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Wildcats Win 6-Man State Football Title



It was the game we'd all been waiting for; some for a year, others for nearly 50 years. The weather was crisp, the turf painted and coned off to accommodate 6-man field dimensions, and the crowd, well, they filled the stadium in droves! Twice as many fans as our opponents, according to the Wildcat managers, who claim to have counted them all.

Wildcats received, and on the second play of the game Trey hit Lane with a perfectly placed pass that went the distance. A 70-yard touchdown pass is a great way to start a game! Dagim kicked the extra point through the uprights for an 8 to 0 lead. Defense gave up some ground but became pretty tough as Ashland approached the goal, forcing a turnover on downs. On the next drive Luke got a 12-yard run, but there were not many yards to gain against the Ashland Defense. Cats had to punt. Both teams traded turning the ball over on downs on their next series, but the Wildcat defense stepped up as the 2nd quarter started. Jack pressured the QB and Lane got the pick. This seemed to

spark the offense as it has all year. Luke completed an 18-yard pass to Will. Then, because it worked so well the first time, Luke hit Will for a 27-yard touchdown! Wildcats up 14 to 0. The Cats stuffed the Bluejays on the next series, forcing a punt after just four plays. We didn't do much with the ball, though. Luke hit Lane for a 12-yard pass, but we still had to punt. Never fear, the Wildcat defense turned over the Bluejays yet again. With Jack putting pressure on the QB, he must not have seen Luke waiting on the throw. An interception and about a 15-yard return put the Cats in a great position to lengthen their lead. After 8 plays the Cats had to give up the ball on downs deep into Ashland territory. The Bluejays took advantage, scoring on a 73 yard pass play and getting on the scoreboard before half. Cats up 14-8. Both teams played a lot of defense in the remaining minutes of the first half. Both had the ball but no scores.

After kicking the ball to open the second half, the Wildcat defense cranked it up again. An Ashland penalty was followed by what we call a JackJack play.

Jack hit the quarterback who threw the ball to an unsuspecting teammate. Jack then proceeded to hit him. Dagim and Trent came in to close the deal. Ashland lost 10 yards on that play. The Cats took over after a punt and Trey completed a pass to Lane for 11 yards. Then Luke had two runs (with the help of a face-mask) that put the ball on the 1 yard line. Jack punched it in and Dagim kicked in the extra points. Cats up 22-8. After the ensuing kick-off the Defense allowed 0 yards on the next three plays. We got the ball back after a punt by Ashland. Luke had a 13-yard run and a 13-yard completion to Luke Albers. Trey then hit Will for a 23-yard completion that was just short of a touchdown. Jack put it in the endzone on a 1 yard plunge. Dagim hit the extra points. Cats up 30-8. The Cats gave up a TD on the next series, cutting the lead to 30-16. We answered quickly. It felt like we were speeding up as the game progressed. Luke connected with Lane for a 23-yard gain. Then Luke ran the ball for a 19-yard gain. Trey capped the drive with a 13-yard TD pass to Will. True to form on that drive 4 different

players touched the ball. Dagim nailed the extra points for a 38 to 16 lead. The Bluejays did not score on their next 9 play drive. The Cats answered with an 11 play drive but also did not score. Luke found Dagim for a 14-yard completion. Ashland had to pass interfere to stop a sure catch, but that helped move the drive. Luke and Jack both chipped in some decent runs, but it was not enough to get the ball into the endzone. The Cats had to punt, but time was running out on the Bluejays. The final touches on the defensive day was when Jack pressured the QB and then sacked him from behind and caused what appeared to be a fumble. It was not called but the sack stood and the QB will feel that one for a few weeks. When the Cats got the ball back they went into grind it out mode. Wildcats kneeled out the win and wrote their names in the history books as the very first 6-man team to win a KSHSAA state championship!

-by Coach Lance McGuire
(more photos on page 7)

Approved Minutes from October's City Council Meeting

October 25, 2022 Special Meeting
The Cunningham City Council met in a special session on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

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

Guests present were Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Travis Thimesch and Bayleigh Newell, Cunningham Recreation; Alan Youngers, McCownGordon Construction; and Sarah Sipe, Landmark Architects.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Woodard, second by Ricke, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments and Communications – Bayleigh and Travis spoke on behalf of Cunningham Recreation. The South Central Community Foundation has awarded Cunningham Recreation a grant for improvements at the playground. They have obtained estimates for mulch to replace the sand, but it is very expensive. They are also waiting for estimates for options to shade the playground area. Their funds are depleted due to improvements on the exterior of the concession stand and announcer's stand at the ball fields. They have also purchased new speakers (together with USD 332.) New fundraiser opportunities are being planned at this time. It was the consensus of the Council to commit to helping with recreation projects.

