds of Christmas Music" as their seasonal concert.

Songs from such popular Christmas entertainments as "Home Alone," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." "The Nutcracker," and "The Nightmare Before Christmas" will be heard.

The concert will also include sacred music with "Symphonic Prelude on Adeste Fidelis" "Christmas in Brass" which will feature the Brass Ensemble performing traditional Christmas Carols like "The First Noel" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

The Sterling College Jazz Band will perform at the concert as well. They will be doing "And Kings Shall Swing" which is a bright swing chart based on the carol "We Three Kings." Plus, they will do a swing, rock and Salsa arrangement of the timeless classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks.

All of the instrumental groups are under the direction of Larry Brownlee.

Both "Love's Pure Light" the choral music concert and "The Sounds of Christmas Movies" the band concert will be presented free-of-charge but donations for the future Scotland Tour will be taken. Both concerts will be livestreamed through Sterling College Music Facebook page.



Catholic Churches

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

St. Leo Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. John, Zenda Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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

Father Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451 620-246-5370





Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

620-886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

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

> Pastor vacancy until further notice. +++++



Church of Christ Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church

Cunningham

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201





United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor J L Nichols

620-491-0680

Cunningham



Cunningham Hands of Hope,

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school dis-

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need. How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Moving Day. Out of the Old and Into the New











































CJHS Double Down on Argonia

Monday, November 13, the Junior High Boys played at Argonia. As always they were excited to play and showed it on the court. The press limited the possessions by the Raiders. Add in a dominant performance on rebounds and the Cats opened up a 19-0 lead in the first. After both teams made some adjustments, the Wildcats had a lull

for a while and finished strong in the 4th.

Nathan led the team in rebounds with 17 followed by Liam with 4 and Brody with 3. Liam had the most steals with 4 followed by Brody

We're looking forward to playing for our hometown fans next Monday against Chase.

by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	19	6	8	16	49
Argonia	0	5	10	7	22



Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki 14 Liam McGuire **Brody Bock** 12 Andrew Kerschen Adam Sterneker

CJHS Wins in the 'New Gym'

The new lobby doors opened for the first time Monday as the hometown crowd filled the stands. Cunningham junior high teams hosted the Chase/ Raymond Bulldogs for their first home game of the 23-24 season. You'd have thought the new temperature control was blasting frigid air, because the Wildcats came out COLD. In fact, if we were not at home and I was not there myself I would have thought they were not regulation goals. Thank goodness our defense and rebounding showed up to keep the visitors from scoring in the first quarter.

In the second, the press got the Cats enough layup chances that some shots did start falling. By half they had a 24-6 lead and had attempted twice as many shots as the Bulldogs. The third quarter opened up a bit for both teams, but the defense and board work was too much for Chase to overcome.

Brody and Nathan led the team in rebounds with 5 a piece. Brody also led the team in steals with 6 followed by Liam

by Coach McGuire

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Liam McGuire	10
Nathan Ndambuki	Q

Nathan Ndambuki Adam Sterneker Landon Green 6 **Brody Bock** 6 Colton Rohlman 4 Wesley Priesser 4 Tyler Osner John Paul Kerschen



Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	7	17	14	12	50
Chase	0	6	9	4	19



Jr. Girls Finish Pre-HOPL Schedule 1-2

The Jr. High girls' basketball team wrapped up their pre-league schedule with a 1-2 record, falling to Macksville and Argonia and then defeating Raymond. The Lady Wildcats opened up on the road with Macksville on Monday, November 6th, they were able to stay within five of the Lady Colts to the start of the 4th quarter, but Macksville pulled away late to give the Lady Cats a 20-33 loss. One week later the girls traveled to Argonia, after a slow start, Cunningham was able to claw back to within four at halftime, but was unable to get over the hump in the second half and

lost 19-23. The Lady Wildcats played their first home game of the season on November 20, 2023 against the Raymond Bulldogs. The girls led by just four at the half then used a strong third quarter to build a double digit lead and came away with a 32-17 victory.

Scoring vs. Macksville: Katie Ogg 2, Keyonna Huffman 10, Andi Young 8.

Scoring vs. Argonia: Keyonna Huffman 13, Andi Young 5, Kourtni Fischer

Scoring vs. Raymond: Morgan Oldham 8, Keyonna Huffman 21, Andi Young 1, Kourtni Fischer 2.

The B-team girls in the first 3 games have gone 2-1, defeating Macksville 13-6 in a 2 quarter game and Raymond 34-3. The b-teams lost to Argonia 11-6, also a 2 quarter game.

