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Annual Christmas Lighting Contest Winners



First Place
Mike & Marla McGovney
218 E. Fourth Street



Second Place
Nick & Jenette Rogers
138 Henderson



Third Place
Keith & Kandi Neufeld
205 E. Leiter



Governor Releases Tax Cut Plan to Save Kansans More Than \$500M Over Next Three Years

~ Calls on Bipartisan Legislators to Join Her in 'Axing Your Taxes' ~

ROELAND PARK – Governor Laura Kelly today released her three-part 'Axing Your Taxes' plan to save Kansans more than \$500 million over the next three years. The comprehensive plan delivers on major campaign promises, including a push to immediately 'axe the tax' on groceries and

eliminate the state sales tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products; create an annual state sales tax holiday for school supplies; and cut taxes on social security for retirees.

"I'm pleased to introduce a plan that axes taxes for Kansas families and retirees in a way that keeps our state's economy and budget strong," Governor Laura Kelly said. "By cutting taxes on groceries and diapers, school supplies, and social security, this plan will put money back in Kansans' pockets and create real savings for those who need

it most."

Last spring, Governor Kelly signed the "Axe the Food Tax" bill to gradually eliminate the 6.5% state sales tax on groceries, which is one of the highest in the country, starting January 1, 2023. If passed, the first part of her 'Axing Your Taxes' plan would supersede the gradual reduction and immediately zero-out the tax – as well as the state sales tax on other essentials like diapers and feminine hygiene products, which were not included in the 2022 bill. View the bill draft here.

The second part of the 'Axing Your Taxes' plan would supersede the gradual reduction and immediately zero-out the tax – as well as the state sales tax on other essentials like diapers and feminine hygiene products, which were not included in the 2022 bill. View the bill draft here.

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Approved Minutes from the November City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 28, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

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

Guests present were Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; and CHS Seniors, Alice Huelskamp and Hannah Ellis.

Council President, Jason Ruckle, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Motion by Ricke, second by Newell, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 special meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments and Communications – None.

Kingman County Economic Development – Leslie Schrag reported that the Department of Commerce is releasing a new Housing Assessment Tool. Leslie is preparing a Request for Proposal for a professional firm to complete the HAT for Kingman County. She has not yet received notice of a SEED grant award for Kingman County. The current child care data confirms a shortage of providers in the County. There is a vacancy on the Economic Development Committee for western Kingman County. Leslie presented the Kingman County Improvement Program (draft attached to minutes.)

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the letter of support for the Kingman County Improvement Program as proposed by Leslie Schrag. Motion carried, 5/0.

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark presented the Annual Runs and Meetings Report (attached to minutes.)

Falcon Classic Advertising – It was the consensus of the Council to not advertise in the Falcon Classic programs.

2023 Council Meeting Dates – Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to approve the proposed meeting dates as presented including December 27, 2022 special meeting due to the holiday. Motion carried, 5/0. (Meeting dates are attached to the minutes.)

Planning & Zoning Report – The Board and Zoning Administrator have approved four new building permits.

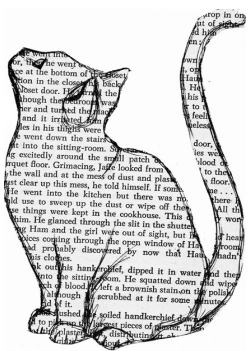
Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve permit 2022-20 regarding a new sidewalk and driveway at 209 E First St. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by

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**We Wish You a Merry Christmas
& a Happy, Healthy New Year**



Meanderings

Readers, it's been cold outside!

I stayed home over these past few days. The weather was too cold, then the holiday came about and stores and such weren't opened, and I hunkered down in my warm abode with a variety of contrary felines and one overly-happy canine beast.

I worked on the paper Thursday. But Friday and Saturday I played "Christmas school break". I didn't do much of anything but read and create cards, played with the dog and annoyed the cats. I remembered those breaks from my teaching days. And I sort of wished I had them again. Two weeks (or thereabouts) of nothing really to go out into the cold world for; no schedule to follow. A great feeling, all that carefree-ness.

I'd put puzzles to-

gether and read and do as little as possible. Those were wonderful days. No expectations except to be lazier than the day before.

I was remembering about those 'good ol' days' and then I thought of all the other things about teaching and decided, this isn't such a bad gig, working at home on the newspaper fifty-two weeks a year, sans breaks. I still get those 'do-nothing' days, they just aren't all lumped together in a winter break.

I did work on the paper Christmas Day because of all the photos Kendra Morgan took at the Christmas concert needed to be edited. AND I want to go to the city council meeting tonight. AND I really need to go to the Carnegie Library in Kingman today to catch some 'old news'. I couldn't go Monday as they were closed for the Christmas holiday.

I am going to have to go the store sometime in the near future. I am out of snacks. I found a little bag of slivered almonds in the cupboard yesterday. They were okay, but I'm not a huge fan of almonds. I usually buy pecans to snack on. There were no pecans, no olives, no cookies,

no candy, no snack food at all. Now, the myriad beasts have snacks. All kinds of snacks...tuna treats and catnips treats and doggy snacks....I'm not that desperate. I'll go without.

Now this morning, (Tuesday), my eyes focused on the container of cornmeal in the cabinet, and I made some cornbread. That is a good snack food. It's like cake - you cut off a bit here and bit there, and in a couple of days, most of it is gone.

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I made some rice the other day and thought of the times Dad made rice. When Dad got out the pan and the rice, it was treat time. He'd cook the rice and add sugar and cinnamon and milk, and pass out bowls of rice to us kids. For whatever reason, when I was a kid, I thought rice took FOREVER to cook. Like hours. Maybe it was just the anticipation.... Now, it's 20 minutes, and I'm thinking, "Twenty minutes already? I JUST put that on the stove!"

I do eat a lot of rice. Did you know that adding a tad bit of vinegar to the water reduced the glycemic element of rice? I'm not sure where I read that. I tried it. The rice

has a bit of a tang to it, but otherwise tasted just fine. I'm not sure though that it would be good with milk and cinnamon and sugar...

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Last week, I saw a story about the first crossword puzzle appearing in The New York World on December 21, 1913. It was 'written' by Arthur Wynne. Originally it was called a "word-cross" as you can see in the photo here. After a typographical error, it became known as a crossword.

I love puzzles. I love word puzzles and games. Number puzzles don't interest me, but crosswords, and cryptoquips and Scrabble and other words games make me smile. I do love them.

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Are naps allowed at 4:15 in the afternoon??

Always reading, and currently reading, "Lady Killer" by Lisa Scottoline, Roberta

"The last day of school before Christmas break is one of the dumbest, best days of the school year."

— Doug Robertson, He's the Weird Teacher

"When asked "What do we need to learn this for?" any high-school teacher can confidently answer that, regardless of the subject, the knowledge will come in handy once the student hits middle age and starts working crossword puzzles in order to stave off the terrible loneliness."

— David Sedaris, Me Talk Pretty One Day

FUN'S Word-Cross Puzzle.

FILL in the small squares with words which agree with the following definitions:

2-3. What bargain hunters enjoy.	10-18. The fibre of the gomuti palm.
4-5. A written acknowledgment.	6-22. What we all should be.
6-7. Such and nothing more.	4-26. A day dream.
10-11. A bird.	2-11. A talon.
14-15. Opposed to less.	19-28. A pigeon.
18-19. What this puzzle is.	F-7. Part of your head.
22-23. An animal of prey.	23-30. A river in Russia.
26-27. The close of a day.	1-32. To govern.
28-29. To elude.	33-34. An aromatic plant.
30-31. The plural of is.	N-8. A fist.
8-9. To cultivate.	24-31. To agree with.
12-13. A bar of wood or iron.	3-12. Part of a ship.
16-17. What artists learn to do.	20-29. One.
20-21. Fastened.	5-27. Exchanging.
24-25. Found on the seashore.	9-25. Sunk in mud.
	13-21. A boy.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, It's one thing to heed the warnings and think you're ready for the first winter storm of the season and quite another to have three cats jump on your head at 2am because a big cold wolf of a Northwind is huffing and puffing and trying to blow the farmhouse down. All six paws on my face were quite cold, and it was so drafty, I thought for a moment that the wind was coming

right through the walls. I pulled out another quilt and we curled up together, soon toasty warm and sleeping obliviously the rest of the night through the weather. At dawn, I could barely see 100 yards down our driveway. But it was difficult to determine if the snow was still coming down or if what had come down overnight was just being blown around. Either way, I was mesmerized

by the swirling white WHITE. It looked like a semi carrying Tide laundry detergent had flipped over, spilling tons of the powder they sold before they started making those pods that look like they came out of a gumball machine. Next I noticed that every North-facing window of the farmhouse was painted in frost art, and though we were all warm and safe from the Polar Fury, you could hear the wind still wailing against the exterior walls. I listened to our furnace hum and marveled for a moment (the way I always do) at how the first Kansas homesteaders made it through

THOSE first harsh winters. I thought of lives and livestock lost. And I shivered thinking of men, women and children huddled in those "houses" made of sod or adobe or dug into the earth. Heated only by flames fed usually with coal or cow chips, it's easy to picture early Kansans hunkered in rooms not only cold but also smoky and smelly. Of course their odds of surviving were much longer than those unfortunate souls out on the prairie without shelter or fire, so I doubt they cared that staying alive included getting so grungy. I sipped coffee while I unloaded the dish-

washer. Then jumped in the shower. Then I decided to start a load of laundry. As I loaded up the washer, I wondered, "Would my ancestor's even think these clothes were dirty?" Probably not. As I poured in the detergent I continued to wonder how those homesteaders would react, not just to all our modern conveniences, but also the way we take for granted our ability to survive...or to the silly extremes we go to when it comes to keeping our clothes clean. Or what we think of those who don't. Would they call me a "Dandy" for keeping a Tide Instant Stain Remover Pen handy?

