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Jack Ruckle Wins State Powerlifting Title



Jack Ruckle stands on the center podium at the State 1A Powerlifting Championships. Jack was first in the 198 weight class, tying the state record. More powerlifting photos and information on page 7.

photo by Renee Ruckle

Approved Minutes from February City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; and City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee. (Mayor Murphy arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

Guests: Leah Laurence; Harold Stark, CFD; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; Kathy Albers, EMS; Monte Rose, EMS.

Call to Order – Council President Ruckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Schultz, second by Woodard, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of January 30, 2023 meeting – Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments – Leah Laurence visited with the Council about her intention to open the restaurant at 120 W First Street.

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark reported that there had been no runs over the last month. At the last meeting, the Fire Department had an Incident Command Tornado Drill.

The drill went well, and the firemen used communication skills as they would in the event of an actual tornado occurrence.

Cunningham EMS – EMS Board member, Monte Rose, reported that there were 141 EMS calls in the Cunningham area in 2021. The EMS Board has been financially independent for many years, but the rising costs of materials and equipment has made it necessary to ask the City for financial assistance. Currently, EMS is in need of an AED device as well as replacing an oximeter. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss again next month to consider a line item on next year's budget.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve a donation to Cunningham EMS in the amount of

\$3000.00. Motion carried, 4/0.

Water Meter Purchase - The City Superintendent looked for other resources to buy meters from. He found some one inch water meters on Ebay with a list price that is about half the current quoted price from DC & B Supply. At this time, six one inch meters are needed to finish installing one inch auto read meters. (Current pricing is \$565.00 each at DC & B Supply.)

Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the purchase of ten (10) 1" water meters on eBay with a list price of \$260/each. Motion carried, 4/0.

Leak Forgiveness Request – The Clerk reported that the leak had been

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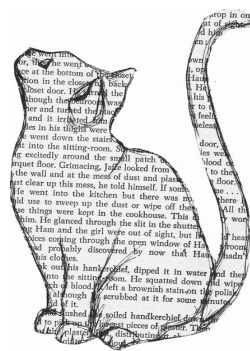
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Meanderings

I guess it’s a meandering-through-a-dead-brain kind of day.

Be sure to read Tom Purcell’s column here at the bottom of the page. Sobering information about social media and information gleaned from our time on the information highway. BUT it did make me smile.

I can remember many, many nights in high school driving up and down Main Street with friends. HOURS

we spent just cruising and talking and talking and cruising. I’d be heading home after working at the café, and meet a friend, we’d abandon one car and drive together. Up and down Main Street. I drove a 1969 Ford Fairlane, teal blue, I believe. It was blue, anyway. I did love that old car. Fun times, fun memories.

Be sure to read Gaille’s column as well. She does a magnificent job of describing the Texas wildflowers. So colorful and so plentiful.

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I am once again going to beseech you to spay and neuter your pets. Four dogs were dropped off north of town this last week. They were scared, confused, hungry, and unsure of the people who tried to help them. The last one was caught this

morning.

Just spay and neuter. Don’t dump the poor things off at some farm thinking the farmers can always use dogs. They can’t. Take them to a shelter. Most shelters now are no kill shelters. Call and ask for help. If they are full and can’t take for a few days, then hang on to them until room becomes available. That is the least you owe them for being true and loyal companions when your life was crap.

So you want puppies? Go the shelters and adopt them. Breeding puppies and finding homes for them does NOT guarantee they will have a good life ahead of them. People may be crazy about the puppies until they become a burden with training and vet visits and needing attention. Or until they become

dogs. Dogs aren’t nearly as cute as roly-poly little puppies, and are easier to dump in the middle of nowhere to wait patiently for their owner to return.

Just stop letting them breed. Please.

**

NPR is my favorite radio station. KMUW/ NPR that is. Today I heard Jen White interview Australian author Trent Dalton. His book “Love Stories” was released in the U.S. today.

In 2021, wanting to reconnect with people, even strangers, after the pandemic, he took two lawn chairs, a sign he made, and a 1960’s Olivetti typewriter, left to him by a friend’s mum. He set everything up on the busiest corner of Brisbane, Australia— Albert and Adelaide. The sign read: “Sentimental writer collecting love

stories. Do you have one to share?”

And people stopped and shared. Many people stopped and shared. People from all over the world sat in the chair and told him their stories of love. Love for a spouse, for a friend, for their pets. He collected these stories and put them into this 300-page book.

Jen White always conducts excellent interviews, and she did not disappoint with this one. In this interview, I picked up what a sentimental person Mr. Dalton must be. He had listened to so many stories, typed them up there on the corner. He talked about some of the stories and the people who told them. He told the story of his best mate, whom he’s loved for 23 years. About his best mate’s mom who was loved by many people,

including himself. He talked about the love he had for his wife. Often you could hear the tears in his voice. And he mentioned several times that he was tearing up. He really wears his heart on his sleeve.

I have given great consideration to whether or not I want to read this book. It sounds somewhat too emotional and sentimental. But it in the end I decided I really want to know Trent Dalton and all the people he met there on that street corner in Brisbane, Australia.

So now the book is on my ‘to be read sometime’ list.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Book of Longing" by Sue Monk Kidd, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

SUGGESTED TITLE: BONNETS BLUE SPRING

Dear Readers,

I logged a little over 1300 miles on my recent two and a half day Texas trip. Professionally the excursion was a delightful success, but who wants to write or read about work? I briefly considered whining away this column about Texas drivers. But why bother? If you know, you KNOW, right? And because I left

one in a hotel home, I also toyed with exploring the ubiquitous and ridiculous role of cell phone chargers in our lives. That contemplation ended with another often true phrase I deplore: “It is what it is.” So I’ve decided we’ll have the most fun if I tell you about the spectacular Texas wildflowers I saw in bloom!

I knew before I left that I would be returning home on the First Day of Spring. Nevertheless I

was not thinking of the season’s “official” arrival as I packed sweaters and set out from the Flint Hills wearing a coat. And Winter had not released Oklahoma or Texas from its frosty grip either. Even the Texans residing in my Southernmost destination were bundled up and wearing woolen hats. Despite the chills there were no bleak moods. The only “blues” exhibited were bonnet shaped Springtide heralds, the blooms of Texas’s state flower.

The Bluebonnet is native to the Southern U.S. extending from West Texas to West Louisiana. And it has been culti-

vated along roadsides in that range as well as in Oklahoma. This plant was also called buffalo clover, wolf flower and “el conejo” (Spanish for rabbit.) But the blooms’ resemblance to the bonnets that pioneer women wore led “bluebonnet” to win out as the species’ most common name.

Texas traffic required most my attention on the trip down so I didn’t get a good look at the flowers until I exited I-35 for local highways where sapphire ribbons danced along both sides. Seasonal change rode into my heart the moment I saw that carpet of blooms waving. The memory of

how Spring rode the crest of a Bluebonnet welcome still makes my smile.

And Indian Paintbrush wildflowers were in bloom, too! Threaded through the indigo streamers I saw strands of vivid egg yolk yellows, dots of candy apple reds and cords of baby carrot oranges. The pictures I stopped to take do not do the scene justice. Most photos I see online don’t either. But I do have an Austin-based cousin who’s camera and skills are better than mine and her photos this time of year come close to capturing the full glory of these Spring beauties. “Breathtaking” is

often used to describe Mother Nature’s beauty. But this blooming tableau bequeathed rather than seized. My lungs expanded and my muscles relaxed as I drank in the view.

Sure I had to buy another cell phone cord. But Mother Nature’s magnificent display will keep my spirit battery charged longer. And I know it helped to have a better full bars attitude toward Texas drivers on the ride home.

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

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Let’s Get Our Kids Behind the Wheel

The sun is shining today and Spring is upon us.

Such days remind me still of the excitement I knew when I turned 16 in April and was finally

able to get my driver’s license — a wondrous rite of passage fewer and fewer teens choose to experience today.

According to a 2019 article in The Wall Street Journal, in the 1980s half of all 16-year-olds were driving. But by 2020 it was just 25 percent.

Why?

Driving tests began getting stricter and more challenging in many states in the mid-1990s — though passing my test in a 1976 “Starship-Enterprise-sized” station wagon was no easy feat.

The cost of cars has risen and today’s teens are able to get around easily enough using ride-sharing services.