B-team scoring vs. Macksville: Katie Ogg 4, Lux Thimesch 2, Carly McGuire 2, Alyssa Osner 5

B-team scoring vs. Argonia: Katie Ogg 2, Lux Thimesch 2, Sage Thimesch 2.

B-team scoring vs. Raymond: Katie Ogg 2, Lux Thimesch 4, Carly McGuire 2, Maelyn Jump 4, Sage Thimesch 4, Mackley Glenn 4, Alyssa Osner 14. -by Bart Ricke



The Best Holiday Gifts for Teachers

(StatePoint) Have some teachers in your life? Use this subjectby-subject holiday gift guide to help them level up their lesson plans:

History

Spark a vibrant classroom discussion every day with the History Channel's This Day in History boxed calendar. Featuring brief explanations of extraordinary happenings throughout the ages -- from groundbreaking inventions to declarations of war -teachers, and their students -- will be treated to a breadth of information that can deepen their understanding of world events, all before they even begin their official coursework.

STEM

The latest enhancement to the scientific calculator is the fx-991CW ClassWiz from Casio, a gift well-suited for any advanced high schoolor college-level math, science or engineering instructor. With an allnew quadruple graded LCD display and intuitive design, users will be able to easily find their cursor while writing and modifying expressions. Its circular, convex buttons prevent the miskeying of information, helping teachers ace their lectures and demonstrations. With the ability to store up to nine variables, which can contain integers, computations, and functions that will persist in the calculator's memory between uses, teachers will be ready to pick up where they left off between class sessions. By partnering the ClassWiz with an internet-capable mobile device, solutions can be graphed and visualized through ClassPad. net, a free online tool that supports student learning by offering a clean and versatile workspace for computation, graphing, geometry, statistics and more.

English

Keep English teachers excited about their subject matter with Book of the Month. This service offers subscribers a choice of one of five to

by Bruce Quast

seven fiction books each month. Books range from literary fiction to thrillers and even YA to interest readers of all kinds. As the gift giver, you can choose between a 3-, 6or 12-book membership, which recipients can receive at their own pace. Who knows? Your gift may just motivate them to create their own after school book club that will inspire their students to engage with literature on a deeper level.

Physical Education

Whether they're running drills, refereeing the game or simply getting the class's attention, your favorite PE teacher or team coach will feel their most official with a custom engraved whistle. Personalized with their name and favorite sport, they'll feel both loved and appreciated on the court and field, and the results will show all season long.

This holiday season, get creative with your gift-giving, finding meaningful gifts for teachers who are passionate about what they do.