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark reported that there were a few grass fires. One of those was started by a trailer axle dragging on pavement. The Fire Department was also called to a roll over involving a trash truck. Chief Stark attended the County Commission meeting to get more information about the status of 800 radios in Kingman County.

The City Clerk reported that Motorola had made a note that the City was disputing the amount due for the 800 radios ordered. The Fire Department paid Motorola the quoted price, but the City was billed for an additional \$258.57. The Motorola representative, Michaela Divoll, was made aware of the discrepancy by email on September 14th. She did not respond to that email.

Alan Youngers, McCownGordon Construction – Alan presented plans for the new school project. His presentation was informative and the Council appreciated Alan's willingness to communicate throughout the project.

Sarah Sipe, Landmark Architects – Sarah answered questions regarding the sprinkler system and access to fire hydrants. She presented plans with the notated fire hydrants and documented where the pull in parking will be in front of the new building (gym lobby and school.) The Council and Chief Stark thanked both Alan and Sarah for their time and communication regarding the school project.

KRWA Web Services – The Clerk presented a report on financial transac-

tions relating to the City website. It is hard to determine exactly what the City is paying Go Daddy and what services the City receives. The Clerk has had some difficulty keeping information on the website current. At a conference the Clerk learned that KRWA hosts websites for small cities. It was the consensus of the Council to look into the necessary security measures and costs associated with KRWA hosting the City website.

Community Center Insurance – The insurance premium for the Community Center is much more reasonable if the policy is added under the City's policy. City Attorney, Greg Graffman answered questions from the Governing Body regarding the transference of ownership of the Community Center to the City. Mayor Murphy will talk with the Community Center Board.

Property Officer Report – The Clerk reported there were no new issues at this time. The Governing Body appreciates the work accomplished by our businesses and citizens to keep our community clean and orderly.

Planning & Zoning Report – P&Z
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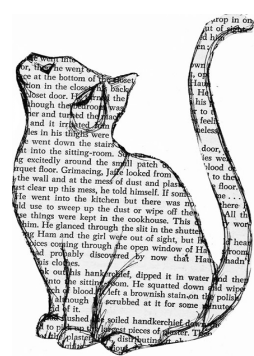
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know?

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I filled most of this page with other writer's stories and advice so I wouldn't have to write a great deal today. I'm not in a writing mood. I'm not even in much of a newspapering mood. I keep getting distracted with all the articles I want

It is Tuesday afternoon. It is a windy and cold Tuesday afternoon. I went out this morning and got the mail (only a couple of newspapers), righted the trash dumpster and pulled it up to the garage. BRR. I thought about going over and picking up my neighbor's trash can as it had blown over, but I decided as cold as it was, I would go and pull it up to her garage if it rolled down the street. I returned to the warmth and comfort of my home. I was staying inside today. And I did except when I remembered that I should

bring in the glass rain gauge. I quickly ran out and snatched it from the fence, picked up a couple of Quin's toys and returned to the house.

It has been surprisingly quiet today considering all the little beasts have stayed inside. Dusty and Skippy will ask to go out on the back deck, but they don't stay out long. Skippy gets a drink of water from the dishes out there (yes, she has two gallon containers here in the house). Dusty just goes out to run around the yard for a bit, then in he comes. He has excess energy, probably because he's not a fat, lazy lump

like his feline counterparts. He is a streamlined kitty, to say the least.

The beasts do like to argue and spat with each other. Dusty usually starts something with Lucky Day. I don't know why. They are brothers/amigos, but just can't manage to get along.

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Today I received a notice to put in the paper on January 5, 2023. While I'm happy to get the notice, BUT this means that I will need to get next year's folders created and put in order and start working on gathering and organizing tax information. UGH! Where does

our time go?
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This Saturday I will be in Kingman at the craft fair. If you have time, come over and visit. I am selling greeting cards, gift tags and gift card holders. Cards and stamps would make nice gifts for folks who like to send cards or who don't want something that they will have to dust but can use and send on out of the house. (Like a newspaper subscription ... hint, hint.) I aim to please for those who don't like clutter. I'm not saying I don't like it, I live in clutter. I'm a cluttery sort of person. Clutter is my life.

This Saturday.
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Kingman Elementary
gym. Come over, do
some Christmas shop-
ping, and SUPPORT
LOCAL artisans, ven-
dors and businesses. It's
important to keep our
money close to home.