But the biggest reason is simply that many teens have zero desire to drive on their own — because the hunger to get out of the house and socialize is no longer a big incentive.

A study by Common Sense Media finds that teens are spending an average of 8 hours a day on social media apps.

They may think their online habits are enabling them to socialize with “friends,” but several studies, including a 2021 Journal of Adolescence study, see a clear correlation between the explosion in social media in 2012 and increasing isolation, depression and anxiety in teens.

A 2020 Netflix documentary, “The Social Dilemma,” explains in detail how the nature

of social media encourages teen isolation and depression.

When you’re online, powerful artificial intelligence tools — algorithms — monitor everything you do. Plus, the tools know your full name, marital status, gender, age, birthday, political views and several of your interests.

Every time you “like” an item, click on a news story or interact with other users, you help these AI tools determine precise personal details, such as who you are dating and whether you are lonely or sad.

The more these tools know about your private life, the more money advertisers will pay to custom-tailor precise ads that will appeal to you or shape your opinion on everything from what kind of socks are cool to the political candidate they want you to vote for.

The more they know about you, the more often items will appear in your newsfeed that are designed to give you dopamine spikes and keep you online as long as possible — so their advertisers have never-ending access to sell to you.

As you spend time online with social media apps, you are constantly being psychologically manipulated — constantly comparing your looks to famous people, constantly seeking praise and “likes” from strangers or suffering deeply if someone online in any way mocks or criticizes one of your posts.

It’s pretty clear that young people, whose brains are still developing, are being profoundly impacted by social media in many important and trivial ways we don’t fully understand yet.

Which brings us back to driving. Instead of

becoming excited at age 16 that they can learn to drive a car and come and go freely, too many kids are content to sit alone in their rooms endlessly texting each other or consuming TikTok.

It’s too bad. Kids today don’t know how much fun, freedom and real social interaction they’re missing without cars.

Cruising the park in a 1972 VW Beetle with my friends is one of the best memories I have of my teen years.

I know the social media challenge is complex, but here’s a good start:

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Thursday, March 30th JH Track Meet at Skyline Friday, March 31st Enrollment Orientation	Wednesday, April 5th JH Music Contest at Skyline *** 5:30 p.m. Site Council Meets
Monday, April 3rd NHS Blood Drive *** JH Scholars BowlII at South Barber *** 5:30 p.m. Enrollment Orientation	Thursday, April 6th JH Track at Pretty Prairie *** HS Track at Pretty Prairie
Tuesday, April 4 Individual/Class/ Sports photos *** HOPL Forensics at Norwich *** Lion's Club	Tuesday, April 11th HS Track at South Barber Wednesday, April 12 Community Service Day (limb pickup) *** 8th Grade Field Trip *** 4:30 BOE meeting

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Kingman County Health Coalition
Events

Financial Wellness classes held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Kingman EMS building. No registration is required.
March 30th Social Security planning strategies with Tyler Meyer from QED Wealth Solutions
April 13th Estate Planning with Matt Ricke, attorney

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt will happen through the month of April. Capture photos of your family’s fun adventures. Complete 10 of those pictures to be entered in a drawing for a prize! Stay turned for flyers from your local school.

Community Health Fair will happen on Saturday, April 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Kingman Armory. Contact Kingman Chamber’s own Shelby Snyder (620-532-1853) to register as a vendor at no charge.

Thank you

Thank you to all the firefighters, police officers, and other staff members who worked hours and hours to control the wild fires on March 20 in the Penalosa and Cunningham areas. Due to your efforts, no one was hurt and homes were saved.

Mike and Marsha Strothman

Thank you

An immense and special thank you to the emergency services who helped fight the fire near Penalosa this past Monday.

Your dedication and hard work are appreciated by many.

Kevin and Peggy Halderson

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Kingman County Health Department
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in April on the following dates:
Cunningham
Wednesday, April 5th from 9:30am-12:00pm
Nashville
Wednesday, April 5th from 1:30pm- 4:00pm
Norwich
Thursday, April 6th from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Friendship meals free blood pressure
checks at the senior center Wednesday,
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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1938

April 1- Cunningham Grade School came out with first honors in the Fine Arts Festival held here last Thursday afternoon and evening, winning three firsts in the individual contests in the afternoon and tieing with Norwich for first honors in the choruses in the evening.

Austin Luce received the rating of Highly Superior in the Upper Grade Piano Solo; and Norma Anderson and Helen Luce both received Superior ratings in Lower Grade Vocal, and Lower Grade Piano, respectively. All three appeared again on the evening Miss Gulah Hoover, Music Supervisor, directed all vocal work entered from the local schools.

The Rural schools Music Festival was held in Kingman, Wednesday of last week. Eugenia Cooley of the Maud School received the rating of Highly Superior in Lower Grade Vocal; and Max Smith of Union Star School rated Superior in Upper Grade Piano.

1943

April 2- Staff Sergeant Ralph D. Baber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber, who has been stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., has been transferred to Camp Claiborne, La. Ralph is in the medical detachment of the 359th Engineer Division.

Third Class Petty Officer Lelland Harris of the Coast Guard service at Green Bay, Wisconsin, left Thursday for Green Bay after spending ten days at the home of Lelland’s mother, Mrs. Daisy Harris.

A total of \$987.05 was raised in the recent Red Cross War Fund Drive in this district, which included the city of Cunningham, the city of Penalosa, and the four townships, Dresden, Rural, Eureka and Union, all going well over their quotas with the exception of Rural township, which fell short \$4.00 of meeting their goal.

Cunningham raised \$379.58 with a quota of only \$244.00. Mrs. Ferd Burnettm chairman of this district, and her group of co-workers feel the drive was very successful and are desirous of expressing their thanks to everyone for their contributions and support.

1948

April 2, 1948 - The busiest place in Pratt these days is the Schafer Welding company, where the new Schafer one-way plow is being turned out. A crew of nearly 50 men is working in night and day shifts to catch up with the orders that are pouring in for the new plow that farmers are finding one of the most efficient tillage implements on the market today.

Bill Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer of Cunningham, and head of the company, estimates that unfilled orders for plows now number approximately 1,000. As fast as the plows are completed they are shipped out.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held their annual Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast on Easter morning. The young people gathered at the C. H. Sheldon farm home at 6:30 a.m. for services. Breakfast was served at the Dan Cusenbary home.

1953

April 3, 1953 - Zenda High School took top honors in a triangular track meet in Cunningham Wednesday afternoon, with Cunningham and Nashville. Zenda racked up a total of 79 points, Cunningham rolled up 65 ½ points, and Nashville registered 22 ½ points.

Zenda won nine first places, Cunningham was ahead in six events, and Nashville won first place in one event, the 120-yard high hurdles.

Two Cunningham thin-clads won two events each... Billy DeWeese won the shot put with an effort of 36 feet, 5 inches, and threw the discus 105 feet, 1 inch, to win first place in that event, and Johnny Pelzl won the 220-yard dash with a time of 25.6 seconds, and showed his heels to the rest of the runners in the 440-yard dash with the time of 57.3 seconds. Other Cunningham first place winners were Victor Becker in the mile run with a time of 5 minutes, 21.7 seconds, and the relay team of Donnie Pelzl, Jackie Meyers, Marcus Huslig, and Arthur Huslig won the mile relay in the time of 4 minutes, 42.1 seconds.

Other Cunningham second and third place winners were Dick Dunn, second in the 120-yard high hurdles; Johnny Pelzl, second in the 100-yard dash; Walter Becker, second in the 880-yard run; Leroy Schnittker, second in the shot put; Gale Harris, second in the discus; Billy Benson, second in the javelin; and Arthur Huslig, second in the high jump.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Park announce the birth of a son Tuesday, March 31, at the Pratt County Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, six and one-fourth ounces, and has been named Ronald Wayne. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park of Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn of Cunningham, have chosen the name of Sheryl Ann for their daughter born to them last Thursday afternoon in the Pratt County Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, ten and one-half ounces. Mrs. Dunn and Sheryl came home from the hospital Monday afternoon.

Isabel Epp received a Two Rating in humorous reading at the District Speech Festival held at North High School in Wichita last Saturday. Isabel gave the reading entitled, “Sophie From Skeetsville.”

1958

April 3- A new business firm will make its appearance in Cunningham, Saturday, April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long of Wichita, former Cunningham residents, will hold a week-long Grand Opening of their B&H Electric, starting April 12 until April 19, during which they invite everyone to drop in and get acquainted or re-acquainted.