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



Unidentified flying Oreos

Comfortably Dumb

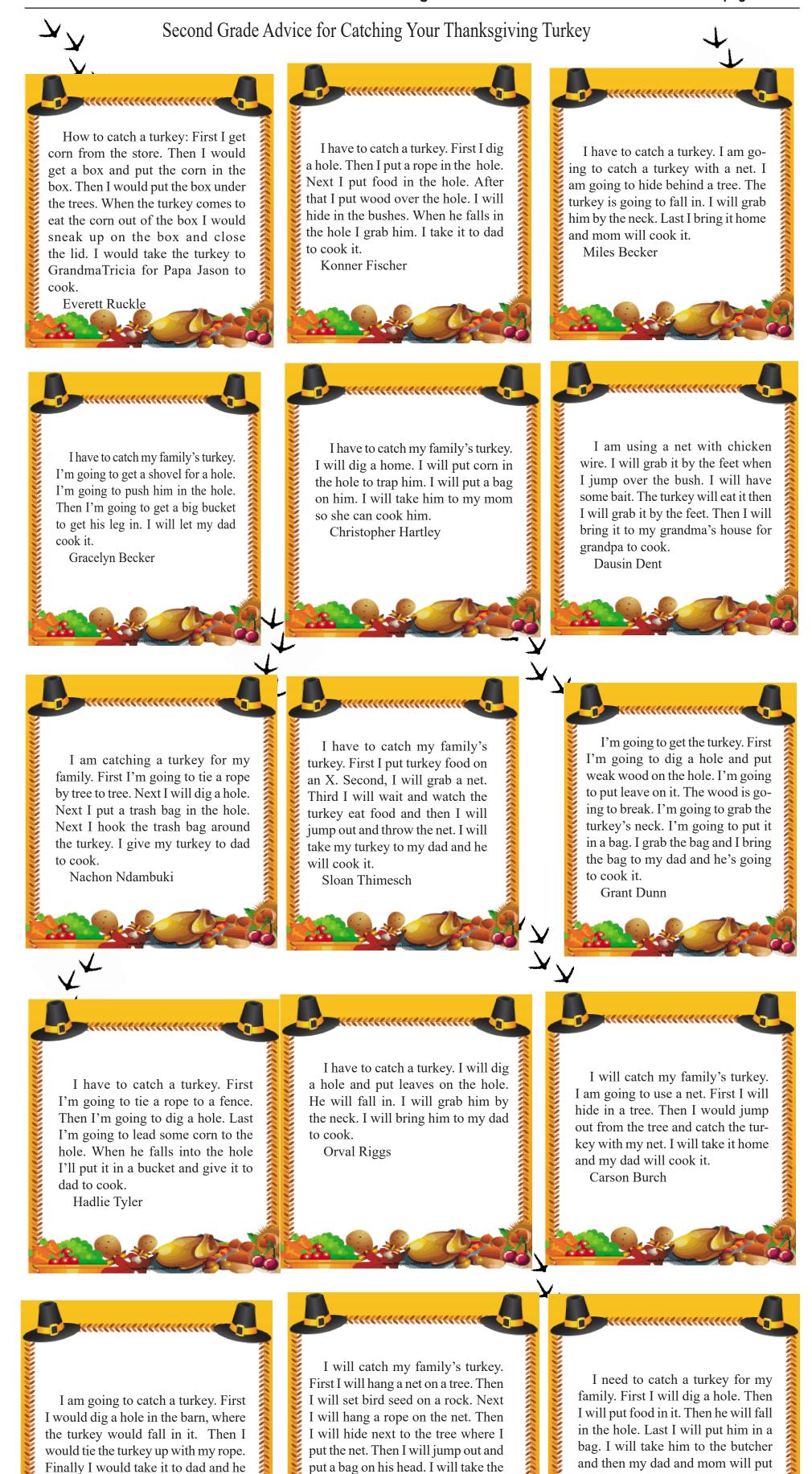


"Look, honey- this one has Bluetooth!"

Upcoming Auctions

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com 107 NE State Road 61, Pratt, Kansas, 67124 620-672-6996





turkey to my mom.

Oakley Panek

will cook it.

Rhett Albers

him on the grill.

Jade Preisser

Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, gave an update on the Pratt Area Economic Development. Jackie Mundt will be the new representative replacing Mark Morgan. They reviewed the incentive application for a company looking to locate to Pratt, tabled until next month. Highway 54 four-lane extension was discussed. She presented a letter of support to be included

with others to KDOT secretary to extend the four-lane. Commissioner Adams made a motion to sign the letter of support for the Highway 54 four-lane extension. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She stated the city of Pratt also put a message out for support from businesses. She has talked to Brian at EMS and he is moving forward getting quotes for the transport van.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a letter of support for Arrowhead West concerning their grant applications.

Tyson stated the tax delinquent tax sale will be December 20, at 10:00

Jan Parsons, Lori Montgomery, Steve Stratford, Calvin Boy and Brandon Rochenbach

with the Fair Association presented information on a new livestock pavilion at the fairgrounds. Jan stated that the Blodgett Trust had left a substantial amount to the Fair Association. They are looking for community support to help with the remaining \$325,000 needed. Chairman Jones asked if there were any funds available through the Pratt Fair Board besides the trust. Chairman Jones said they would check and see if ARPA funds could be available for support.

Tammy Smith, CEO, and Alan Waites, CFO, PRMC, Alan presented preliminary September financials. Alan also presented a summary of outstanding debt obligations. Tammy reported they are recruiting for full time internal medicine providers. She stated they will have use for the old PRRC after the school is finished. PRMC would like to lease the building. She has checked into dialysis, and no one is interested in coming here. The closest is Great Bend. Master facility plan is being done. PRMC received a grant along with the City of Pratt Police and Pratt County Sheriff, for substance abuse crisis. The person would go to a mental health provider versus jail.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented a mid-year ratio for property values. Pratt County level of confidence is 95%. He stated property valuation should be going up as much as 10% next year.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported he had purchased chemical for next year. The truck being built is still a few months out. He brought up hiring another person again. It was discussed if employee benefits and noxious weed had enough budget for an additional employee in a department that has not had three full time employees before. He presented a raise slip for Casey Ziehr. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a raise in

the amount of \$1.00 to \$19.28 for Casey Ziehr. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, presented checks for signatures. She presented a grant application for Chairman Jones signature.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 3:10 p.m. to discuss legal matters concerning public transportation.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:29 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to appoint Dakota Holtgrieve for the Pratt Area Economic Development committee to replace Brian Moore. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a new hire-transfer for Cescha Hoffman for the clerk's office at\$18.50 & election clerk \$100 biweekly. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the pay slip for Cescha Hoffman at \$18.50 per hour and \$100 biweekly. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve \$250 chamber bucks for Pratt County employees for Christmas. Commissioner Shriver

seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 13, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Investments in Kansas Public Schools Lead to Vast Improvements