Always reading
And currently reading,
“The Year of Magical
Thinking”
By Joan Didion,
Roberta

“People who say that
money can't buy hap-
piness just don't know
where to shop.”
— Kathy Lette

Dear Readers,
My phone went nutty the other night, simultaneously pinging with ads for holiday sales *and* “Breaking News” alerts on how to avoid the stress of the upcoming gift-giving season. Like I needed any reminders—whether one celebrates Christmas (or Hannukah or Kwanza) or not, it’s

difficult to claim one doesn't know, it's THAT time of the year. And at the precise moment my phone began chiming furiously, I was in fact trying to figure out what presents I'm going to get for the folks on my list and I can't honestly tell you I minded the interruption.

I scrolled through the

retail deals with speed because I've no need to buy mattresses, refrigerators or gift cards to Mickey-D's and clicked on the first headline link thinking perhaps it promised relief with tips on how to stretch your money. Instead, that story reported most Americans see gift-giving as a competition so I moved onto the next one. And the next one. There were all on the same topic: That our stress at Christmas stems from our worries over being *out-gifted*. I felt my cheeks flush at my first thought which

was, "Thank God, it's not just me."

Then I wanted to protest and lay fault at Commerce's door. But as I read on it was hard to argue with these articles' claims (reporting that six in ten Americans admit they see gift-giving as a competition) that WE turn this custom into a chore. And I decided I better take look inside in my own mind.

Because I'm not in the same gift-giving class as the folks who love me, I don't view this tradition as a contest per se. They are Gold Medalists

Gifters. Not that I don't try but Lord knows, I can't even make that Olympic team's tryouts. I'm in awe of their skill and panache in this regard both at Christmas and throughout the whole year. It's not about what they spend or the "thing" I receive. They all have this knack that's hard to describe. Every time I open their gifts, a feeling wells up from deep inside. It's more than feeling loved or surprised—their gifts always demonstrate how frighteningly well they *know* me. As uncomfortable as that

may be, it's a pretty great feeling.

Isn't curious that my worries evaporate when I think how fortunate I am to be surrounded by gifted givers? Thinking of them one by one--not their gifts mind you, but their faces--brings smile after smile and imagining bringing them joy is fun. If I can keep my wits about me and remember this, the next few weeks will definitely be "the most wonderful time of the year."

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

Digging the Return to Vinyl

Vinyl records are making a comeback, and it's not just nostalgic old fogies who are driving the trend.

According to Readers Digest UK, millennial and Gen Z consumers are digging the distinct sound of vinyl — and especially digging its imperfections and limitations.

The scratch and crackle of a needle dancing atop a record's grooves is a sound you don't get with digital music.

The typical LP — “long-playing album” for you digital music people — plays only 22 minutes or so per side, which requires the listener to get up and change records a lot.

Required participation offers the listener a more intimate and engaged listening experience.

The wonderful ritual of pulling an album from a shelf where your collection sits, carefully removing the record from its sleeve, setting it on the turntable and then gingerly setting the needle down... this ancient ritual is just magic.

Appreciating the lost art of album cover designs is another important part of the listening experience — which is why

Rolling Stone published a readers poll of the most loved covers of all time. I've had a love affair with vinyl since I was a boy in the '70s, the heyday of vinyl LPs.

It was also the heyday of clunky, wooden stereo consoles like the one that sat in my parent's dining room for 30 years or more.

The old oak console contained large speakers concealed by green fabric. It featured a record player and AM/FM radio.

Sundays after supper, the sweet smell of coffee and pot roast and pineapple upside-down cake still in the air, my father loved to play his favorite albums on it.

He liked Barbara Streisand in those days.

He also loved Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass. And he'd go nuts when he played "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

He'd crank the volume up and begin marching through our small house, lifting his legs and arms high and making exaggerated faces the way comedian Red Skelton did with his Clem Kadiddlehopper character. We'd jump from the table and follow behind him, marching and laughing until tears filled our eyes.

That old console played nonstop during the Christmas season.

Our stack of records usually began with the "Holiday Sing-Along with Mitch Miller." fol-

lowed by the “Christmas with the Chipmunks,” then “Snoopy vs. the Red Baron,” then Bing Crosby. As soon as Bing finished “White Christmas,” we restacked the albums and spun them again.

My mother used the stereo more than anyone. She loved to listen to it while working around the house.

Sometimes she tuned into an AM station that played Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Other times she’d play her Doris Day album. I still can hear her whistling — in perfect harmony — along to “Que Sera, Sera.”