And what, pray tell, would they make of those soap pods that look like candy? I would be remiss not to give a shout out of thanks to all the emergency workers and line workers that make it possible for me to stay safe and warm while I muse my way comfortably through this winter storm and the biggest challenge I face is that I've absentmindedly dripped coffee down my clean shirt. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

How to Wrap a Million Dollar Smartphone You can't tell by looking at my wrapping, but I was once a professional gift wrapper. Sort of. When I was a teenager, I worked at a hardware store in my hometown, Buffalo, South Dakota. Buffalo had a population

of around 350 people and was many miles from a department store. Also I was in high school before the days of online shopping—about a hundred years before the days of online shopping. So the hardware store carried a variety of housewares, toys and other items that were often purchased for gift giving. We also had

a fabulous selection of wrapping paper and bows but only a few people on staff who could really do them justice. I wasn't one of them. Practice should make perfect and I wrapped many gifts, but they always had those big bulges on the sides of the package where the paper comes together—like I accidentally wrapped a hammer in there, which I may have once or twice. Even today I turn a gift on its side and put a big bow on the lump to cover it up. But I can finally feel good about my wrapping, and not because it's gotten better. Recently I've read about several studies that suggest attractive gift wrapping can backfire by leading the receiver to anticipate an equally attractive gift. That means that when they open your beautifully wrapped package and find an egg slicer or a hair removal device, they're bound to be disappointed. They might be disappointed anyway. But researchers say

fancy wrapping can even dim the enthusiasm of someone receiving a nice gift. Meanwhile, mediocre wrapping can enhance the joy of receiving any gift because the wrapping hasn't built up expectations, though I don't think anything could enhance the joy of receiving a hair remover or an egg slicer. It makes sense really. Imagine that a month before Christmas you receive a gift that's been professionally wrapped in gold metallic wrapping paper with a red satin ribbon and a giant bow. You see it under your tree every day and you can't help imagining all the wonderful things that could be in that package. Crystal? A new camera? A hundred-dollar bill and a big rock to add weight to the package? You can't wait for Christmas! Finally, it's time. You tear into the package prepared to be wowed, and you find...a hot dog cooker or a snow cone maker. Naturally you're disappointed. Who wants

snow cones in December? If these studies had been done back when I was a professional gift wrapper it would have saved me a lot of embarrassment. I could have handed my customers their lumpy packages and said, "If your wife is disappointed that you bought mixing bowls for her birthday, don't blame me." According to one researcher there's an exception to the gift wrap rule, and that's when the value of your gift isn't obvious. For example, let's say you're giving your teenager the \$1.3 million Diamond Crypto Smartphone. If she thinks the diamonds are cubic zirconia she might carelessly misplace her phone under her bed or accidentally throw it in with the dirty laundry. In order to signal that the gift actually does have great value you should definitely have it professionally wrapped. You should also have your head examined. For gifts valued at

less than \$1.3 million, consider more humble wrapping: • Wrap your gift in newspaper, being careful to avoid the obituary page. • Wrap it in brown paper and tie it up with string while humming a verse of "My Favorite Things." • Make the wrapping part of the gift. For example, use a tea towel to wrap a package of kitchen sponges. • Go wrapless—the gift, not you. • My personal favorite though, is the gift bag. Gift bags are attractive but not so much that they raise my expectations. They don't require any special wrapping skill when I go to reuse them later. And they make it easy for me to peek. Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions, and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand now available at Mitzi's Books in Rapid City and on Amazon in both print and e-book versions.

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Wednesday, December 21st - Monday, January 2nd Christmas Break	Friday, January 6th HS BB vs Kinsley at HOME
Tuesday, January 3rd Classes resume	Saturday, January 7th HS BB B-team Tournament at HOME
Thursday, January 5th JH BB vs South Barber at HOME	Monday, January 9th HS BB B-team tournament at HOME

Approved Minutes from the November City Council Meeting
(con't from front page)

Ricke, to approve permit 2022-21 for a new garage at 300 N Logan. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve permit 2022-22 for a chain link fence at 336 S Elliott. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Schutlz, second by Newell, to approve permit 2022-23 for a new patio and sidewalk at 310 N Douglas. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance Report – Mesa gave the maintenance report. *Winterizing is complete. Currently the mowers and generators are serviced annually. Mesa recommended that mowers and

generators be serviced every two years instead. *Water tower inspection has been done, but report is not yet available. Mesa discovered a bad connection with the warning system, but Commtronix helped fix the issue. *The day before Thanksgiving a blown meter setter was discovered by the resident at 205 E Leiter Avenue. The water main for about six residences was shut off for approximately 30 minutes. The

meter setter was repaired. *Mesa will continue to repair Leiter Avenue as weather permits.

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

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Council President Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Taxes
(con't from front page)

Taxes' plan would create a three-day zero percent sales tax holiday on school supplies, personal computers, instructional materials, and art supplies, every August. The holiday would provide relief to families and

teachers gearing up for back to school and keep Kansas retailers competitive to surrounding states. View the bill draft here.

Right now, Kansans earning less than \$75,000 annually do not pay state income tax on social security income. But once they earn a dollar more – including through investments and life insurance

policies – the entirety of their social security income is subject to state income tax. The third part of Governor Kelly's 'Axing Your Taxes' plan would smooth out that cliff so no Kansan making under \$100,000 pays full taxes on social security. View the bill draft here.

These tax cuts are pos-

sible through Governor Kelly's fiscal responsibility and leadership during her first term as governor.

"I am calling on legislators of both parties to support these bills and provide practical financial relief to families and retirees across our great state," she said.

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"I couldn't live a week without a private library - indeed, I'd part with all my furniture and squat and sleep on the floor before I'd let go of the 1500 or so books I possess."
— H. P. Lovecraft
(Mr. Lovecraft and the editor are of like minds.)

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Kyra Morgan (left) and Ava Bock play against the Macksville Mustangs.

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Last Weekend

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1928

January 6
The alumni boys' basketball team went down in defeat, 23 to 10, to the high school boys' team last Friday night. Members of the alumni team were Bruce Askrens, Earl Ratlief, Everett Baber, Chester Ruth, Elmo Huffman, and Warren Kailer. The alumni girls' team defeated the high school girls' team in their game by a score of 24-21. Members of the alumni team were Letha Hatch, Grace Sellon, Dorothy Krehbiel, Iva Wetherall, Dorothy Watkins, Pauline Allbritten, Gertrude Crow, and Bertha Dye. Paul Wunsch of Kingman refereed both games.

1933

January 6
The Cunningham High School Alumni Association held their annual banquet in the Christian Church basement last Thursday evening. James Luce served as Toastmaster, and appearing on the program were Ray Amick, Lee Gibbens, Ted Hart, Doris Franks, Warren Kailer, Pauline Stanley, and Pauline Allbritten.

1937-38

December 31
The tenth annual High School Alumni Association banquet was held Tuesday evening in the Christian Church basement. Association President Waldo Shelman served as Toastmaster and appearing on the program were Emily Groves, Eleanor Shelman, Professor C. L. Kimel, Pauline Allbritten, Mary Louise Anderson, Warren Allen, and Frank Allbritten Jr.

1943

January 1
Cunningham is in the grip of the worst storm this section of the state has experienced in many years. The ground is covered with a mixture of snow, sleet, and rain, and has a crust on it that can hardly be broken with an axe. Electric current has been off for over thirty-six hours and really made pioneers out of most of the residents of the community.

1953

January 2
The alertness of two Cunningham boys, Dick Dunn and Marvin Park, resulted in the apprehension of a car thief last Friday night. Charles Kerr, 17, was seen by the boys as he climbed into the pick-up truck belonging to Clarence Park as it was parked on the street. Kerr started west on the highway and the boys notified the Pratt Police Department and then gave chase. Kerr was stopped at the east city limits of Pratt and taken to the police station. Kerr had abandoned a 1939 Chevrolet car he had stolen in Wichita in Cunningham for the pick-up truck.

LeRoy Panek, son of Anton Panek of Cunningham, was recently promoted to Corporal while serving in Korea with the Second Infantry Division.