KEY QUOTE: "In Kansas, our teachers, administrators, local school board members, parents, students and taxpayers should be applauded for the gains we have made together... We have emerged from underfunding and then the pandemic even better."

Resilience and improvement in Kansas public schools inspire, despite underfunded years

Scott Rothschild, Topeka Capital-Journal November 6, 2023

Kansas public schools are part of the foundation of our state and our local communities. We, as Kansans, take public education seriously. A good share of our time, energy and tax dollars goes to preparing the next generation of Kansans for adult life.

Our high school graduation rate is the highest it has ever been...the percentage of students who are going on to get postsecondary degrees or industry and work credentials is also at an all-time high.

We are graduating more students than ever before, and they are graduating more than ever before with the skills needed either to enter the workforce, or enroll in college, or seek further instruction for a career.

Our state assessment results from tests taken last spring posted the largest increase since the current tests began in 2015. In both reading and math, the percentage of students increased in the top three performance

levels and decreased in the lowest level.

There are numerous other signs of improvement in Kansas public schools, such as the State Board of Education approved \$15 million to train teachers on new ways to help struggling readers, the number of students who are taking college courses and technical training while in high school is at a record level, and more children are enrolled in pre-Kindergarten.



Governor Kelly, Faith Leaders Urge Legislators to Expand Medicaid

LENEXA – Governor Laura Kelly today hosted a roundtable with faith leaders from the Kansas City metropolitan area as part of her statewide Healthy Workers, Healthy Economy tour. Pastors and nonprofit leaders discussed how Medicaid expansion would impact local congregants by cutting costs, supporting hospitals, and growing the economy.

"More and more Kansans of faith are joining our push to expand Medicaid and get working Kansans affordable health care," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I was so glad to have this conversation with pastors across the KC Metro who understand the financial burden families without health insurance are facing. It's time for the Kansas legislature to step up and expand Medicaid."

According to the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, there are more than 15,700 Kansans in Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte Counties who are currently uninsured and would qualify for coverage if the legislature would expand Medicaid. More than 5,200 new health care jobs would be created in those four counties, and nearly \$135.3 million would be generated in new annual health care spending in the region.

"As a pastor, I cannot sit by quietly while people in my church, my neighborhood, and my state go without the health care they need," Pastor Kyle Reynolds, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lenexa, said.

"The scriptures repeatedly call us to care for the most vulnerable in our midst, but Kansas is currently falling short of that benchmark. We are also called to be good stewards of our resources, and thus far too many billions of Kansas taxpayer dollars have been left in Washington while people in Kansas languish because of our state's inability to provide adequate access to Medicaid. Expanding access to Medicaid is a tangible way to 'love our neighbors,' to care for the most vulnerable among us, and to be good stewards of the resources that we have – all of which are scriptural imperatives."

"Catholics believe that adequate health care is a right for everyone, not a privilege for the affluent. As a Catholic theologian and priest, I

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 12

Traffic Stop Non-Injury Accident Mental Health **Animal Complaint Animal Complaint** Traffic Complaint Disabled Vehicle Miscellaneous Agency Assist

Monday, November 13 Traffic Stop

Miscellaneous Animal Bite Suspicious Vehicle Suspicious Activity Traffic Complaint

Tuesday, November 14

Traffic Stop Civil Paper Service Transport Prisoner Transport Prisoner Traffic Control Agency Assist Abandoned Vehicle Transport Prisoner Disabled Vehicle Fire Non-Injury Accident

Non-Injury Accident Wednesday, November 15

Non-Injury Accident

Traffic Stop Civil Paper Service Debris In Roadway Traffic Complaint Check Welfare

NW 20 St & NW 70 Ave, Kingman 100 Blk S Westview St, Norwich 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman NW 20 St & NW 10 Ave, Kingman 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney 4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman 10000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Kingman 16000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

200 Blk S Parkway, Norwich 700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman 3000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham 9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock

120 N Spruce, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman E D Ave & N Cedar St, Kingman 200 Blk N Pine St, Kingman 200 Blk E D Ave, Kingman 120 N spruce, Kingman 9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock NE 30 St & NE 90 Ave, Kingman 11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney SW 80 St & SW 110 Ave, Spivey 15000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville

1 4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock 13000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago



Abandoned Vehicle Transport Prisoner / Court 130 N Spruce, Kingman Transport Prisoner / Medical Theft

Disabled Vehicle Traffic Complaint Suspicious Person

Thursday, November 17

Pursuit Suspicious Person Transport Prisoner Transport Prisoner Disturbance Theft Miscellaneous

Friday, November 18

Medical

Traffic Stop Civil Paper Process Check Welfare Follow Up Injury Accident Saturday, November 19

Traffic Stop Civil Paper Service Non-Injury Accident Suspicious Vehicle Check Welfare

Debris In Roadway

Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint Fire/Grass Miscellaneous Non-Injury Accident Disabled Vehicle Miscellaneous

SE 80 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman

800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman 800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock

E Hwy 2 & SE 180 Ave, Norwich E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham 120 N Spruce, Kingman 1000 Blk SW 20 St, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman

2 100 Blk W 1st St, Cunningham 120 N Spruce, Kingman 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

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400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman SW 170 Ave & SW 30 St, Cunningham 300 Blk N Dresden, Cunningham 15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham 400 Blk N Lincoln St, Kingman 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney 4000 Blk N Berry Ave, Kingman 120 N Spruce, Kingman SE 160 Ave & SE 60 St, Kingman 5000 Blk SE 20 Ave, Kingman







4H Met in November

The Cunningham 4-H Club met on November 5th at the community center. We had a song for the first time at a meeting and it was called "Go Bananas." It was led by Adam Sterneker and Wyatt Neywick. During the meeting, we decided to donate prize baskets to the Ambassadors Chili and Bingo Night that will be held on December 10th. Some members

of our club presented their project talks. Ava Neywick talked about her dog, Dolly. Will Halderson talked about how to tie a quilt. Olivia Halderson talked about how to make hot chocolate. We then recognized members of our club that made perfect attendance as well as prompt attendance. Those who made perfect attendance are as follows: Ava Neywick, Will Halderson, Jonathan Ogg, Adam Sterneker, Jessica Dittmer, Katie Ogg, Emily Ogg, and Wyatt Neywick. Some of our members only missed one meeting, so they received prompt attendance, they are as follows: Nate Sterneker, Taylor Schultz, Andrew Schultz, Olivia Halderson, Ty Schultz, and Kendall Rogers. Then we concluded with apple slices by the Schultz family and homemade hot chocolate by the Halderson family. Games followed the snacks led by Weston Rogers where we made paper airplanes and then flew them outside. Our next meeting will be on December 3rd at 5:30.

Kendall Rogers, Reporter



Ava Neywick talks about her dog, Dolly, to the the 4-H members at the meeting.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Dakota

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Shih Tzu / Poodle 19 pounds Age 7 months + \$200.00

Dakota has been with the shelter since October

He is a dog with special needs.

Delilah

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Domestic Short hair 5 years + \$40

Delilah has been at the shelter since November 10, 2023. She would prefer to be an only cat. Delilah and Vixen are sisters. Have been indoor cats only

Vixen Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Domestic Short hair 5 years + \$40

Vixen has been at the shelter since November 10, 2023. She would prefer to be an only cat. Delilah and Vixen are sisters. Have been indoor cats only

Donations Needed for Kingman **Humane Society**

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

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





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

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.

Medicare **Enrollment Part** 1: What Every Senior Needs to Know About Local Coverage

Open enrollment for next year's Medicare coverage is now through December 7. Choosing a health plan that fits your needs is important to having access to local care. If you are a senior or have a loved one making health plan decisions during this time, Kingman Healthcare Center (KHC) encourages you to review the following information.

Original Medicare has two parts: Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) and is managed by the federal government. This is the typical Medicare insurance that most are

familiar with. KHC finds Original Medicare works very well for our patients. Original Medicare (A & B) is accepted by all KHC facilities, providers and clinics.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C & usually includes Medicare Part D coverage) is a health plan offered by private insurance companies as an alternative to Original Medicare. It replaces and cancels your Original Medicare plan.