Their shop, located in the building formerly occupied by Buntemeyer Electric, will handle Westinghouse products.

The newly organized Cunningham Cub Scout Pack held their first pack meeting last Saturday evening in the Lodge Hall. It was well attended by members, parents, and friends, and only one boy absent from the pack of 29 members.

Members of Den I are Dennis Dellinger, Dennis Fouse, Jerry McMillian, Frankie McClellan, Layne Harris, Harold Lee Stark, George Kampling, and Monte Steve Rose. Mrs. Floren Rose is the Den Mother, assisted by Mrs. Warren Fouse.

Den II members are Rex Dunn, Ronald Gillen, Drue Harper, Larry McMillian, Danny Theis, Dennis Tehis, Harold Rohling, and Joel Nelson, with Mrs. Lewis McMillian as Den Mother, assisted by Mrs. Joe Theis.

Members of Den III are James Cain, Dwaine Cales, Donald Hellar, Ronald Murphey, Dennis Raney, Norman Patton, and Bobby Witt. Mrs. Alva Hellar is Den Mother, assisted by Mrs. Francis Dafforn.

Den IV members are Paul Freund, Dane Huhman, Ronald Ebenkamp, Harold Gillen, Dennis Urban, and Richard Rohling, with Mrs. Donald Huhman as Den Mother, assisted by Mrs. Virgil Dellinger.

1963

April 4- Cunningham voters, facing a blank ballot in Tuesday’s City Election, distributed their votes liberally among 72 write-in candidates, and re-elected Mayor Francis Dafforn to a second consecutive term along with incumbent Police Judge R. O. Underwood and three inclumbent Councilmen, Roy Lewis, Floren Rose, and Ralph Baber. The 81 voters elected two new Councilmen, Robert Kruse and Waldo Graves.

Fifty-three pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross Bloodmobile during their visit at St. Leo, Monday. The bloodmobile’s visit was sponsored by the five churches of Cunningham and St. Leo.

Den One of the Cunningham Cub Scout Pack, is building a club house in the back yard of their Den Mother, Mrs. Francis Dafforn.

1968

April 4- A much-needed rain fell in the Cunningham area, Tuesday night. Estimates place the amount of rainfall at from two to three inches. The storm disrupted electric service for about two hours.

Seven students from Cunningham High School participated in the High School Spanish Contest, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, at the Pratt Testing Center last Saturday.

Susan DeWeese placed first, and Donna Gridley, third, in the Spanish I division. In the Spanish II division, Rogene Cooley was second.

Other students from Cunningham entered in the contest were Kathy Fitzsimmons, Linda Lawson, Darlene Freund, and Linda Kampling. Mrs. Rubie Cusenbary is the Spanish teacher.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

March 30- Will the person or persons who took my bird bath out of my back yard return it and there won’t be any questions asked. Irene Schnittker

Part time waitress from 11 to 4 Tuesday through Friday. Four R’s Café, Cunningham

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We give thanks to our Lord and Savior always for our strength and help every day. Without Him we can do nothing. I want to thank our friends and Brother Ramsey for their prayers and concern, the beautiful flowers and cards while I was in the hospital. We praise the Lord for his goodness and love. Rachel Doherty

Repair to the south wall of the Zenda gym was discussed pertaining to the water leaks for this structure. The board has given authorization to K.S. Timmons of Zenda to proceed with repairs that will remedy this problem.

Jack Crick, Norman Schnittker and Gene Henning are board members who will attend the National School Boards Association meeting in Anaheim, California, April 1 – 4. R. H. Turner will also attend this meeting. The convention offers a unique opportunity for board members to discuss education issues with thousands of other school bard members and

superintendents from across the nation and to benefit from their experience in finding solutions to problems we face here in U.S.D 332. The convention will feature 95 workshops on topics that arise in school district policy-making, roundtable discussions on specialized problems, an extensive exhibit of school products and services, and prominent speakers on current issues in public education. More than 20,000 persons are expected to attend.

Robert R. Renner, son of Vic and Helen Renner, and Mark Crick, son of Jack and Eilene Crick, all of Cunningham, have been chosen to enter into the field of Auto Mechanical Technology. They will attend Wichita Automotive Institute. Their courses will include tune-up, engine overhaul, front-end and transmissions.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seiwert of Pretty Prairie announce the birth of a baby girls on March 29 at 8:00 a.m. at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 ½ oz. and has been named Barbara Michelle. Dana Jo, 2 1/2 , is a sister at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Seiwert, Kingman and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling of Cunningham. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell, Sr., Cunningham.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Graves, Great Bend, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melodie, to Roger Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Riggs of Pampa, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Cunningham High School She is currently attending Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

The bride-groom elect is a 1975 graduate of Pampa Senior High. He is currently employed in Pampa.

A June 3rd wedding is planned by the couple.

1983

March 31- Blue Key and Mortar Bard, to senior honor societies at Kansas State University, Manhattan, have selected 31 students from the junior class to be members.

A new member of Mortar Board is Michael Beat, Cunningham. Beat is majoring in biology.

Blue Key and Mortar Board are two the highest honors available to senior men and women at KSU. The societies recognize students for academic achievement, leadership, personal character, and service to the University.

Blue Key is the only K-State student service organization with an endowed scholarship program totaling \$31,000. Its primary responsibility is to coordinate Homecoming weekend, escort Landon Lecture patrons, and provide other services to the University and community. New members were selected this semester.

Lions Club Broom Sale April 9

Patty Leckner, bride elect of John Huffman, was a guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower Tuesday evening in the undercroft of the Untied Methodist Church.

White and pastel lace cloths covered the gift and refreshment tables. Relatives and friends of the bride-elect and the groom were in attendance. Fruit salad, crackers, nuts, mints and tea were served from the blue accented table featuring a wedding bell centerpiece with floating candles.

Hostesses for the occasion were Vera Watkins and Denise, Louise Armstrong and Connie, Beverly DeWeese, Karen Elliot, Luann Renner, Tresea Schnittker, Dorothy Cain and Peggy, Connie McGovney, Florine Kampling and Kathy, Marie Ann Mantooth, Pat Osborn, Joan Stillwell, Eilene Crick and Debbie, Sue Kitson and Sylvia Rohr.

The fifth graders wrote limericks to display on the March bulletin board.

There was a young girl from Liberia,
Who always ate in the cafeteria,
When the café closed,
She was so opposed,
She packed her bags and moved to Syria.
Julie Kerschen

There once was a bug named Pug
Who wanted to drive a tug.
He went to the dock
And in terrible shock
His dreamboat gave him a hug.
Dana Rakestraw

The sixth grade class has been doing quite a bit of writing lately. They have written stories and poetry.

Me
I’m garbage disposal.
I eat every time someone
puts something in front of me.
Some things I eat are garbage.
That’s me!
Steve Gridley

The Last Snow
Snow to sleet,
And sleet to rain.
Pretty soon flowers
will be up.
and shovels down.
Yippee! Spring is near.
Dale Harbert



"Praise the Risen Lord"

Community Choir performance and service

this Sunday, April 2nd, at 4:00 p.m.

at the Cunningham United Methodist Church

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Real Or Illusion?