1958

January 2,
CHS won their fifth game in a row, downing Sylvia in an exciting finish by a 44-42 score. Trailing 42-40 with a minute to play, baskets by Donald Becker and Bill Murphey enabled Cunningham to gain the victory. The game was close all the way with the widest margin coming in the third quarter when Sylvia had a 29-22 lead. Cunningham led 11-10 at the end of the first period but were behind 23-19 at half-time. Sylvia led 32-29 at the end of the third quarter. Becker scored 21 points to pace the Cunningham scoring attack, with Jerry Hazlett chipping in 10 counters.

1963

January 3
Postal rates will be increased Monday, Jan. 7. First class mail will go to a nickel and air mail to eight cents. Postcards will be increased from three to four cents, and according to some reports, the color of the new cards will be pure white instead of the buff color now in use.

The Klaver and Wallace Construction Company is in town this week doing a little "re-construction" work on the curb and guttering at the corner of First and Elliott Streets.

To correct the flow of water around the corner, it was necessary to re-lay about 50 feet of curb and gutter around the southwest corner of the intersection.

1968

January 4
Sharon and Sylvia share the lead in the Golden Plains League as the basketball starts bouncing again following the Christmas vacation.

Each has a 2-0 record and lead the Cunningham Wildcats, the league's only other undefeated team, by one-half game.

Thomas Rudd of Lawson, Mo., moved to Cunningham Tuesday, where he will begin operation of the barber shop he has purchased from Bedford Taylor.

Ripe 'n Ragged Peaches, 4 # 2½ cans, \$1 at DeWeese's IGA

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1978

January 5
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hey at Kinsley

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome were Mr. and Mrs. Al Joe Sterneker and family, Mr. A J Sterneker, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamilton and family, Wichita, Clareen Lampe, Rod and Shelley of Lenexa, Jim Thome, Kansas City and his friend, Jody, and Bill Thome of Angel Fire, New Mexico.

Mrs. Arlene Bradley and Mrs. LaVerna Bradley have returned from a holiday trip to Champlin, Minnesota, Centerville, Iowa, and Wichita. They spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Will at Champlin, then retruned home, accompanied by the Wills, through Centerville and on to Wichita where they were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Kerby and Brandon of Wichita and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Williams and family of Derby. After returning home, they took Mr. and Mrs. Will to Wichita where they caught the plane to Minnesota.

Zenda News
Mr and Mrs. Tom Dreiling, Wichita were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Batt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris and Gina, Tulsa, were among dinner guests of Mrs. Pauline Morris and Marjorie Swingle.

Thank you to everyone for the kindnesses show to me while I was in the hospital. Melvin Oller

I want to thank everyone for cards, letters, visits, phone calls and all other kindnesses extended to me and my family during the time I was in the hospital and since my return home. Dwayne Elliot

On Thursday, December 29th, we had a movie called "Grandma Moses Movin' On". Martha Albers and Dorothy Smith showed the movie.

We are looking forward to bingo this week. Last week, we had to cancel because of sickness.

New Year's Day the Cunningham Methodist Church held services which were conducted by Jim Norrish, who sang a nice solo for us while Helen Long accompanied him on the piano.

Other members present were Mrs. Gary Fitzsimmons and son.

1983

January 6
Cunningham Chatter
December 28 meeting of the Cunningham 4H Club was called to order by Vickie Becker, president. The Club's pledges were repeated. Roll call of a favorite game was answered by 16 members. Secretary Andrea Holcomb was unable to be present, so minutes of the last meeting were not presented.

Officers reporting were Rob DeWeese, treasurer; the club has a balance of \$359.66 in the bank. As ther was no old or new business, the program was presented by Dana Rakestraw and Cindi Becker leading the grup in singing Christmas carols. Rob DeWeese and Gary Albers lead the recreation, club member exchanged gifts, refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

School Menu:	
January 10 -14	
Pork choppette	Mashed potatoes and gravy
Lettuce salad	Hot rolls and butter
Fruit	Milk

Chili	Cheese
Crackers	Cinnamon Rolls
Milk	

Sausage pattie	Oven potatoes
Green beans	Hot rolls
Fruit	Milk

Meatloaf	Mashed potatoes
Corn	Hot rolls
Pudding	Milk

Fish sticks	Oven potatoes
Peas	Bread and butter
Graham crackers	Milk

Cats Take Harper
The Cunningham Jr. High boys moved their record to 3 and 1 with a non-league 30-21 victory over Harper January 4 at Cunningham.

Tom Theis led scoring with 12 points. Jon Meyers followed with 5. Roger Lackey pulled in quite a few rebounds to help in the battle, with Mike Fischer also pulling in a few.


Coach Chuck Zimmerman

This year, 1983, is a school board election year. The following board members' current terms will expire effective June 30. Karl Werner – At large member; Norman Schnittker – District No 1 member; Jack Crick – District No 2 member; and Richard Freund – District No 3 member.


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by Mike Johnson

GIMME FIVE!

“Gimme five!” You’ve seen what happens next - the athletes’ burst into grins and slap their right hands together in a celebration of success. Perhaps they won the game. Or the series. Or the world championship. Trouble is, when they awaken the next morning, real life still awaits them. And no one escapes the ruthless rules of that game. It’s a universal truth -- nothing you do on the outside matters, if you aren’t proud of who you are on the inside.

The next time someone says “Gimme Five!” offer them these five tips that lead to TRUE celebration.

Believe everything happens for our greater good. There is a needed lesson in every adversity we encounter. When we learn the lesson, we stop having to deal with that adversity. If we fail to learn it, we get to continue to encounter it. Always ask, “What can I learn from this?”

If you understand multiplication, you understand success. Time is the great multiplier. One productive action taken each day, multiplied over time, will propel us to the achievement of our goals - not matter how

lofty we’ve set them. The longer we wait to begin, the farther behind we fall, and the more likely we are to remain -- exactly where we are.

To succeed at anything, make it a study. It’s said the average adult in America reads only one book each year. Imagine the opportunities that would unfold if we read a book about our chosen passion every week! No time, you say? Consider books on cassette tape. This business now exceeds \$1 billion in annual sales. Almost anything can be found on cassette tape. You can turn unproductive, boring drive time into exciting learning time. Too expensive? Get a library card. Most

libraries now have large tape selections to sign out for free!

Ask the right questions. Several times a year we’re forced to look at the larger questions of life. A friend dies. A crisis appears. An accident befalls us. These type of events cause us to explore those things in life that truly matter. Why am I here? Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? Who made me? When we sincerely ask these questions, we are led to answers. Most people push these questions aside and fall back into their “real life.” The truth is, our “real life” is not that television show, that job, those bills or even that sports champi-

onship. They are merely distractions that keep us AWAY from real life. People on their deathbeds rarely say, “I wish I’d spent more time at the office” or “more time watching television.” By continually asking the right questions of ourselves we retain the larger perspective of our life that is so easy to lose. What could be worse than living our entire lives only to find out when they are over, we had never gotten around to pursuing the reason we were sent here for in the first place?

Do something in the service of others. It need not be a big deal. A smile to a harried clerk. An extra second of eye contact

with that smiling stranger. A letter to a pen-pal. A word of compliment to a friend. A quarter dropped in the Salvation Army kettle. We increase our value to the world with every act of service we provide. Ask, “What can I do for others today?”

There is nothing more exciting then allowing the person you are today to take a look at the person you want to become. Once committed to becoming that improved person inside, everything you achieve outside becomes ten times sweeter.

At that time and place, in the midst of our REAL celebration, how magnificent it will be to hear us exclaim, “Gimme five!”

The Composition

By Rachel Burkum

The symphony starts...a slow, quiet tempo. Darkness envelops the scene - a hushed void. The bass notes rise. An eerie mist begins to form. The instruments create a steady almost-hypnotic beat.

Suddenly, the orchestra comes alive as a beam of light shatters the darkness. The notes thunder through the air, making those who listen tremble. The pounding of the timpani reverberates from east to west, announcing the arrival of a spinning sphere - the handiwork of God.

Stars, moons, planets and galaxies...they gather

to hear the music play. The grass of the field waves to the beat, and the trees bow to their Maker. Birds and fish, cattle and insects - all hear the song as the gentle breeze blows. It is the whisper of the Lord.

The stringed instruments begin to raise the tension of the song as new beings are introduced. They are the most precious creations, made in the likeness of God Himself. A flute solo sings a sweet tune. It is the love and bond between Creator and creation.

A page is turned, and the symphony quiets. All seems well. But darkness rises behind the scene, ready to strike at the precisely-timed moment. The cymbals clash,

the drums roar and the earth shakes to its core. Something is wrong. There is chaos across the stage. Notes fly in every direction, hurled with force through the woodwinds and harps.

And then...it is still. A sad oboe tells of the separation - the nightfall without a hope of sunrise. Slowly, chords rise again, the instruments bringing back order to the notes. It is a steady tune, but bland and empty. Something is missing. Restoration is incomplete.

Oh, but then the sounds, the beautiful sounds! A joyous French horn rings out clear. It is the announcement of the One who can bring harmony - the One sent by his Father to produce order once again.