KHC has encountered numerous issues when dealing with Medicare Advantage plans, including excessive prior authorization and medical necessity denials, unnecessarily slow payment from insurers, and inadequate reimbursement rates for the patient services provided. These are issues healthcare providers have struggled with for several years, and the

frequency and volume of issues seem to be getting

Further compounding these issues, the number of Medicare Advantage enrollees is constantly increasing. KHC does not contract (in-network) with any Medicare Advantage plans and will remain this way for 2024. This situation is not unique to KHC, as numerous providers, hospitals, and

healthcare systems across the country have also made the difficult decision to cease contracting with Medicare Advantage plans due to many of the same issues. Medicare Advantage does not reimburse KHC the cost of delivering care, like traditional Medicare. As more patients move to Medicare Advantage, the long term effect to rural, local hospitals will be devastating.

We recognize chang-

ing insurance options may create a temporary burden for community members who are currently on a Medicare Advantage plan, but we ultimately believe it is the right move for patients and for our hospital and clinics to be sustainable and continue providing care to everyone in our region. I empathize with seniors who are being bombarded by multimillion-dollar marketing campaigns in our state with promises of seamless coverage and numerous additional benefits to entice them to select a Medicare Advantage plan. Still, we urge everyone to be wary and educated consumers when making Medicare coverage elections in this year's open enrollment

Each enrollee must make their own decision based on their personal circumstances. KHC

period.

must ensure financial and operational sustainability in order to continue providing essential healthcare services for our entire community, and cannot jeopardize that by continuing to sustain the financial losses for a small segment of our patient population.

If you are already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you may switch between January 1 and March 31. During this period, you're allowed to do one of the following things if you are in a Medicare Advantage plan:

Switch to another Medicare Advantage plan

Drop it and go back to Original Medicare, and join a Medicare drug plan.

If you need help, we recommend scheduling a free session through KHC's certified Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) health counselor, Melinda Hageman, or you can go through your local Council on Aging. To help choose the best plan for you, the counselor will evaluate your health needs and medical budget.

То contact Melinda, you can call 620.553.4192.

To contact Kingman's Council on Aging, you can call 620.532.5744

Editorial Notes: Preston Sauers has been serving as CEO of Kingman Healthcare Center since 2021. Prior to being named CEO, he was the Director of **Business Operations** and the CFO of another Kansas Hospital, Given the his extensive background in the revenue cycle, Sauers is an expert in healthcare finance.

"Who could be so lucky? Who comes to a lake for water and sees the reflection of the moon." — Rumi



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Governor's Water Conference

In the last year I have been a pointed to the Red Hills Water advisory board. Kingman County is included with 5 other Counties in the Red Hills District.

I've long been concerned about the water quality and quantity in our Kingman County area. After attending our first water meeting in Medicine Lodge last month I decided I should attend the Governor's Water Conference which was held in Manhattan on Nov. 15th and 16th. Even

with getting up at 4AM and driving to Manhattan for the opening ceremony I was greatly pleased that I went.

I think I should mention my first observation on arriving at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan. Because of 4 surgeries on my knees and back over a 3-year period I have a handicapped sticker in my car. On arrival I saw that there were many handicapped spots open in the parking lot.

Wow! Unlike Walmart this is where young people were hanging out. I've attended many conferences with state and national cattle organiza-

tions in my youth, but this was the largest gathering that I've ever been present at. Young people are excited about the water needs of our State. There were older experienced veterans there, but a large representation of youth also impressed me. It was overwhelming to hear about all the different information and efforts that are being studied or practiced to save the quality and quantity of water in Kansas.

Governor Kelly gave an inspiring message about her dedication to the water health of the State of Kansas.

I came home with a

greatly lifted spirit and thought that we can protect our water sources and that a large number of people care about Kansas' water needs going forward. I made some good contacts at the Conference and will follow up on ideas to help the governor make good decisions about water in Kansas. I will try and keep people updated in the future about what is happening. My biggest take away from the Governor's Conference was the people care about our water and they are ready to take action to protect it. Alan Albers

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Powers, on TV

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46. *Ricky Martin's boy band

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"Fame" 51. *Baltimore player

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the Rose"

58. Oration station

60. Some tournaments

61. In the thick of 62. Place, in French

63. Not at all good

64. Bitty

65. Other than what is

DOWN

1. Ornamental pond dweller

2. Deep black 3. Greek promenade

4. Shakespeare's output

5. * Lou Reed's "Home of the

6. Like thick smoke

7. Campus military org. 8. Attractive to look at

9. *"Back to the Future" car

10. One on drugs

11. Cecum, pl. 12. Is, in Paris

14. "A horse is ____, of course, of course"

20. Resin-producing tree

23. Took the bait

24. *Christopher Reeve's sartorial

style in "Superman II"

25. Old World lizard

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Suriname or Guyana

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SCCF'S Match Day Promises a Season of **Giving**

Your Chance to Amplify Impact on Local Nonprofits

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is thrilled to announce the commencement of Match Day, a significant giving event that empowers community members to support and enhance the vital work of local nonprofit organizations. This unique opportunity, running now through November 28th, aligns with the global Giving Tuesday movement, encouraging philanthropy and community support.