We lock people in insane asylums because they fail to discern what is real and what is imagination. Yet, there is very little in our everyday world that ISN'T imagination. Reality is not what it seems to be. In fact, we may be the only species that first imagines its world and then believes its illusion is reality. For starters, we mistakenly believe that we are a body. The truth is, we have had many bodies. We've inhabited an infant's body, a toddler's body, a teenager's body, an adult's body. Science tells us we replace every cell in our bodies on av-

erage, once every seven years. Yet "we" are still here alive. Who is this "we" that stays alive after all of those other bodies have died off? The illusion is that we are a body. The reality is that we inhabit a body. Look at our senses. We take the limits of our senses as the limits of our imagined world. We can see, but not so well as to detect the millions of microscopic organisms on our arm. Nor well enough to notice there is more space between each of our cells than there is matter in our body. Dogs can out-smell us by more than 12 times and out-hear us by more than six. A chicken or horse detects oncoming storms hours before we can. Our senses barely brush the surface of what's occur-

ring around us yet we take their information as the definition of our world. The illusion is that we see our entire world. The reality is we see a fraction of the world. Now look at our world. Unless you live in California, you'd swear there is nothing more stable than the ground we walk on. Yet the earth, like the rest of our solar system, is hurling through space at a million miles an hour. All the while, it's spinning on its axis 1,000 miles an hour and orbiting the sun at 66,000 miles per hour. The illusion is that our world is still. The reality is that it's exploding through space. These are three of the most basic things we take as "reality." Yet as you've seen above, they've been

exposed as mere illusions. If we are fooled by things as simple as our body, the information it gives us and the very ground we walk upon, what else in our lives might be illusion? How about our egos - the very concept of "who" we are? This self-image consists of thousands of self-created pictures. These pictures include many labels: Good father, bad husband, loving mother, devoted wife, troubled son, ungrateful daughter, successful businessman, productive farmer, handsome, ugly, strong, weak and on and on and on. Past experience has cemented these self-pictures into a glob of labels (ego) that we now believe is "who we are." Once we embrace

this glob of labels, we're compelled to behave in ways that support them. For example, if we believe we are handsome, we chain ourselves to a list of activities that prop up that illusion. We shower often, purchase expensive clothing, get frequent haircuts, and generally dedicate large blocks of time to polishing our looks. Because we believe in our self-label of being handsome, we unconsciously become a slave to maintaining that belief. Now multiply this degree of slavery times the thousands of self-labels we use to describe ourselves. We believe the illusion that we are aware human beings, living our own lives, freely making our own decisions.

But in reality, we are unconscious human beings whose "life" consists of slaving at activities that prop up self-labels. We have zero freedom to make decisions ourselves because we never question the labels that drive our behavior. The way back to reality of course, is to drop the ego - the glob of self labels that compel our behaviors. As we drop a label, we get to drop the list of activities and pressures that go along with maintaining it. We wake up to a little more freedom and claim a little more of our life back. Paradoxically, by dropping all the illusions of who we thought we were, we discover the reality of who we really are.

A God of Second Chances

By Art Fahy

Sitting in the courtyard of the high priest Caiaphas, the night air bit at my exposed skin. My Lord Jesus was arrested. I wondered what was happening to Him at the moment. I was sur-

rounded by servants and people who were angry and curious. A servant girl approaches me. Her fiery eyes pierce through me. She says to me, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." I told her that she did not know what she was saying. I pulled my tunic closer to my body. I

thought it best to avoid any eye contact with any of the people there. Moving on I went out to the gateway when another girl saw me and loud enough for many to hear, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." My nostrils flared because of my anger. "I do not know the Man!"

I thought what would happen now? Would I be taken away? Would I be beaten? My legs felt weak. I backed off from the crowd but that wasn't good enough. A small group moved toward me and said, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." I cursed and swore at them saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately I heard a rooster crow. Through the fear and the chills that rushed through my body I remembered the words that Jesus spoke to me, "Before the rooster crows you will deny Me three times." I fled from the courtyard but the crowd noise echoed in my head. What was happening to my friend Jesus? I ran weeping bitterly. How can I do this to a man I love and followed for three years. Will I ever be able to repent? Please Jesus forgive me. A short time later I was with some of the other disciples at the Sea of Tiberius. We decided to go fishing and fished all night. We were discouraged not one fish entered our net. Early the next morning a figure stood on the shore but we

did not recognize who it was. He called out to us asking if we had any fish? We answered no. He told us to cast our net on the right side of the boat and we would find some. Reluctantly, we did as he instructed. He was right we were unable to haul in the net due to so many large fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to me, "It is the Lord!" I thought to myself this is my chance to beg forgiveness. I wrapped my tunic around me and swam ashore. The adrenaline rushed through me. Questions cluttered my mind. Would Jesus forgive me? What would He do to me? A chill ran through me but it was a different chill than the chill I experienced in the courtyard. It was a chill of excitement. When we reached the shore there was a fire with fish and bread cooking. We sat and ate. None of us asked Him who He was because we knew He was the Lord. After breakfast Jesus asked me, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes Lord," I answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus asked me, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" I answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." Then Jesus asked me a third time "Do you love me?" I was hurt Jesus asked me the same question three times. I answered, "Lord you know all things; you know that I love you," Again He said, "Feed my sheep." I pondered his words. Lambs need to be feed until they mature. Sheep need to be guided. He wanted me to be his messenger to lead people to Him. He wanted me to talk about His saving grace. He fed us the Truth with love and kindness and I was to do the same for others. A chill ran down my spine that Jesus restored me and gave me this responsibility.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Ein deutsches Abenteuer - A German Adventure



Fifteen CHS students and two sponsors spent two weeks in Germany. These are group photos that depict places they visited and activities they participated in.

Powerlifting Team Attends State Meet



Kyra Morgan proudly displays her 5th-in-state medal.



Molly Morgan photos

Coach Eric Kerschen, Andrew Schultz, Kyra Morgan, Jack Ruckle, Rick King

1A state powerlifting results. Congratulations to the 4 Cunningham kids who attended the 1A state powerlifting championships this past Saturday in Conway Springs. Each athlete performed exceptional and a couple brought home some hardware. Congratulations to Kyra Morgan placing 5th overall in the Power weight women division. Congratulations to Jack Ruckle placing 1st overall in the 198 mens division. Jack is the State Champion! He also tied the bench record with a 310lb press. Well done to all the athletes. You can find more results from around the state if you go to hyperlifter.com and click results.

-Coach Eric Kerschen

Athlete	BW	Class	Division	Clean	Bench	Squat	Total	Overall Placing
Jack Ruckle	198	198	male	275	310	430	1,015	1st
Rick King	198	198	male	200	205	290	695	13th
Andrew Schultz	189	198	male	160	145	220	525	16th
Kyra Morgan	213	PWR	female	145	150	275	570	5th

Andrew tied both his personal bests in the squat and the clean and produced a new personal best in the bench press.

Rick set two new personal best lifts in the clean and the squat.

Jack performed constant for himself with the second best total of the year. His best total is from 2 weeks ago with 1,035. His bench press was a big surprise with a 10lb pr and tie for the state record!



Forensics Team Performs in St. John Tournament

The Cunningham Forensics team attended a tournament on March 25th at St. John, Kansas there were 8 teams in attendance. Cunningham had four students who participated, and they all did very well. Everyone broke into the finals round and received medals. Brianna Dittmer placed 6th in Prose with her piece, “The Queen of Oz.” Skyler Thimesch placed 4th with his Poetry pieces, “Seventeen” and “A lot Like You“. Elizabeth Parris received 3rd with her Prose piece, “Lessons from a Big Girl with a Handicapped Parking Sticker.” Skyler Thimesch and Elizabeth Parris also performed in Improvised Duet Acting and received 6th place medals. Sean Kostner took 3 events and qualified in the finals round in two of those events. He received a 4th in extemporaneous speaking and a 4th with his serious solo “How I got my Superpowers”.

We had two students who qualified their pieces for the State Festival, Elizabeth Parris with her Prose piece and Skyler Thimesch in Poetry. These students did an outstanding job at the St. John Tournament.

Cunningham has had a very successful year so far with 11 students on the team. There are only two more tournaments this year, however, Cunningham has qualified 9 events for State Champs and 5 events for State Festival so far. Cunningham will be taking a full team to the HOPL Tournament on Tuesday, April 4th at Norwich. We will have 20 entries, hopefully we can qualify more entries for State Champs at our HOPL Tournament. Both State Champs and State Festival will be held on Saturday, May 6th.



Brianna Dittmer, Elizabeth Paris, Skyler Thimesch, Sean Kostner and their medals.



photo and story by Carrie Vahsholtz

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Cunningham, KS 67035
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& Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00
Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00
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Upcoming Auctions

Willems Farm Equipment Auction -
Saturday, April 8, 2023, 11:00am
Location: From Protection go 1 ½ E 3 ¼ S
From Hwy 183/160
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Sellers: Verlyn & Cheryl Willems

FARM AUCTION
Sat. April 22, 2023 – 10:00AM
From Pratt: 4.5 N on Hwy 61 to Natrona 40th Ave, 6 N
From Preston: 6 W on NE 70th st, 6 N on NE 40th Ave
Glenn and Laralee Sukup

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“One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Wilhelm Meister's Apprenticeship

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on March 20

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 20, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Ed Laverentz.