The instruments rejoice. They blend together in sweet and festive song, the voices from Heaven joining the melody of ultimate love.

But the darkness lurks again. The minor notes hide behind the volume, infiltrating the scene. When least expected, they spring forth through the screeching violins. A chilled wind blows across the stage. The drums beat an angry tempo, driving fear and pain into the souls of the audience. The only remnant of the Son so loved is the shadow of an empty cross.

Grief-stricken, the melody suffers, forced and pulled into the open against the will of the strings. Tears mingle with the foreboding sounds. Hope seems out of reach

and the world is dark once again.

But for those who wait, the gong strikes three. The darkness shrieks with a clamor of sour notes, chased offstage by the horns and bells. He has risen! He is alive! No shadow can remain. Prophecy fulfilled, the instruments play on. It is time. Time to live with a new law in place. Time to look to the golden horizon for soon... soon will be the glorious end.

The clock ticks relentlessly as the stage grows tired. The notes march on, weariness hanging on each measure - each turn of the page. The bells grow dim, the piano flat and hollow. But they must play...they must be heard...they must resist

the unleashed darkness that swallows the weak, one by one.

And then...a glimmer, far in the distance. A hush falls over the orchestra as anticipation rises. Is it time? Yes! There He is! The trumpets break forth with vigor set free. All of the brass and strings breathe new life as the crescendo builds and builds until the heavens and earth shake. Singing blends with the instruments and tears of joy rain down.

From the void of darkness to the eternal light, the final measures play. Yet when the end of the song is reached, the Conductor turns one more page. Another composition beyond all imagination awaits.



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A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the Confirmation class for bringing a Christmas gift and singing Christmas carols. It was so nice of all of them. Thanks also to the sponsors and everyone involved.
Clara Mae

“Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand.”
— Leo Durocher

Jokes You Can Tell in Church

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

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"Ah, music..."



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The Sunflower Seven Series

with Gaille Renee Pike

Welcome to my interview series, THE SUNFLOWER SEVEN, highlighting Kansans who have made exceptional strides in their chosen vocations and avocations. Since there are so many talented Kansans and there is so little time, I am limiting our talks to SEVEN QUESTIONS.

Today's profile features Matt Peek, a Wildlife Research Biologist with more than two decades working for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He oversees the Furbearer, Pronghorn and Elk Programs for our state and also coordinates the Department's Investigation and Response to Large Carnivores. Matt is a widely respected scientist in his field (on local, state and national levels.)

*ONE

Gaille: What are your earliest memories of our state's wildlife?

Matt: Like a lot of people in the wildlife field, I grew up living in the country on a farm, so I've been around animals and wildlife my whole life. My parents tell me that from the time I was really young, I gravitated to the toys and books that related to animals. And I was very interested at an early age when it was birthing season (for sheep and calves and pigs.) As I got a little older, my dad exposed my brothers and I to hunting and fishing. Early on I considered pursuing a career as a veterinarian, but my interest in wild animals is what led me down this path.

*TWO

Gaille: What do Wildlife Research Biologists do, particularly in Kansas? Are you guys game wardens?

Matt: Game wardens are the law enforcement branch of the of the Department of Wildlife and Parks. I'm a wildlife biologist and there are different kinds of wildlife biologists as well as fisheries biologists and public and private lands biologists. In the research office we're primarily responsible for coming up with population and harvest estimates. So if you hear an estimate that there are 650,000 deer in the state, that's an estimate that came out of the population surveys we conduct, or if you hear a harvest estimate of 40,000 raccoons a year, that's based on the furbearer harvest surveys we conduct. We also oversee any research that goes on in the state and regulations that are related to our species of oversight.

*THREE

Gaille: Tell us more about the Kansas programs you coordi-



nate—The Furbearer, Pronghorn and Elk Programs and the one that sounds scary, The Investigation and Response to Large Carnivores—and how long have these programs been in place?

Matt: A lot of the biologists were hired back in the 70s in a specific program to hire new employees to the Department. Prior to that, these duties fell to Game Wardens. So the history of Fish and Wildlife Management originated, in most cases, with Game Wardens being hired to enforce laws. But there was also a need to obtain more information about the wildlife themselves, how they relate to habitat and how harvest affects them as well as obtaining basic information about species biology. So that's where the need for biologists came in and since then it's been a multifaceted approach. The biologists are dedicated to collect that additional information to help better manage wildlife.

For example, we have a deer biologist, we have a waterfowl biologist, and a couple of upland game biologists who oversee turkeys and pheasants and quail and doves. So how did I get to be the furbearer, pronghorn, elk biologist? Furbearer management and trapping has always been my niche more than anything else and the elk and pronghorn programs were added to the furbearer position when I took the job.

Large carnivores are bears, wolves and mountain lions that historically did exist in Kansas. During settlement of the state there were a lot of pressures on wildlife and those species were removed for many decades, or in some cases, maybe even a century or more, not just in Kansas but in a lot of Midwestern states. In Western states where large carnivores continued to exist, those species fell under the umbrella of modern wildlife management and those species began to thrive. And in the early 2000s, mountain lions started re-occurring throughout the Midwest, and the writing was on the wall that they would reoccur in Kansas. At that point they had not been documented in Kansas for almost 100

years.

They were showing up in some of the states around us just as individuals passing through and we knew that we would start getting some of them. In anticipation of that, we started talking about what we would do when they did show up. There was a need to go back and look at our existing laws and what type of management could be undertaken. Most of us state coordinators work very closely with our counterparts throughout the Midwest, and really throughout the country at times, to manage not just the large carnivores but all these species to the best of our ability. Many furbearer biologists also became responsible for large carnivores as they started moving back into the Midwest because we were the ones with the program that most closely fit large carnivore management, so we work closely together to address this issue.

The first question is—what do the laws allow? And are the laws adequate for the situations that are occurring? Everything we do is following what's legally allowed. But it depends on each situation. None of those species can just be shot on site if you just see them. If they are involved in some type of damage for example like livestock predation, then there's a state law that allows them to be taken if there are not reasonable alternatives. More specifically, what are we going to do if one of them winds up in somebody's cage trap, or foot trap? What are we going to do if one of them winds up in a city? What do we do when someone calls us and says they saw one walking across their property? What can that person do? Are they a threat to people that warrants some type of extreme reaction? Or how do people live with them in all the states that have what we would call resident populations? We look at the big picture and also what the people of Kansas might be willing to tolerate and what the public wants with the species. People have pretty strong opinions about them.

*FOUR

Gaille: You have collected and published analyses of our wildlife for more than two de-

caes. Has the data ever surprised you?

Matt: I can't really think of anything real surprising, I guess, off the top of my head. I try not to go into a project with a lot of biases or preconceived notions. And I think that's how you come to good results, to good conclusions.

*FIVE

Gaille: As a Kansas Wildlife Research Biologist, you are in a unique position to comment on behavior changes we have all witnessed or read about in the news. What kind of changes have you seen over the years and how do you respond to speculation on possible causes?

Matt: The one thing that never changes is that things are always changing. Some urban wildlife situations are pretty easy to explain. Many of these species live in urban areas because there's great habitat in urban areas, and people are not allowed to harvest these animals in most cases. Canada geese and even deer thrive in urban areas without natural predators. Without regulated harvest there, they thrive. Red foxes thrive in cities and towns because coyotes will kill them in the country. The towns and people generally provide a refuge where coyotes didn't used to be tolerated or haven't existed. More recently, even coyotes have learned to live in the cities and are becoming more prevalent, which changes things because whereas a fox might get your young house cat, coyotes might get your small dog. All these species have learned to take advantage of the resources that are provided in urban areas. Think of all the rabbits and squirrels that exist in urban areas. Now even bobcats are getting more common.

The climate is also definitely changing. That's changed distributions. Quail in Central and Western Kansas used to be limited by harsh winters. And now some of our best quail populations are in North Central Kansas, where they're not so much limited by winter. Another example: armadillos in the last 20 or 30 years have moved from the southern border of Kansas to the northern part of the state and up into

Nebraska. That's a species that doesn't do well in harsh winters. And the lack of winter severity has allowed them to expand northward. There are a lot of species whose ranges have changed or expanded or even retracted. There used to be jack rabbits in Eastern Kansas. There used to be mule deer much farther east than they are now.

Animals adapt and take advantage of the resources that are available. In the case of elk, we have very liberal harvest seasons because they're not often very compatible with agriculture. But the harvest opportunity is also what allows them to persist in some areas. Some bigger landowners like seeing them and they can protect them and perpetuate them on certain properties. We have the one big herd on Fort Riley. The remainder of the smaller herds exist on private lands where some groups of landowners, or maybe even an individual landowner, have enough interest in them to protect them. And while they may harvest a few, they're primarily interested in conserving them and making sure that they don't get eliminated. And so that's a great success.

*SIX

Gaille: Are there any big misconceptions you feel the public may hold about Kansas wildlife? About the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks?