Match Day is designed to bolster the financial resources of participating nonprofits, aiding them in addressing immediate needs while contributing to the growth of SCCF's endowment fund to secure their long-term goals.

How It Works: Early Bird Giving: November 14th - 27th

Match Day Event: Tuesday, November 28th Participating

Nonprofit Organizations: 5.4.7 Arts Center Barber County United, Inc.

Friends of Kiowa District Hospital & Manor Foundation

Hope Center of Pratt Kingman Carnegie Library

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Youth Core Ministries How to Contribute:

Online Giving: Visit www.sccfmatchday.org to make your contribution until midnight CST on November 28th.

In-Person: Visit our Pratt office at 114 W 5th St, Pratt, KS 67124 from

8 AM to 5 PM.

Checks: Ensure checks are postmarked by the November 28th deadline and made payable to SCCF with the desired non-profit's name written in the memo.

Local Drop Boxes: Drop boxes have been placed at local banks. For information on these locations, please visit our Match Day website.

Maximize Impact: The more you give, the more your favorite charities receive from the potential \$70,000 match pool, generously provided by a grant from the Patterson Family Foundation.

For more information and to donate, please visit https://www.sccfmatchday.org/ or contact the office at (620) 672.7929 or holly@sccfks.org.

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on

November 23, 2023 (3t)

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

SHANE HORSCH, Plaintiff,

Case No. KM-2023-CV-300003 1990 KENWORTH SEMI TRUCK; VIN #: 1XKEDB9XXLJ376701

and ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITES WITH AN **IINTEREST IN OR TO** THE ABOVE VEHICLE,

and KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF KANSAS TO:

Any and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County Kansas, by Shane Horsch praying for title to be guieted and given to the Plaintiff regarding a 1990 Kenworth Semi Truck, VIN #: 1XKEDB9XXLJ376701

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before January 3 2023, in said court, a the Kingman County Courthouse Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course or said petition.

Shane Horsch, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Plaintiff

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— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

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

Public Notice

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November 16, 2023 (2t)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING ENROLLMENT OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS POLICY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3126, of a public hearing to be held on the 4th day of December, 2023, at 6:50 p.m. at 104 W 4th St Cunningham KS regarding the Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas proposed policy to determine the number of nonresident students that the school district has the capacity to accept in each grade level for each school of the school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-3123, and amendments thereto, including clearly specifying the reasons that the board may use to deny continued enrollment of a nonresident student who is not in good standing.

A representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for the policy, and the board shall hear testimony regarding the proposed policy.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, November 23, 2023. (3t)

> IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DELMAR D. VORAN, Deceased.

Case No. 2023 PR 25

(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 20, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Steven W. Voran, Sharon A. Begkamp and Adrian L. Voran, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Delmar D. Voran, 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 Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Delmar D. Voran, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 12, 2023, 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.

Steven W. Voran, Sharon A Bergkamp and Adrian L. Voran, Co-Executors Brandon T. Ritcha, #25768 ATTORNEY AT LAW

349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068

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Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on November 9, 2023 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC

Plaintiff, VS.

The Heirs-at-law of Shirley J. Winter, Deceased; Michael Winter; Mark Winter; Rick Winter; Dennis Winter; American Western Bonding Company, Inc.; Safe Step Tubs of Minnesota, Inc.; United States of America, Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development; Service Finance Company, LLC; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant) Defendants.

Case No. KM-2023-CV-000023 Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell

to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman Kingman County, Kansas, on November 30, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lot Eight (8) in Walker Addition, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 2439 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisement and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www. Southlaw.com

Brenton Wood, Sheriff Kingman County, Kansas Prepared By: SouthLaw, P.C. Shari Ashner (KS #14498) 13160 Foster,, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660

(913) 663-7600 (913) 663-7899 (Fax) Attorneys for Plaintiff (240397)

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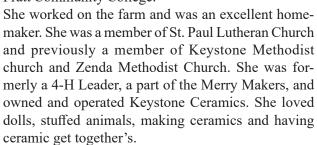
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Virginia McGuire

Virginia Olive McGuire, 93, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2023. She was born on August 30, 1930 in Zenda, KS to Joe and Edna (Miller) Brummer. Virginia married EJ McGuire on July 30, 1950 in Pratt. They were married for 62 years.