Online Visitors: NONE

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

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

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Ed Laverentz were in to discuss the RHID (Rural Housing Improvement District) with the Commissioners.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor discussed that there needed to be some finalization of figures before a Resolution can be made and he let them know that he contacted the Department of Commerce with no response yet.

Commissioners would like to move forward with the RHID and they discussed the years being 12 instead of 10 because of the way the taxes run with a total amount of \$175,000.00 being total collected.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with the hire sheet for the Noxious Weed position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the hiring of a part-time employee for the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz presented a vacation extension for approval for an employee.

Commissioners approved the vacation extension for an employee for 90 days.

Mr. Goetz discussed that he went to talk to a landowner that needed to clean up their property.

Mr. Goetz was in with a resolution for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R4, **A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DIESTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38.** Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Joseph Robinson for a house in Section 32, Township 29, Range 05W.

Scott Strong for a green house in Section 34, Township 27, Range 05W.

Richard Sanders for a shed in Section 29, Township 29, Range 06W.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:22 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:27 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with some quotes for panels from the following: MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of panels from Rogers 3 & B in the amount of \$8586.00 with Commissioner Elpers talking to Ms. Rogers about the \$300.00 shipping. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman discussed the funds that were received for the old panels and the purchase can be made with those funds.

Ms. Frampton discussed having a little britches rodeo series.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that a boxing tournament will be held May 20th.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know about repairs to the North

door and the West door.

Ms. Frampton went over other arena pricings with the Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed that he purchased light bulbs and an 8 ft fan for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton said the light bulbs work well.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the Communication email from Sarah Carroll with Invenergy on Flat Ridge 4 & 5.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on current bridge projects.

Chairman Henning discussed that he drove one of the new bridges and the ride on it was disappointing.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the coring results report on the SW 70 Ave with the County Commissioners and discussed the bad areas.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the St. Leo Rd surfacing project and that the information is due to the state on the KDOT Cost-Share Program.

The County Commissioners would like to offer a 30% match to the state application for the KDOT Cost-Share Program.

Commissioners signed a letter to the Cost Share Program Committee.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed appointment of an individual to the Regional Solid Waste Management Membership Committee-Rural Member.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the addition of the wording in Original

unopened containers not on premises for Spike's Place. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed the abatements and additions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:06 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:15a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of a Richland Township Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to appoint Shannon Allen to the Richland Township Treasurer position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Public Notice

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

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Members Mortgage Services, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Benjamin Babcock-Sanner;
Betty N. Babcock-Sanner;
Citizens Bank of Kansas; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),

Defendants.

Case No. KM-2022-CV-000034

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Parcel 1: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and the South 48 feet of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to

the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commencing at a point 150 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence North, parallel to the West line of said Block Eight (8), a distance of 208 feet; thence East at right angles, a distance of 60 feet to the West line of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition of the Town of Kingman; thence South a distance of 208 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 60 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Eight (8) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8) in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, thence North on the extended East line of Lot Eight (8) aforesaid a distance of 224.55 feet more or less to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West; thence West on the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27)

South, Range Seven (7) West, a distance of 150 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 224.55 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Twelve (12) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East Half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence East on the South line of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: The West 48 feet of Block Nine (9), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commonly known as 225 W Copeland Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 3rd day of May, 2023, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 19	
Traffic Stop	9
Suspicious Person	4000 NE 60 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disturbance	NE 50 Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	E Third St, Cunningham
Warrant Service	N Coronado St, Kingman
Warrant Service	N Cedar St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	E C Ave & N Pine St, Kingman
Fraud	E D Ave, Kingman
Monday, March 20	
Traffic Stop	2
Non-Injury Accident	SE 50 Ave & E Hwy 42, Rago
Fraud	N Douglas, Cunningham
Fire / Grass	NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Harrasment	E Hwy 42, Rago
Eviction	N Marquette, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
Tuesday, March 21	
Traffic Stop	2
Non- Injury Accident	5000 E Hwy 42, Rago
Check Welfare	N Vail St, Spivey
Follow Up	E A Ave, Kingman
Check Welfare	N Main, Spivey
Alarm	N Main, Kingman
Wednesday, March 22	
Civil Paper Service	5
Fire / Grass	15000 S Hwy 14, Rago
Disturbance	N Coronado, Kingman
Thursday, March 23	
Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	1
Fire / Vehicle	NE 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Medical	NE 10 St & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Alarm	West D Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Person	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	E Second Ave, Norwich
Friday, March 24	
Traffic Stop	2
Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & SE 170 Ave, Norwich
Non-Injury Accident	16000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Fire / Structure	1044 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 20 Ave & S Hwy 14, Rago
Theft	East 1st St, Cunningham,
Follow Up	E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Disabled Vehicle	NW 10 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	N Coronado St, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	E 2nd Ave, Norwich
Saturday, March 25	
Traffic Stop	12
Animal Complaint	NE 30 Ave & NE 50 St, Kingman
Warrant Service	E D Ave, Kingman
Trespass	9000 NW 20 St, Cunningham
Motorist Assist	1330 W D Ave, Kingman
Theft	E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Governor Tours Leavenworth Family Farm, Proclaims March “Kansas Agriculture Month”

LEAVENWORTH – Today at JET Produce and Meats, a family-owned farm in Leavenworth, Governor Laura Kelly proclaimed March “Kansas Agriculture Month” to highlight the ag industry’s importance for local communities across the state.

“Farmers and ranchers have a partner in

my administration – not just in March, but year-round,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “I am forever grateful to the hardworking women and men in the Ag industry for fueling our economy and feeding the world.”

Agriculture contributes nearly \$80 billion to the Kansas economy and contributes nearly 240,000 jobs – 12% of the state’s workforce. In 2022, Kansas produced more than \$5 billion in agricultural exports, the most in state history.

“As the world population grows and projections show that food needs will double by 2050, we know that Kansas agriculture will

play an increasingly important role in producing the food, fuel, and fiber to sustain that population,” Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam said. “I appreciate the skills, knowledge, and perseverance of the farmers, ranchers, and all those who are part of the Kansas agriculture community.”

JET Produce and Meats started as a small family farm in 2012 and has expanded over the years from sales at farmers markets into the introduction of a fully operated farm store. In addition to what is grown on the farm, the store features products from other area farmers and businesses.

“I’m proud to host this event recognizing Kansas Agriculture Month, especially on behalf of the farmers and ranchers who provide food to our local communities,” Jacob Thomas, founder and owner of JET Produce and Meats, said. “I appreciate the partnerships between local producers, and the relationships we have with our neighbors who support our work.”



Buzz, crunch...we like the...

...sounds words make in our poems!

Kids: color stuff in!

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To write a bit of poetry, you can use a computer or some paper – also me!

Wow!

That's a big word!

Hmmm...I need just the right word...

So, you want to learn about poetry. Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with some “keys” to poetry:

1. single line of poetry

2. small part of a word that makes *diff - i - cult* words easier to break up and say

3. to say one syllable of a word **LOUD**-er than others

4. a pair of lines, every time having the same length and rhyme

5. two or more lines put together that usually follow the same meter and rhyme

6. words that **SOUND** like their meanings: **buzz, hiss, crack, crunch**

7. string of words that all have the **Same Starting Sound**

8. a little bounce within a poem that sets a funky beat

9. organization of each line of poetry, takes into account the number of syllables and which syllable is stressed

10. when two or more words have similar ending sounds, as in **ground** and **round** and **pound**

Favorite Poets

Read about these favorite poets, then match each poet to one of his well-known books:

1. **Jack Prelutsky** - first **Children’s Poet Laureate**; traveled and talked about poetry for children

2. **Dr. Seuss** - invented the word “**Nerd**” in one his books; sold hundreds of millions of books worldwide

3. **Shel Silverstein** - said he started writing because he wasn’t good at baseball and girls didn’t like him; he never studied other poetry and therefore developed his own style

4. **Roald Dahl** - spoke English, Norwegian and Swahili

5. **Lee Bennett Hopkins** - used poetry to teach topics like geography, mathematics and science

6. **Thanhha Lai** - used prose poetry to tell her story of escaping from Vietnam

7. **Kwame Alexander**- poet and an educator; his sports books written using verse

A. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*

B. *My America*

C. *James and the Giant Peach*

D. *Green Eggs and Ham*

E. *The New Kid on the Block*

F. *Inside Out & Back Again*

G. *The Crossover*

Stir Up A Pinch of Poetry!