Matt: I think generally the public has a very good understanding of what's going on. You talk to rural people, and avid hunters and trappers, people out there on the land and they generally have a pretty good idea. Mountain lion issues have always been controversial. Everybody's got a mountain lion story, I think. But we've always relied only on evidence based information. When people find evidence of them, we verify it and publicize it in most cases. We simply base what we do and what we say on science. If we can see it, and it's verifiable, then there's no debate about that. When things are not scientifically verifiable, we would call that "hearsay." There's not nearly as much we can base on that. I think that's the key to our approach with

large carnivores, but it really applies to everything else too.

The big thing is that people often view an issue only from their perspective. We relate with a lot of different people and so a lot of times what one person thinks is an obvious solution to a problem is not very palatable to another user group. Our job is to balance the public interest. A good example might be when a certain group of hunters want one thing but that may not be palatable to farmers. And so our job is to balance a lot of different public interests for the for the good of the whole, without giving one group the whole pie, so to speak.

*SEVEN

Gaille: What would you most like the public to know about the present and future of Kansas Wildlife?

MATT: What a great treasure it is here. Kansas has a lot to offer that many other states don't. Part of that is because we have the largest contiguous tract of tall grass prairie left in existence. We do have a lot of rare habitats in Kansas. We have tall grass prairie here that's more endangered than the rain forest. We're lucky that we have the habitat we have. That's what allows us to have the wildlife that we have. The other thing that's good here is that our human population isn't excessive. So there's not great human pressure on a lot of species, either from a from a habitat development or a harvest perspective. We're in a good situation here that a lot of other states aren't, mainly because of the habitat that exists on the ground. Wildlife biologists might like to take credit at times for some of the stuff that goes on out there, but really it comes back to the habitat that's on the ground. And if you don't have prairie, you don't have prairie chickens. It's all about the species that exist on those habitats.

Thank you Matt Peek for sharing your insights and thank you to my publisher for the opportunity to provide you with this interview.

Full Audio of The Sunflower Seven Interview Series is available at pikex.substack.com



Governor Announces \$56M in Food Assistance for 189,000 Kansas Children

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that approximately 189,000 Kansas children are eligible to receive a supplemental benefit through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Program (P-EBT) totaling \$56 million. The program provides a one-time benefit of \$391 on a Kansas Benefits Card for each school-aged child who was eligible to receive free or reduced-

price meals at a school through the National School Lunch Program during the 2020-2021 school year.

The P-EBT program is administered by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) in collaboration with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).

“Food insecurity should be the last thing Kansas children face right now, especially during the holiday season,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Thanks to the partnership of DCF and KSDE the state will be able to expedite payments to many eligible families to help ensure

they have food on the table over the winter break.”

Children eligible for free and reduced priced lunches during the school year 2021-2022 will also receive the \$391 benefit. The program also provides a benefit to eligible Kansas children for the summer months of June, July, and August of 2022.

Children who attend a Head Start program and were enrolled in free or reduced-price meals for the 2021-2022 school year also are eligible.

Nearly 80 percent, or 144,000 children, eligible for the Supplemental P-EBT benefit will be auto-issued their payment

beginning December 12. Auto-issuance is staggered based on the last name of the child and will be completed by December 21.

In some cases, auto-issuance is not possible. Parents and guardians who believe their children are eligible are encouraged to apply for the Supplemental P-EBT through the DCF Self-Service Portal from January 1 – 31, 2023.

More detailed information and a list of frequently asked questions can be found at www.dcf.ks.gov/Pages/P-EBT.aspx.

Annual Christmas Price Index Foreshadows Higher Costs This Season

(StatePoint) “True Loves” will spend more this holiday season if they buy all of the gifts from the classic carol, “The 12 Days of Christmas.”

PNC’s 39th annual Christmas Price Index, a light-hearted take on the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index, measures the average change in prices consumers should expect to pay for the gifts out-

lined in the well-known holiday song. This year, the price of those gifts is up 10.5%, the third highest year-over-year increase in the index’s history.

“True Loves will need to come up with a record \$45,523.27 to buy those 12 perfect gifts this year,” said Amanda Agati, chief investment officer for PNC Asset Management Group. “This is a disquieting development for many, as pandemic-related supply chain disruptions and elevated energy and commodity prices continue to impact the cost of goods and ser-

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Happy New Year! Let's Celebrate!

Yawn...I'm so worn out!

New Year's Day is a wonderful time. This first day of January and of the new year is a time to remember the past, to celebrate, and to hope for a happy, healthy future.

In North America, some people have parties or attend church services at midnight. Others go to places like Times Square in New York City to listen to music, enjoy the crowds and wait for the magical stroke of midnight.

In other countries people exchange gifts or open their homes to neighbors or visitors. Many people honor parents or relatives and try to pay all their debts so they will not owe anything at the start of the new year.

I'm full of energy and ready for the new year!

New Year's Day is a time to think back – and ahead!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- hollow, metal objects that ring when struck
- beginning, for the first time
- pleasing sounds made by voices or instruments
- to call on or stay with someone
- present, something given
- chart of the months, weeks and days of the year
- promise or decision
- raise glasses to drink in honor of a person or thing
- aged, time gone by
- people getting together to have a good time
- to honor or praise something
- instrument, makes a loud noise
- condition of your body and mind
- twelve o'clock at night
- first month of the year

List 2 things that you will remember about this year!

- _____
- _____

Now list 2 things you think will be important next year.

- _____
- _____

Midnight Fun! It's New Year's Eve! Help Star find her way to the clock and then to the fireworks!

New Year's Search Everyone's having fun! Can you find and circle the "New Year" words below in the puzzle?

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A New Year... can mean a fresh...

Follow this color key to find out!
Y = Yellow (or gold)
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(Answers on page 10)

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Wildcats Battle with Macksville

The Cunningham Wildcats lost a hard-fought game to the number third-ranked team in Class 1A DI by a score of 51 to 57 on December 20, 2022.

Macksville scored 15 points in the first quarter to take a three-point, 15 to 12 lead after one. Luke Albers kept the Cats in the game with nine points. Lane Halderson added two points and Luke McGuire made a free throw.

Cunningham returned the favor in the second quarter as Trey DeWeese and McGuire scored all 15 of the Cat's points, eight and seven respectively. Macksville scored 11 points and the Wildcats took a one-point lead to the locker room at halftime.

Macksville got that one point back in the third quarter, scoring 15 points. Cunningham scored 14 points with a

more balanced scoring attack. Albers scored five points, DeWeese made four points, Halderson and McGuire added two points and Reed added a free throw to have a 41 to 41 tie going into the fourth quarter.

Cunningham had several chances at the beginning of the fourth quarter to take the lead, but couldn't get a shot to fall. Macksville scored the first points and would not relinquish the lead as the Cats battled hard but came up short in the end. McGuire scored four points, and Halderson, with DeWeese and Albers adding two points each.

Macksville defeated the JV team by a score of 64 to 41. Scoring for Cunningham included: Dylan Halderson - 14, Blake Swope - 5, Nate Sterneker - 5, and Kendall Rogers - 9, Andrew Schultz - 4, Skyler Thimesch - 4.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Clockwise from far left:
Lane Halderson
Luke McGuire
Luke Albers
Trey DeWeese



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	3	1	5/6	14	1	1	1	
Halderson	3			6	7	2	2	
DeWeese	6		2/3	14	9	2		
Reed			1/2	1	2	1		
Albers	5	2		16	4		5	

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Cunningham	12	15	14	10	51
Macksville	15	11	15	16	57



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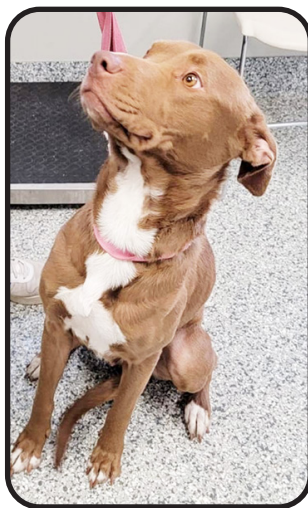


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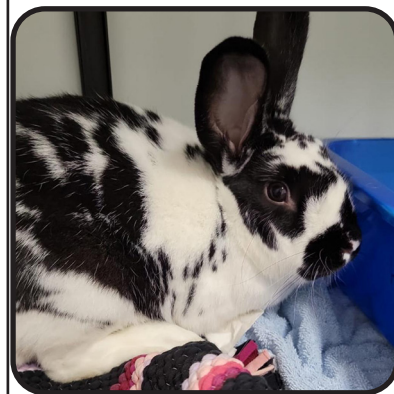
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Yawn... I'm so worn out!

Happy New Year!

Let's Celebrate!

A Fresh... START

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 19th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 19th, 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; Larry Landwehr; Becky Luntsford and Jana Eller.

Online Visitors: Joyce; Jill Plant; Heather Kinsler; Caller 02

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Brent Wood, appointed Sheriff; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that he was glad that we have the laws to follow on filling vacant positions and that the process works.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk swore in the newly appointed Jamie Smith to Kingman County Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:35 a.m. with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's performance, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed and approved hiring form for a full-time employee for the Tag Office.