Virginia graduated from Zenda High School and Pratt Community College.



She is survived by sons, Eddie (Charlene) McGuire of Summerville, SC and Gary A (Marianne) McGuire of Pratt, KS; daughter, Deanna (Rick) Engquist of McPherson, KS; grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) McGuire of SC, Evan (Lia) McGuire of CO, Samantha (Craig) Dutton of KS, Richard (Ari) Engquist of KS, Laura (Joe) Sweeny of CO, and Vincent Engquist of KS; great-grandchildren, Carter, Henry & Alex McGuire of SC, Brody & Adlley Dutton of KS, and Richard & Teagan Engquist of KS.

Virginia is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother, Vernon Brummer.

Friends may come and sign the book on Monday, November 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at St Paul Lutheran Church, Preston, KS with Reverend Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Good Shepherd Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www. larrisonmortuary.com.

Shorty Wells

"Shorty" Wells, 79, died Nov. 18, 2023 at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham.

He was born Aug. 22, 1944, at Kingman the son of Howard and Helen Duckworth Wells.

A lifetime resident of Kingman County, he was a farmer and stockman.

Shorty like to play golf

as he got older, but horses were his main interest that he used in his cattle operation.

On Aug. 23, 1964, he married R. Lynn Heath at Attica. Other survivors include two sons Jeff and Justin; brothers John and Bob; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials have been suggested to Hilltop Manor or Interim Health Care both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

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45 Years Later...



The class of 1978 met on November 4 to celebrate their 45th class reunion. Pictured above back row: Randy Golden, Bob Renner, Kevin Vierthaler, Joe Sterneker, Steve Simon, Mark Crick, Bob Holcomb.

Sitting in the front row: Steve Freund, Denise (Hageman) Osner, Cheri (Mantooth) Dohrmann, Annette (Jarmer) Adelhardt, Yvonne (Thimesch) McCune, Karen (Fischer) Kumberg.

Those attending but not hanging around for this photo opportunity were Will Schnittker, Janis Schwartz and Roger Theis. Also in the class and not attending: Marlene Albers, Scott Fischer, Keith Osborn, Lance Sheldon, Bruce Sternker. and Darla (Stucky) Fisker. Classmates who are deceased: Cheryl Freund, Kevin Stillwell, Tony Fischer.

Governor Kelly, Faith Leaders Urge Legislators

(con't on page 14)

support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas to help thousands of my fellow citizens afford access to our health care system and to support our health care facilities in less affluent areas of our

even know the difference between Medicaid and Medicare and simply consider them "entitlement program," as if tax breaks and corporate subsidies aren't entitlements by an-

- Alice Wong

to Expand Medicaid

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state," Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College, said. "While Medicaid is not without its own difficulties, I agree with the Catholic Bishops of Kansas who wrote, 'We do not believe that a nation that has been blessed with such abundance should leave so many of its poor without health insurance.' Many of the students and families associated with Donnelly

College would benefit

greatly from Medicaid expansion."

Participants included:

Pastor Kyle Reynolds, St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Reverend Dr. Bobby L. Love Sr., Second Baptist Church of Olathe Reverend Dr. Roger Nishioka, Village Presbyterian Church

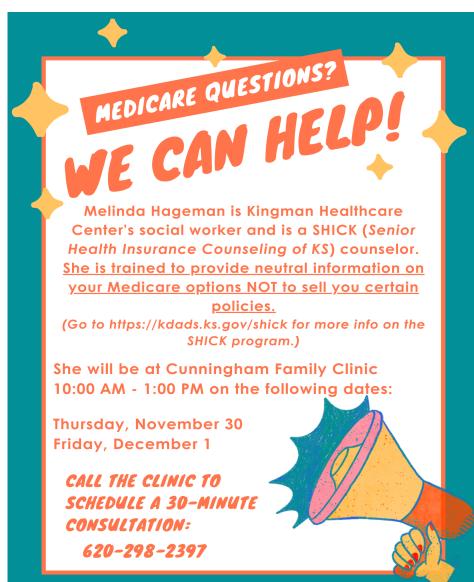
Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College

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