There are many types of verse. The definitions below of **three** of these types are silly. **Read them all to decide which five are True and which three are False (and silly).**

1. **Haiku** - Simple, small poem
With five then seven then five Syllables each verse

T ☐ F ☐

2. **Shape** - poem formed to look like what it’s talking about

T ☐ F ☐

3. **Nursery rhyme** - poems that teach lessons to chickens

T ☐ F ☐

4. **Riddle** - tricky question often put to a fun rhythm

T ☐ F ☐

5. **Tongue twister** - a sentence using a string of pearls that begin with the same letter; is hard to say

T ☐ F ☐

6. **Lullaby** - rhyming song used to put a cat to sleep

T ☐ F ☐

7. **Fingerplay** - poem told using hand motions

T ☐ F ☐

8. **Ballad** - tells a story, usually a folktale or legend

T ☐ F ☐

POETS PEN POEMS WITH PRIDE. PAUSE, OPEN A BOOK OF POETRY FOR A PEEK AT POEMS ON ITS PAGES. YOU’LL BE PLEASANTLY PLEASED!

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Catch a Rhyme!

Get your brain in shape to write some rhyming poems! **Find pairs of words that rhyme:**

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game

bell

shell

thing

bee

bite

athletic

shook

name

tree

mice

flower

dog

kite

spring

book

lunch

shower

dice

bunch

Check Out These Cool Collections:

• *A Child’s Introduction to Poetry*
by Michael Driscoll

• *A Child’s Garden of Verses*
by Robert Louis Stevenson
(the author of *Treasure Island*)
one of the most famous books of poetry for children

• *My America* by Lee Bennett Hopkins

• *The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*
by Jack Prelutsky

(Answers on page 10)

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Rio Is Off to His New Home

Our boy RIO is off to his new home in Pennsylvania! Thank you to Dr Stacie Swaney of the Swaney Veterinary Clinic in Kingman, KS for not only transporting RIO to Rolla, MO, but also taking him on a hiking expedition through the Missouri wilderness. First rate travel for RIO! The second leg of this 3 part journey for RIO will begin in a few hours. RIO will be handed over to John, a pilot with the non-profit “Pilots N Paws” for a 2 hour flight to Indianapolis. Stay tuned. We will post pictures as they become available. Safe travels to everyone. Bon Voyage to RIO!



Fly Rio Fly! He’s earned his wings and is on his way to Indianapolis!

Final leg of the flight! On his way to Washington County Airport to meet his new family. Not much longer now!



Thank you

We would like to thank you to Alexa Moss of the Pratt Area Humane Society and Blake Strickland for their help in rounding up and catching the four dogs dumped north of town last week.

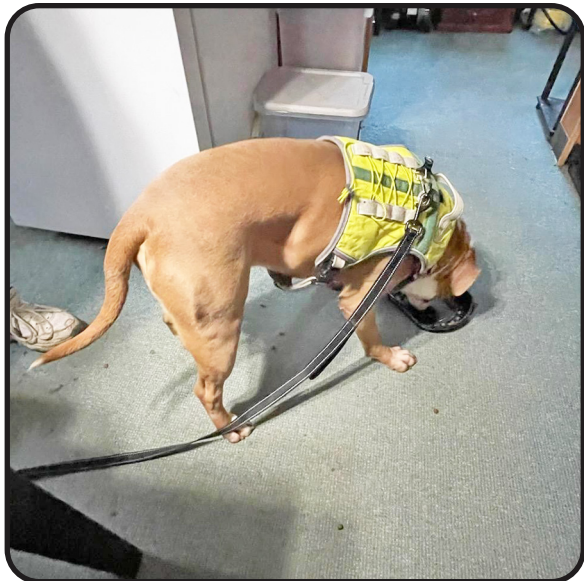
Thank you, as well, to the people of our community who helped with the dogs.

All four have been caught and are being re-homed.

Kevin and Peggy Halderson

photos and story courtesy of the Kingman County Humane Society's Facebook Page

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating!




Rio back on solid ground, on his way to his new home and exploring his new home. Rest well sweet RIO. Its been a big day. Thank you to all of RIO's Heros's!

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“It might be that the biggest division in the world isn’t men and women but folks who like cats and folks who like dogs” - (L.T.'s Theory of Pets)”
— Stephen King, Everything's Eventual

To write a bit of poetry, you can use a computer or some paper – also me!



Favorite Poets

Did you match each popular poet to one of his well-known books?

1. Jack Prelutsky (E)

2. Dr. Seuss (D)

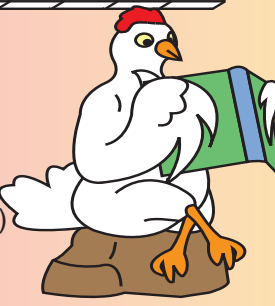
3. Shel Silverstein (A)

4. Roald Dahl (C)

5. Lee Bennett Hopkins (B)


6. Thanhha Lai (F)

7. Kwame Alexander (G)




Poets and Poetry!


Scat Cat
Today We Play
Fields and Shields



Poetry to Read to Your Pet!



Stir in a pinch of this...



A Pinch of Poetry!

1. Haiku - T ☒ F ☐

2. Shape - T ☒ F ☐

3. Nursery rhyme - T ☐ F ☒

4. Riddle - T ☒ F ☐

5. Tongue twister - T ☐ F ☒

6. Lullaby - T ☐ F ☒

7. Fingerplay - T ☒ F ☐


8. Ballad - T ☒ F ☐

BE PLEASANTLY PLEASED!




Finding the perfect place to break a line... is a great technique in poetry.

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Learn the Keys to Poetry



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Please encourage your family and friends to create their personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Slam the Scam with Social Security

The Social Security Administration and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continued to raise public awareness about Social Security imposter scams during the fourth annual "Slam the Scam" Day held in March. Social Security scams — where fraudsters pressure victims into making cash or gift card payments to fix alleged Social Security number problems or to avoid arrest — are an ongoing government imposter fraud scheme. For several years, Social Security impersonation scams have been one of the most common government imposter scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission. We've made concerted efforts to address this issue, through extensive outreach and investigative initiatives. These efforts have made a significant impact, reducing money reported lost to Social Security scams by 30 percent from 2021 to 2022.

"I am proud of the work we have done to combat Social Security imposter scams and raise public awareness," said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect the public and their

critical benefits. We urge Americans to remain vigilant, do not give out personal information or money, and report any scam attempts."

Scammers use sophisticated tactics to trick potential victims into disclosing personal and financial information. Typically, they use the five P's — Pretend, Prize or Problem, Pressure, and Payment. For example, scammers pretend they are from Social Security in phone calls or emails and claim there is a problem with the person's Social Security number. The scammer's caller ID may be spoofed to look like a legitimate government number. Scammers may also send fake documents to pressure people into complying with demands for information or money. Other common tactics include citing "badge numbers" and using fraudulent Social Security letterhead to target individuals for payment or personal information.

We will never:

- Tell you that your Social Security number is suspended.
- Contact you to demand an immediate payment.
- Threaten you with arrest.
- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Request gift cards or cash.
- Promise a Social

Security benefit approval or increase in exchange for information or money.

Our employees do contact the public by telephone for business purposes. Ordinarily, we call people who recently applied for benefits, are already receiving payments and require updates to their record or requested a phone call from us. If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, we will mail a letter.

"Working with our law enforcement and private sector partners to inform consumers about scammers and their deceptive practices remains a priority for my office. We will continue promoting National Slam the Scam Day to help protect consumers from these predators. Slamming the scam begins with consumers quickly taking a step to hang up the phone, or delete suspicious texts and emails, without responding to the scammers," said Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. "That remains the easiest and most effective method to avoid falling prey to these vicious scams."