The County Clerk submitted the December 12, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 12th, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners received a resignation letter from Jay Jones, White Township Clerk.

Commissioners would like the County Clerk to contact Mr. Schwartz and see if he would like the position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Louella Schmitz. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Spikes Place. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:16 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an

employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with Brent Wood, appointed Sheriff and submitted the September, October and November department reports.

Sheriff Hill submitted a quote from Axon Enterprise Inc for new tasers with 5 year maintenance agreement in the amount of \$26,539.20.

Commissioners signed abatements.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a list of County Employees for the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve payment in lieu of being able to take vacation. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed that a wind farm payment had been received from Kingman Wind Energy I LLC.

Ron Leroux, Noxious

Weed Director was in with a spreadsheet of the Chemical bid pricing received last week for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners asked Mr. Leroux to bring totals for each bidder that would be purchased from.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with November Budget Reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his letter requesting a transfer of unused 2022 funds in the Kingman County Road and Bridge Budget with 75% to Special Highway and 25% to Special Machinery.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to put 75% of unused funds to the Special Highway and 25% to the Special Machinery fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the KDOT Bridge programs and the awarded bridges with the County Commissioners. The County was awarded the bridge North of Rago and will need the documentation submitted by January 30, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf re-

viewed with the Commissioners that the Federal Fund Exchange yearly payment was received.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on D.0-6.2 River Bridge-East of Cunningham and showed pictures of the condition of the bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf was in with the bids for the 10' mowers from the following with trade ins:

Howards Inc.
Bush hog 2023 10' \$22,400.00

Schmidt & Sons
Land Pride 2023 10' \$24,600.00

Prairie Land Partners
John Deere 2023 10' \$29,500.00

Agri Center
Rhino 2023 10' \$31,302.00

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid from Howards Inc. in the amount of \$22,400.00 for two bushhog 2023 10' mowers. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Hope is All We Have

I'm filled with a renewed sense of hope all of the sudden.

Truthfully, I don't know why I feel such hopefulness.

Last Friday I went to the hospital to have a hernia surgically repaired. They stuffed a hose down my mouth and pumped me with air, then sliced and sewed and got my torn parts back in order.

My throat is still

throbbing. My torso feels like someone drove a locomotive into it. I slept much of the dark, cold weekend, recovering.

And yet I just woke from a Monday afternoon nap filled with a sense of wellbeing and hope.

Don't misunderstand me. There's plenty of despair in our world.

In our personal worlds we mourn, as we head into the holidays, the loss of our loved ones. My family has had its share of such pain this year.

It doesn't matter who you are, loss and suffering are a part of life, and both are felt at their keenest this time of year.

We also worry about our politics and the anger, division and nastiness among so many people.

We are being torn apart and we know that a nation divided cannot long stand.

Our culture is running amuck. So many of our young people are depressed and disoriented and not even sure what they are or want to be.

So many of our kids are being harmed by the decisions they make now — when the true blessing of a young life is to flourish and grow and become what God intends you to be.

I will soon experience my 60th Christmas on Earth and my childhood was immersed in so much more clarity and simplicity.

We didn't have an abundance of material things, but we had a lot

of laughter and joy and, thanks to the nuns at St. Germaine Catholic School, tremendous clarity.

The good nuns taught us that there is order in our conflicted universe — that there is good and bad, and that they're at battle everywhere, every day, in every heart.

They taught us we have the free will to choose our direction, good or ill.

We were taught to pray to align ourselves with good and order and to root out dishonesty and nastiness from our beings.

The virtues were pounded into our developing minds and we had better learn to embrace and master them: pru-

dence, temperance, courage and justice.

We were taught that as we strive for good, we must fend off bad behavior: excessive pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth.

These are known as the seven deadly sins — activities I like to save for the weekend!

It is very simple, really. You are either moving toward the light and goodness or away from it. It's the eternal struggle of humankind.

But sadly, our modern world is moving away from light and goodness in so many ways.

We are straying from the most simple, basic truths of human nature — as we embrace and encourage as truth the kind

of wrongheadedness that can only lead to failure and human despair.

It's easy to get down in these noisy, confusing times.

But still, I am filled with hope that we can right our course.

It'll take prayer, charity, love — and hope.

That is what I am focusing on as we celebrate the Christmas season. I am praying for those I love, my neighbors, my country, my world.

I don't know what impact I will make, but hope is all I have. And I'll give it everything I've got.

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State Weather Official Urges Kansans to Prepare for Winter Conditions, Travel

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The calendar says the first day of winter is Dec. 21. Chip Redmond is not so sure you ought to get locked in on just that date.

"Winter conditions in Kansas can change rapidly," said Redmond, a meteorologist and manager of the Kansas Mesonet, a network of weather monitoring stations that has its headquarters at Kansas State University.

In Kansas, he said, "we can have a cold front come through that drops temperatures 50 degrees (Fahrenheit) in just a couple hours. Or, we can go

from clear skies to heavy snow very quickly."

While Kansans can't do anything about the weather, Redmond says they can prepare themselves to withstand brutal conditions — and keep themselves safe.

Cold temperatures "The first thing that comes to my mind for winter weather safety is the cold, which brings different dangers — just as heat does in the summer," Redmond said.

"Our bodies just aren't prepared to take cold for long periods of time. The cold can quickly have negative effects, especially when we factor in wind chill."

Redmond urges people to dress in layers and wear a stocking cap and mittens anytime they must face outdoor cold. He said frostbite or hypothermia happen very quickly.

"It can be less than even a few minutes, when you get cold and add

wind," Redmond said. "That's why we look at things like closing schools once temperatures drop below zero or negative-10 with the wind chill. Those conditions produce a much higher risk, so we have to take more proactive steps and try to avoid outdoor activity as much as possible."

Stocking caps help to keep heat from releasing through the head and "keeps the overall ambient temperature of your body warmer," according to Redmond. Mittens are preferred over gloves because it maintains warmth by keeping the fingers closely together.

Travel safety The State of Kansas regularly updates road conditions on the website, <https://kandrive.org>. Redmond encourages those planning travel to check the forecast along the path they will drive, including road conditions.

Redmond also suggests keeping an emergency kit in a car in case the vehicle gets stalled while traveling. In addition to warm clothing, he suggests such items as:

Snow brush and ice scraper.

Jumper cables or jumpstarter.

Blankets.

Cell phone charger.

Snack foods.

Water, or other liquid such as electrolyte drinks.

Flashlight.

Sand in a small container.

Chains or other items to help in pulling a vehicle out of a ditch.

"Some people have tire chains; that may be a bit extravagant," Redmond said. "If you need tire chains in Kansas, you probably shouldn't be out on the road to begin with. But sand is useful to help you get out of an area where you don't have much traction."

A car's tires may need some extra air in the winter because they shrink when they get cold, Redmond said. "If you have underinflated tires," he said, "you're not going to optimize the grip of that rubber, so you're going to slip and slide a lot more."

Safety at home

It's been a few years since Kansas has been hit by a widespread ice storm, but Redmond says current indications for a colder than normal winter increases the probability of damaging ice this year.

"Trees are probably the most likely to be damaged in an ice storm," he said. "Be aware of weakened trees and that you're going to lose branches. It takes about one-quarter inch of ice to see really big impacts."

Roads don't normally accumulate one-quarter inch of ice, "so it's not as big of a problem for travelers," Redmond said.

"But anything that is standing and tall — such as power lines and trees and gutters — are at risk of falling."

Redmond also urges homeowners to use caution when removing snow from driveways and sidewalks.

"It's very demanding physically," he said. "One of the leading causes of winter heart attacks is shoveling snow because of the stress of pushing that snow — especially when it is heavy and wet, formed with temperatures near freezing or when it becomes packed."

For those who own a snowblower, Redmond recommends making sure it has been serviced before first use, "and don't wait until the last minute" to do so.

More information on Kansas weather conditions, including up-to-date forecasts, is available online from the Kansas Mesonet.



Here's to the New Year

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We are on the verge of welcoming a new year in. I don't know about you, but I will not be sad to see 2022 in the rear-view mirror. Any way you cut it, this year was tough whether it was the economy or the weather. In many ways 2023 can only get better.

Our sense of optimism is one of the best qualities of agriculture. Each year

is a blank slate, a new beginning with endless possibilities. It doesn't matter how bad the last year might have been, this next one is our year.

It is because we are in the business of nurturing new life each year. If we plant crops, we put seed in the ground with the hope rains will come, the sun will shine and the new growth will break through the soil. We count on two things that we cannot control, rain and sunshine. Yet each year we place a small seed in the soil and hope it will sprout, grow and produce grain. If that does not take faith, hope and optimism, I don't

know what does.

If we raise livestock of any species, most of us are responsible for bringing new life into this world. Very little creates more wonder for me than to watch a newborn lamb or calf come into this world. I don't care how many times I witness the miracle of life; it will never get old. The planning and preparation for that moment was months or even years in the making. All the work, all the waiting is worth it in those first few moments. A sense of optimism and hope abounds with all livestock producers this time of the year.