To report a scam attempt, go to oig.ssa.gov. For more information, please visit www.ssa.gov/scam and www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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1. Partner of pains
6. "Raiders of the Lost ____"
9. Opposite of flows
13. Flesh of fish
14. Grazing area
15. Soft palate hanger
16. Boatload
17. Wood-shaping tool
18. Old episode
19. *Alice of "Color Purple" fame
21. *Fruit and color
23. Long reef dweller
24. Sound of pain
25. Math class total
28. Excessively abundant

30. **"Royal" color
35. Arrival times, acr.
37. *Color quality
39. Shininess
40. White House "sub"
41. Spritlike
43. Cupid's counterpart
44. Serengeti grazer
46. *Feeling blue
47. Hokkaido native
48. *Color wheel inventor
50. Walk with a hitch
52. "Malcolm X" (1992) movie director
53. Stare open-mouthed
55. Napoleon of "Animal Farm," e.g.
57. *Between blue and violet
60. *____phobia, intense fear of colors
63. Opposite of cathode
64. North American country
66. Run ____ of the law
68. Geography class book
69. Local area network
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71. Has divine power
72. Banned insecticide, acr.
73. German surrealist Max

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34. Follow as a consequence
36. Email folder
38. Cone-shaped quarters
42. Naiad or maenad
45. Motherless calves
49. Old horse
51. Long John Silver, e.g.
54. Modified "will"
56. Bottom-ranking employee
57. Opposite of "out of"
58. Hall of Fame Steelers' coach
59. June 6, 1944
60. "____ Buy Me Love"
61. Between dawn and noon
62. Yours and mine
63. Expression of pleasure
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Approved Minutes from February City Council Meeting

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fixed. Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to credit water service at 103 N Douglas in the amount of \$90.75. Motion carried, 4/0.


Planning & Zoning – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve building permit 2023-01 for a patio at Cozy’s Pizza. Motion carried, 4/0.

Maintenance - Mesa, City Superintendent, gave the maintenance report. *There are many utility projects ongoing within the City. *Repairs on the floor of Well No. 2 housing are ongoing. Mesa has supported the well head and broken out the damaged concrete.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0.

Council President Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

KANSAS WHEAT

USW Analysis Shows Russian Intervention Has Fueled Every Wheat Price Spike Since 2007

Kansas Wheat Editor’s Note: This article was originally authored by USW President Vince Peterson and published by USW on March 9, 2023. This article has been shortened and adapted for the Kansas Wheat Scoop. Find the full version at uswheat.org.

Headlines from the Black Sea region continue to move markets more than a year after Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Recent analysis from U.S. Wheat Associates, the industry’s export market development organization, shows the impact of Russian interventions in the market extends far beyond the current conflict and has been an underlying source of dramatic global wheat price volatility.

Over the years, Kansas wheat farmers answered the call to supply additional wheat to the world when the Russian

government banned or restricted exports of wheat. However, with historically tight hard red winter (HRW) wheat supplies and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, price volatility reached record levels last year, said Mike Spier, Vice President of Overseas Operations with U.S. Wheat Associates.

“Russia’s government meddling clearly adds uncertainty and volatility in the market and that does make it more difficult for Kansas farmers to market their wheat,” Spier added.

Every Spike Reveals Russian Intervention

In six documented situations since 2007, when the global wheat market showed any sign of stress, the government of Russia stepped in to impose an export ban, export tax or export quota to isolate their home market. These actions intentionally limited world wheat importers’ access to Russian wheat supplies. This Russian intervention further magnified any supply shortage and accelerated the rise in wheat prices.

Twice in this time frame, Russian military aggression against Ukraine directly caused world wheat prices to spike sharply. The world is reeling viscerally and economically from the

shock of that situation right now.

Consistent Protectionism

“...We are closely monitoring prices for the most essential social goods such as food, including bread,” said Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin in early March about its domestic wheat supply. “Russian grain is in good demand from abroad, and its price is increasing. That said, it is necessary to provide the necessary raw materials, first of all, to the domestic baking industry.”

The Prime Minister made this comment with specific reference to the hyper reaction of global wheat prices to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the immediate impacts of the widespread economic sanctions levied on Russia in response. Yet it spotlights the core tenants of Russia’s protectionist and heavy-handed wheat supply and price control policies. Russian intervention has been front and center since the country first entered the global wheat export trade.

“Defending Russian domestic supplies and keeping domestic prices low by withholding supplies from the world will always be their primary wheat policy weapon,”

wrote USW President Vince Peterson. “And they deploy it without regard for the harm and expense it creates for anyone.”

Underscoring this point, the Russian Ministry of Economy confirmed on Mar. 11, 2022, that they are banning wheat exports through Aug. 31, 2022, to their fellow Eurasian Economic Union member states, including its Ukraine invasion staging partner Belarus, along with Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Rampant Uncertainty

Russia’s war on Ukraine has blocked nearly 30% of the expected wheat export supply from governments and people that depend on it the most. Uncertainty runs rampant. And it is almost impossible to know how this war will be prosecuted. How long it will persist? What will the physical and economic situation of Ukraine and Russia be at the end?

Market analysts everywhere are trying to assess the many implications of this latest Russian intervention. Who will be most severely impacted? What will be the magnitude of the shortage created in the global wheat supply chain? And how


will the world’s remaining supplies be apportioned, priced and relocated to the most severely affected countries?

Such high prices and volatility create challenges for the world’s wheat buyers and farmers and grain traders, who must also use the futures market to manage price risk.

Kansas State University’s Department of Agricultural Economics is actively tracking the agricultural ramifications of the Ukraine-Russia conflict through regular webinar updates. A main resource for these updates is Antonina Broyaka, who moved to the United States from Ukraine following the Russian invasion and is serving as an extension associate on the issue of economic impact of Russian military aggression on Ukrainian agriculture and global food security.

Keep up to date with the latest analysis on the agricultural ramifications of the Ukraine-Russia conflict at agmanager.info and broader analysis of world wheat markets at uswheat.org.



INSIGHT
KANSAS FARM BUREAU
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Weather Watching

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Perhaps the biggest pastime in spring is watching the weather. I could be just searching for a nice Saturday to visit a park or checking to see if I need to carry an umbrella to the office. For farmers and ranchers, however, spring weather is high stakes and full of questions.

Will there be enough rain to awaken the wheat crop and carry it through to maturity? If there is, will it be too much to prevent planting corn and soybeans? Will there be enough moisture to grow enough grass for cattle to graze?

Unfortunately for

more than three quarters of the state right now, the biggest question is when will the drought break? The northeast corner is the only portion of Kansas not experiencing a moisture deficiency currently. More than 40 counties are wholly or in part in an exceptional drought according to the most recent report.

Most natural disasters are quick, but a drought is an open-ended catastrophe that grinds on day after day. Pictures and video do little to convey the effects the absence of water has on those who live through it. At least with a tornado or flood, you can start picking up the pieces relatively quickly. With a drought, you’re just left to endure until the rains return.

We’re moving into the height of severe weather season in Kansas. Thanks to the drought, fire is also a potential hazard in addition to the usual

thunderstorms and tornadoes. While we can’t prevent severe weather outbreaks, there’s plenty of steps to take in advance to be prepared.

It starts with developing a good plan while hoping you never need to implement it. This can be as simple as a space in a basement with some bottled water, a battery-operated radio and some flashlights or candles for storms capable of producing tornados. Now’s a good time to check those batteries if they’ve been sitting in a stockpile for a while.

For those who don’t have a basement, a windowless room is the next safest place to ride out a storm. If you’re outside, find a low-lying area, preferably away from trees, to lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

In the event of a flashflood, immediately move to higher ground

and don’t drive through flooded roadways. The current is capable of carrying away a vehicle, plus there’s all kinds of potential dangers obscured by the water.

The second step is to be aware of current forecasts and know when there’s potential for severe weather in your area. The National Weather Service has a good track record of predicting when weather systems can go from normal to life threatening. A “watch” means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. It’s a reminder to be alert for worsening conditions. A “warning” is the signal to implement you plan as quickly as possible.


If watching the weather isn’t already part of your spring routine, now’s a good time to add it to your to-do list so you’re prepared to act if it becomes necessary.

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ly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state’s largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ALOAH C. EHRHEART, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 29

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 28, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Karen Pereira, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Aloah C. Ehrheart, deceased, praying Petitioner’s acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled

thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys’ fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Aloah C. Ehrheart, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 18, 2023, at 10:00 o’clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Kevin Fairchild

Kevin G. Fairchild (Pink) passed away on March 21st, 2023, after a long, hard- fought battle with ALS.

Kevin was born and raised in Kingman and spent his life working and raising his family there. After graduating from Kingman High School in 1990, he began working at Fabpro. After Fabpro, Kevin started working in construction under his uncle Lowell Fairchild, and later went on to start his own construction company - K & S Construction. He worked in this field even after his diagnosis and shared his knowledge and work ethic with his children.

Kevin loved to be outdoors. One of his biggest passions was working with cattle. He loved spending time and working on the family farm. Kevin enjoyed hand fishing, coon and coyote hunting, and trapping. He could skin anything from coyotes to skunks and taught his son, John everything he knew. They made many memories doing this and continued to share these fond memories up until Kevin’s death. In his early adult years, Kevin was an avid volleyball and softball player.

Music was a great love of Kevin’s, and his talent was passed down to his children. He played in many bands throughout his life- Two Steps South, Possum Hunters, South of Town, Sun Down, Turnback Creek, and finally Free State Renegades. Kevin made some of his very best friends and best memories while playing in these bands. He was a talented guitar player, singer, and songwriter whose voice will be missed forever.

In December of 2001, Kevin married the love of his life, Shanon. They lived in rural Kingman County where they raised their family before moving into town in 2008. The two were the best of friends and remained in love and devoted to one another until the end.

Kevin was diagnosed with ALS in October of 2020. He remained working in construction, farming, taking care of his cattle, and playing music until his body began to fail him. Kevin’s sense of humor and personality continued to shine through, despite his illness. He joked often and kept everyone laughing. He remained at home under Shanon’s care until the day he passed.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Joyce Fairchild, grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

Kevin is survived by his wife Shanon, three daughters, Alisha, Josie, and Emily; two sons, John (Johnna) and Cade; all of the Kingman area. Kevin was lovingly known as “Grandpa Pink” to grandchildren Braeden, Briston, Amarey, Mia, Mila, and Sonny.

Other survivors include, a brother Todd (Stephanie) Fairchild, a sister Jacey (Aaron) Bedore, father and mother-in-law Dan and Amy Eklund, sisters-in-law Sherry Eklund and Samantha Boysen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Covenant Assembly of God Church, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Covenant Assembly of God church in Kingman.



Warren Meireis

Preston - Warren Eugene Meireis, 83, crossed the finish line into his Father’s arms on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Warren was born on November 10, 1939 in Stafford to Willard and V. Margaret (Long) Meireis.

Warren graduated from Preston High School in 1957. He went on to receive his Bachelors degree from Southwestern College in Winfield. Thus began his career in teaching and coaching. Warren retired from teaching after 41 years. He taught in Frankfort, Plainville, Cunningham and Fairfield.

On June 9, 1961, Warren was united in marriage to Adonis (Kerr) Meireis . To this union three children were born; Connie (Leo) Delperdang, Greg (Terry) Meireis, and Kyle (Stacey) Meireis. Warren has 7 grandsons, Will (Emily) Meireis, Cody (Margarita) Meireis, Nick and Cade Delperdang, Corbin, Blaine and Kory Meireis; two great-grandsons, Holden and Weston Meireis; sisters in-law, Barbara Cooper and Sue Epley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Warren is preceded in death by his parents. Along with teaching, Warren was also a lifelong farmer. He loved to be out in the field during harvest. And he especially loved baling hay. He also spent many days at the Seidel Golf Course near Pratt. As well as playing cards a few times a week with friends in Turon. He also enjoyed the monthly potluck supper and pitch games at the church. He was very competitive! He was a sports enthusiast, whether watching his grandsons play football, baseball, golf, cross country and bowling, or going to Cunningham and cheering on the Wildcats. There was always sports on the television at home.

Warren’s legacy lives on not only through his family but also through friends, past colleagues, and the countless number of young people whose lives he touched. Warren had a way of pushing and coaching you to show your unknown best. Whether that be in a school subject or a sport. He was thrilled to see the light of their achievement when they saw what they could do.

Warren loved to sing. His favorite songs to sing were “Because He Lives”, “He Touched Me”, and “It Is Well”. His family remembers his singing fondly.

Warren was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Pratt. Over the years, he served his Lord and Savior in different capacities in church. He was proud to lead the worship music in church, teach Sunday School Classes to the young people and most recently, serving on church committees.

Funeral service was Monday, March 27, 2023 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding. Burial followed at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

Memorials may be made to First Southern Baptist Church or West Kingman County Education Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Fred Newby

Fredrick Lynn Newby, 72, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis surrounded by his wife and five children. He was born on November 8, 1950 in Pratt to Clarence Fredrick and Charlene Alene (McQueen) Newby. Fredrick married Susan Elaine (Bowe) Newby on August 20, 1977 in Pratt. They were married for 45 years.

Fred graduated from Skyline High School in 1968. He went on to receive his Associates Degree from Pratt Junior College and then his bachelor in Mechanical Engineering from Wichita State University. He was a farmer and began the second generation of Newby Farms in 1973. He was a member of Pleasant Plain Friends Church, BPOE Elks, Skyline School Board, Conservation District Board, National Rifle Association, Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas State Rifle Association and National Cattlemans Beef Association. He enjoyed antique tractors, watching the auctions on Saturday mornings on RFDTV, listening to country and southern gospel music, watching the Grand Ole Opry, attending movies and collecting buffalo memorabilia and shot glasses.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Amy Lynn Newby of Wichita; sons, Benjamin Fredrick Newby of Imperial, Nebraska, Lynn Fredrick (Melissa) Newby of Wichita, Brent Fredrick (Alicia) Newby of Shawnee and Craig Fredrick (Emily) Newby of Wichita; sisters, Carol Ann (Jerry) Tucker of Iuka and Lois Fay (Jim) Robertson of Topeka; grandchildren, Catherine Lynn Newby, Kennedy Ann Newby, Lane Fredrick Newby, Liam Fredrick Newby and McKenna Rae Newby; nephews, Christopher (Julie) Tucker of Sloan, Iowa and Andrew Tucker of Portland, Oregon; nieces, Tracy Garvalena of Dodge City, Ali Robertson of Topeka and Amanda Christenson of Las Vegas, Nevada; and many great nieces and nephews.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be Friday, March 31, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-8 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Jean Kaufman

Agnes “Jean” Kaufman, 82, was born on October 11, 1940 in Winfield, KS to Frank and Agnes Sisson. She was the youngest of six children; four sisters and a brother whom have preceded her in death. Jean entered into God’s rest on March 18, 2023 in Arvada, CO.

Jean spent her childhood in Kingman, KS and graduated from Kingman High School in 1958. She maintained many close relationships with her classmates over the years enjoying reunions and lunches together. She received her Associates Degree from Wichita University majoring in Business, and was employed at South Central Telephone Association in Medicine Lodge where she was a billing clerk for over 20 years before retiring.

Jean married Keith Kaufman in Kingman, KS on June 19, 1960. They lived their early married years in Kingman, KS and South Haven, KS before moving to Medicine Lodge in 1966. Jean is survived by her two children, Alan Kaufman (Susan) of Bedford, TX and Julie Kaufman (Carol) of Arvada, CO; two granddaughters Kristen Jarrett (Evan) and Kelli Twedell (Andrew) both of Grapevine, TX; and three beautiful great grandchildren, Kynlee Paige, Jett Alan, and Charlee Grace. She has been blessed with a number of first and second generations of nieces and nephews.

Jean loved her First Christian Church and Medicine Lodge communities and spent much of her time serving both. She was a member of many various organizations including the First Christian Church Women’s Outreach, Beta Sigma Phi, Red Hat Society, Country Club Pitch Cards, and the Medicine Lodge Housing Authority. Jean also had other “loves” including sunflowers, playing train dominoes with her family and friends, watching sports, especially the KU Jayhawks basketball, and baking cookies. Her most cherished love and joy was that for her God, her immediate and extended families, and her dear friends in Medicine Lodge.

A celebration of life was held on March 29at the First Christian Church in Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Tom Walters officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, KS.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society and the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com



Lois Schrag

Lois H. Schrag, 82, died March 21, 2023, at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born Feb. 15, 1941, at McPherson, Kansas the daughter of Ernest and Marie Hildebrand Heidebrecht. A longtime resident of McPherson having also lived in Inman and Kingman, she was a retired McPherson School District #418 social worker.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren, McPherson.

Survivors include two sons Andy and Ashley; daughter Angela Klaver; sister Rachel Ulbricht-Montague; 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother LeRoy.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Church of the Brethren, McPherson. Interment of the cremains will be held at a later date. The following is a link to the Church’s live stream at <https://youtube.com/live/u-IWcmmaQ7Q?feature=share>

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