Hope and optimism

are inherent to farming and ranching, it is the one thing we all have to have. We approach each year knowing we need to feed a hungry world and to do that we need to have help. There is so much of agriculture that we cannot control, and that makes faith in the future so important. We plan and work hard to do all we can, but in the end our livelihood comes down to what Mother Nature decides to do. To keep going each year requires a resolve few others understand.

That optimism for the future is what keeps each of us going through the bad years and disappoint-

ments. It is what makes us so special and why we are the backbone of society. No matter the situation, no matter how bad things might get, we move forward with eternal hope and the knowledge things will get better. I hope that this year will send rains at the right time and sunshine when we need it. I hope the crops are bin busters and your livestock are sleek and fat. Most of all I hope the upcoming year is a good one. May 2023 bring the best for you with hope that 2024 is even better.

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"The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it."
— Sir David Attenborough



Wheat Scoop: Taking A 'Brief But Deep' Dive Into Flour Milling At KSU

Some have a basic understanding of the flour milling process. Some have absolutely no idea how wheat from a farm ends up as flour destined for a baker's oven.

Regardless of their

experience, farmers and State Wheat Commission staffers who gathered in Manhattan, Kansas, this week share a common destiny.

"Everybody is going to learn something," said Shawn Thiele, who led the three-day flour milling course presented by the IGP Institute and Kansas State University (KSU). "From those who have experience with wheat and flour to those who've never stepped foot in a flour mill, the course is designed as a thorough look at the ac-

tion of turning wheat into flour – step-by-step and step-by-step."

Conducted at IGP and on the KSU campus, the Dec. 13 to 15 training – considered a "deep dive" into flour milling – is a condensed short course specifically built for producers who sit on the boards of state wheat organizations, as well as people who work for those organizations. Representatives from Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma and Oregon were involved in the course. U.S. Wheat Associates (USW)

staffers Peter Laudeman and Ralph Loos also took part.

"It is kind of amazing when you come to know what you didn't know," Martin Kerschen, a wheat farmer, a Kansas Wheat Commissioner and one of the students in the IGP-KSU flour milling class, said. "It's clear how important details are when taking our wheat and turning it into something bakeries and consumers on the other side of the world really want and appreciate."

Hands-On Learning

The course included classroom trainings on wheat quality, global competition facing U.S. farmers, wheat cleaning and conditioning, and an overview of the mechanics of wheat milling. Participants also milled wheat during a hands-on laboratory workshop and later toured the KSU Hal Ross Four Mill.

USW Vice President of Global Technical Services Mark Fowler, an experienced flour milling instructor, also gave a presentation on the role quality plays in the global

wheat market.

"USW finds a lot of value in these IGP-KSU courses because it provides producers and others we work with in the wheat industry insight into the relationship between wheat quality and flour performance," Fowler said. "It gives growers a new perspective on what international customers look for in quality flour."

Article Courtesy of US Wheat, view the original article at www.uswheat.org

Holiday Tips: Save Time By Freezing Yeast Bread and Cookie Dough

K-State's food scientist outlines safety tips for raw dough

K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN, Kan.

— The holiday season can get busy, and being able to prepare yeast bread dough ahead of time and freeze it for later use could save time, said Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

Blakeslee said preparing and freezing yeast bread dough must go hand-in-hand with proper

food safety practices.

"When making any kind of baked good, remember to wash your hands before and after handling flour and the dough," said Blakeslee, who is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center.

"Raw flour has been linked to several foodborne illness outbreaks, so it is important to keep hands clean."

"To save time during the holidays, or any time of the year, prepare yeast bread dough ahead of time and freeze into dough balls for rolls to bake later," Blakeslee said. "The trick is using a dough with extra yeast because slow freezing can damage yeast."

Blakeslee's advice for safely freezing yeast bread dough includes these tips from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach:

Increase the yeast by ¼ to ½ teaspoon per 3 cups of flour to your favorite bread recipe. Dough that has extra yeast can compensate for potential freeze damage.

Use bread flour for added dough strength.

Consider recipes high in yeast and sugar, and low in salt, which are best for freezing.

Dough can be frozen 1) after kneading and before the first rise, or 2) after the first or second rise.

Place dough in a freezer-safe package and freeze. Dough can be

frozen up to four weeks.

Thaw frozen dough in the refrigerator or at room temperature, shape, let rise and bake as directed.

Cookie dough also can be prepared and frozen to save time when baking for the holidays. Some tips for freezing cookie dough include:

Drop cookie dough can be prepared, scooped onto a cookie sheet then frozen.

After freezing, cookie dough can be removed from the cookie sheet and stored in freezer packaging to be baked later.

Always remember to wash your hands after handling raw cookie dough.

Blakeslee cautioned against the urge to snack on raw cookie dough,

"because of the foodborne illness risks due to eating raw flour and eggs." Instead, she said, wait until cookies are fully cooked and cooled before enjoying.

Another holiday option: Instead of freezing dough, bake the products first, allow them to cool completely then tightly wrap them and freeze. Let them thaw in the wrapping before using.

"Rewarm baked goods with a quick zap in the microwave for that just out of the oven taste," Blakeslee said.

Blakeslee publishes a monthly newsletter called You Asked It! that provides numerous tips on being safe and healthy. More information is also available from local ex-

tension offices in Kansas.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Plaintiff,
vs.
Freda M Fisher, et al.,
Defendants.
Case No. 22CV27
Division
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 22CV27, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 am, on 1/26/23, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas,

to wit:
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS; LOTS EIGHT (8), NINE (9) AND TEN (10) IN BLOCK ONE (1), PLUSH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BELMONT, IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. SHERIFF OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
Respectfully Submitted,
By: /s/ Sara Pelikan_ Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542
Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624
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Price Index

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vices. Despite generous intentions, the gifts that make up the Christmas Price Index are not well-insulated from what's being experienced across

the broader economy."

The cost of all 12 individual gifts is reported on PNC's interactive website, pncchristmaspriceindex.com.

"While the gifts in this specialty basket of goods and services are

truly unique, American consumers might consider asking their True Love for a different kind of gift this year instead," Agati suggested.

"However rare true love may be, it is less so than true friendship."
— Albert Einstein

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, December 15, 2022.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN WAYNE CULP, Deceased.
Case No. KM2022PR67
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on December 9, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Danielle R.Rau, an heir, devisee, and legatee, and

Executrix named in the "Last Will and Testament of John Wayne Culp," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
DanielleR.Rau
Executrix

MATTHEW W. RICKE ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
349 N. Main, P.O. Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620)532-3103
Attorney for Executor

Pratt County Commission Minutes for December 19th were not posted at time of printing

I have not heard if the new sheriff, Brenton Wood, will be sending out deputy reports. If he does, I'll post them in the paper. If he doesn't I won't be posting them. I know many of you follow and read them, and I hope they continue, but we got by without them once, and we can get by without them again. Right?

Effective June 1, 2022: Ads are \$6.00 per column inch. Front page ads are \$10.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.
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Joyce Fairchild

Joyce Ann Fairchild, 72, passed away Dec. 23, 2022, at her daughter's home.

She was born Aug. 1, 1950 in Nashville, Kansas. She was the daughter of John and Pauline Lubbers Thimesch. She lived on the family farm near Willowdale until 1965, when they moved to Kingman.

On June 1, 1968, she married Mike Fairchild. In 1977 they bought a home with some land Southeast of Kingman. They farmed there until Mike passed away from cancer in 2002. They were married for 33 years. She continued to reside at the farm until 2021, when she moved in with her daughter in Kingman.

Most of her adult life she was a homemaker, but she did work outside the home at a couple of restaurants over the years. Her favorite job was when she worked for her brother Alvin at the Dairy Queen he owned. She absolutely loved it. She also recently worked as a para at Kingman Elementary until she retired in 2018.

She enjoyed yard work, flower gardening and watching birds at her bird feeder. She loved to cook and bake for anyone she could. She most definitely loved people with food.

Her family was her passion. She is survived by 3 children, Todd (Stephanie), Kevin "Pink" (Shanon), and Jacey Bedore (Aaron); 13 grandchildren, Alisha Sickles, Cody Fairchild (Katrina), John Fairchild (Johnna), Wade Boor (Sarah), Clay Boor (Halle), Cade Fairchild (Rylea), Eric Fairchild (Lexi), Derek "Shub" Boor (April), Lauren Boor (Cooper), Josie Fairchild, Emily Fairchild, Dylon Bedore and Brian Fairchild. She also had 9 great-grandchildren Braeden and Briston Gordon, Amarey Sickles, Mia Dillon, Mila and Mason "Sonny" Fairchild, Liam Boor, Cameron Fairchild and Walker Boor. In addition there are many, many others in the area that lovingly knew her as Mema.

Other survivors include her sister, Bernice "Sis" Foote (Ted), brothers Daniel "Butch" Thimesch (Pat), David "Ross" Thimesch and Ron Thimesch (Randi). She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her brothers Jim, Lawrence "Shorty", Alvin, Gerald "Gus" and Wayne "Chopper".

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made and appreciated with the Shanon Fairchild Fund to assist with Kevin's care.



John Link

John Jerome Link, 90, passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Hilltop Manor. He was born on October 16, 1932 on a farm in Woodson County to John A and Frances (Denner) Link. John married Judith Diane (Walker) Link on June 21, 1975 in Nashville. They were married for 47 years.

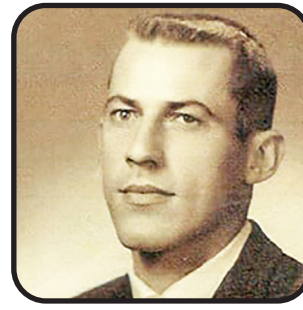
John graduated from Yates Center High School in 1950. He went on to earn his Bachelors in Education and Math from St. Benedicts and then earned his Masters Degree in Science from the University of Nebraska. He taught high school math for Immaculata High School in Leavenworth and Damar High School and middle math at Liberty Middle school, Pratt. After retiring from teaching in 1985, he started Link Lawn Service which he operated for over 30 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Retired Teachers Association. He enjoyed fishing, coaching, playing cards, boating and watching all sports especially the Royals, Chiefs and K-State.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Link; children, Mary (Jason) Bundy of Kansas City, Missouri, Kimberly (Kenton) Lyon of Hays, Kevin (Debbie Hammond) Pederson of Medicine Lodge and Karmin (Matt) Hoffman of Cobb, Georgia; sister, Ruth Deuschle of Prairie Village; grandchildren, Holden Kenworthy, Layton (Katherine) Kenworthy, Dalton Kenworthy, Kraig Pederson, Kyle (Kasidi) Pederson, Kaley (Jerome) Conner, Rich Lyon, Adam (Lindsey) Boone, Maygan (Bryan) Siemens and Collin Hoffman; and 16 great-grandchildren with another on the way.

John is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Melanie Bernbeck; brothers, Louis Link and Alfred Link; and sister, Sister Regina Mary Link.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral Liturgy was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt with Father Charles Atuah presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice or Hilltop Manor in care of Larrison Mortuary.



David Petrie

David Alan Petrie passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, K.S. He was born in Pratt, Kansas on April 2, 1952 to Stanley D. Petrie and Joann (Petrie) Danley.

David graduated from Pratt High School in 1970 and went on to receive a master's degree with honors in electrical engineering from the University of Kansas in 1976. Following graduation, he moved to San Diego, CA where he worked at the Naval base doing computer work for 10 years. Following that, he worked for General Electrical until he later did IT consulting work for several years. In 2001 he moved back to Pratt where he lived until his recent move to Hilltop Manor.

As an avid KU alumnus, David faithfully followed KU sports. He enjoyed participating and watching all kinds of sporting events, especially golf and baseball. Those who knew him described him as a gentle giant, as he had a sensitive heart towards other people's needs and his affection for his family. He faithfully donated blood at the Red Cross most of his adult life.

David is survived by a brother, Daniel (Mary) Petrie of Garden City; sister, Patricia (Roger) Shippy of Pratt; nephews, James Petrie and Ben Petrie of Garden City, and Lee (Jill) Shippy of Udall; nieces, Laura (Chris) Wade of Pratt, Erin Shippy of Centertown, MO, Lisa (Jeremy) Friesen of Salina, Denise (Lance) Bison of Friday Harbor, WA and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Petrie.

Graveside service was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Red Cross Blood Donation in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Donald Brubaker

Donald Oscar Brubaker, 93, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022 at his home. He was born on March 1, 1929 in rural Sawyer to Everett James and Hazel Frances (Montgomery) Brubaker. Donald married Arthena Helen (Wray) Brubaker on August 16, 1947. She preceded him in death on November 26, 2017. He later married Phyllis Brubaker on November 29, 2019. She survives.

Donald was a member of Old German Baptist Brethren Church - New Conference. He was a farmer all of his life and enjoyed farming with his sons and grandsons as 3B Farms. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling to Florida.

He is survived by his children, Randy Don (Carol) Brubaker of Sawyer, Douglas Lynn (Kathy) Brubaker of Sawyer and Joy Elaine (Brad) Siroky of Edmond, Oklahoma; wife, Phyllis Brubaker of Roanoke, Virginia; brother, Joel Andrew Brubaker of Pratt; sister in-law, Helen Wray of Sawyer; grandchildren, Rachele (Rodney) Miller, Regina (Rico) Grant, Beth (Darwin) Fisher, Darren (Alissa) Brubaker, Beth (Ivan) Miller, April (Dustin) Denlinger, Brandon Siroky, Brandy (Coby) Tresner, Bryce Siroky and Kole Siroky; granddaughter in-law, Kim Siroky; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Arthena Helen Brubaker; son, Sheldon Gail Brubaker; grandson, Kodi Siroky; brother in-law, Donald Wray; and sisters in-law, Lorraine Brubaker and Evelyn Peters.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Old German Baptist Brethren Church, Sawyer. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Corkie Martin

Cora Lea Martin (Corkie) was born October 1, 1942 in Salida, Colorado, the seventh child of Lysle and Bessie (Mayfield) Martin. She died December 24, 2022 in Pratt, KS. She was preceded in death by her parents, young brother Harold (Buddy), three siblings and their spouses; Bobby Joe (Helen), Claudine (Jack Pyle), and Raymond (Patty) as well as brothers-in-law Bob Melton and Don Colborn; nephews, Craig Melton, Alan Colborn, Jackie Pyle; and niece, Jill Pyle.

She is survived by sisters, Helen Melton of Columbia, Missouri and Peg Colborn of Salina, Kansas; as well as nieces Cathy Summers (William), Amy Vigil (Richard), Melanie Knocke (Phil), Wilma Robertson (Cliff), Wanda Riggs (Vernon) Melody Martin (Christina) and nephews Martin Colborn (Roxann), Michael Colborn (Kathleen), Richard Colborn, David Colborn (Cristi) and Keith Martin (Vianey). In addition, Myonne Borst of Pratt, her longtime friend and dedicated caretaker/companion, a host of additional family and friends and, as Corkie would say, "in-laws and outlaws" from all 50 states.

Corkie attended schools in Salida Colorado and Haviland, Kansas, graduated from Friends Academy in 1963 and then completed a secretarial course at Wichita Business College. She served in law enforcement for 32 years as a dispatcher/911 operator in Greensburg, Kinsley and Pratt, Kansas, retiring from the Pratt Police Department in 1999. She then worked at SCTelcom and later at Pratt Community College before retiring fully in 2007.

Always inquisitive, Corkie viewed the world as a ready-made classroom and would embark on detailed research of any topic which caught her interest. As the first in her family (and a wide circle of friends) to conquer use of the computer, she was able to pursue subjects as varied as astronomy and Egyptian customs and could always be counted on to have the answer to almost any question. If the subject was not close at hand, she would put her own projects on hold to track down any query and satisfy every request.

An avid genealogist and family historian, Corkie searched out information on generations of her ancestors, traveling throughout three states to document her studies and ultimately publishing a book for her family covering 100 years of detailed ancestral data.

Corkie loved fishing, wildlife and occasional trips to casinos with her friend Myonne. In later years, she was confined to home with severe rheumatoid arthritis and yet, continued her family history work via computer. She always enjoyed photography and began a new hobby of ornithological photography when most people were expecting her to relax and "rest on her laurels."

She will be sorely missed. A Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2023 at Attica Cemetery, Attica, Kansas.

Eunice Pagenkopf

Eunice Fern Pagenkopf, 93, passed away Monday, December 26, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on January 23, 1929 in Nashville, KS daughter of Julius and Julia (Wehling) Morisse.

She graduated from Nashville High School in 1947. She graduated from Venus Beauty School in 1948. She worked at a beauty shop in Pratt until she married Dean Pagenkopf on April 15, 1949. Dean and Eunice were married 73 years.

Eunice was a homemaker and lived all of her life in the Nashville area. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a faithful member of the Dorcas Society.

She enjoyed sewing and crocheting. Most everyone has one of her towels. She enjoyed sports and attended most all of her children and grandchildren's sporting events. Eunice loved animals, especially cats, there was always at least one cat in the house.

She loved her family and enjoyed having large family gatherings whenever she could.

She is survived by her husband, Dean; sons, Allan (Teri) Pagenkopf of Zenda, KS and Bradley (Deborah) Pagenkopf of Pratt, KS; daughter, Nancy (Ken) Killion of Pratt, KS; grandchildren, Melissa (Dave) Marzullo, Carly Novotony, Craig (Jade) Pagenkopf, Cambry (Cory) Riedl, Clayton (Amy) Pagenkopf, Kelby (Ross) Foley, Tara Pagenkopf, Dylan (Kylie) Anderson and Drew (Alyssa) Anderson and 14 great-grandchildren.

Eunice is preceded in death by her parents and a daughter-in-law, Deborah (Mehl) Pagenkopf.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Nashville, with Dennis Fangmeyer presiding. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Cemetery or St. John's Lutheran Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



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