That younger generation is embracing vinyl is an encouraging trend.

Younger people have

grown up in a world in which they have immediate access to whatever they want: streaming video or music, goods delivered the same day by Amazon and endless noise and chatter on social media.

Yet by returning to vinyl they are choosing to slow their lives down, relax and more fully experience the wonders of music, which — with the exception of a John Phillips Sousa march at full blast — is a fine way to calm one's soul.

Goodness knows that our cranky, overstimulated world could use more of that.

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by Peter Funt
When it comes to sappy holiday movies, you either scorn them as you would another pair of reindeer-themed socks, or you eagerly binge on offerings such as “My Southern Family Christmas,” produced by Hallmark and described thusly:
“Under the guise of a journalist, Campbell has a chance to get to know

her biological father for the first time — without him ever knowing who she really is. ... Campbell must decide if she's going to keep her identity a secret or reveal the truth to her father — a decision that will change their family Christmas forever."

You can't make this stuff up. Well, actually, you can if you work at Hallmark, which for the third straight year has managed to produce a cache of 40 highly-profitable holiday movies.

Since imitation is the sincerest form of television (a line credited to Fred Allen), it's not surprising that 27 different networks and streamers have jumped in this year and combined to produce a record number of largely lookalike holiday films. The industry-wide total is a remarkable 158.

For Hallmark, it's the most wonderful time of year in terms of ratings and revenue. I estimate that the company spends a bit over \$100 million to produce its Christmas films, many of which are shot in Canada to reduce costs. The Hallmark Channel reportedly reaps about one-third of its annual revenue from the 40 projects, or about \$350 million, and this year it partnered with NBC to stream its movies on Peacock.

Leading the pack in popularity so far is "Falling for Christmas" on Netflix, which was gifted with more than 31 million views in its first four days. The draw

probably isn't the tired plot (a woman with amnesia falls for a handsome stranger at Christmas) but rather the return of actress Lindsay Lohan after years away from the screen.

The upstart Great American Family channel produced 18 Christmas films this year and managed to stir some controversy. The service is run by Bill Abbott, a former Hallmark exec, who lured one of holiday filmmaking's biggest stars, Candace Cameron Bure, away from Hallmark to produce and star in Christmas movies that were less secular than the sort Hallmark favors. "I knew that the people behind Great American Family were Christians that love the Lord," Bure said in an interview, "and wanted to promote faith programming and good family entertainment."

Hallmark, meanwhile, is aggressively broadening its holiday storytelling and next month will offer "The Holiday

Sitter,” its first Christmas film with an LGBT love story. Bure caused a fuss on social media after saying she isn’t keen on such themes.

The Lifetime channel is releasing 26 holiday titles this season. My favorite, at least based on the blurb, is “Santa Bootcamp,” in which an event planner named Emily is sent off to holiday bootcamp and meets “a drill sergeant with a heart of gold, who helps Emily rediscover the magic of Christmas and find romance along the way.”

Even the shopping channel QVC has produced a holiday film, “Holly and the Hot Chocolate,” about a food critic who finds herself stuck in the small town of Pine Falls at Christmas. But wait, there’s more! QVC is selling a special hot chocolate in partnership with gourmet retailer Serendipity.

How much holiday film fluff can viewers handle? So far, ratings are

substantial, ad revenue is robust, and currently — perhaps due to economic and political malaise — the appetite appears almost limitless for formulaic fare that seems to get viewers where they want to go.

The frenzy is so great that TV is even making a Christmas movie about making a Christmas movie. “When a holiday rom-com movie shooting in her town needs a costume designer, Kerry, a local shop owner, steps into the role,” says the blurb. “She rediscovers her passion for costume design and finds herself falling for Brad, the film’s famous leading man.”

Hallmark calls this film, “Lights, Camera, Christmas!” which pretty much sums up the holiday viewing season.

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Peter Funt’s new memoir, “Self-Amused,” is now available at CandidCamera.com.

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HS BB vs Minneola
at HOME

Tuesday,
December 6th

HS BB Falcon
Classic At Fairfield

Thursday,
December 8th

HS BB Falcon
Classic at Fairfield

JH BB at Stafford

Friday, December 9th

HS BB Falcon
Classic at Fairfield

Saturday,
December 10th

Santa Day Parade
and activites

Monday,
December 12th

JH BB at
Central Christian

Tuesday,
December 13th

HS BB at Argonia

FESTIVAL
of trees wreaths & decorations

November 15, 2022-
January 10th, 2023

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

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

Libraries

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


Zenda
Public Library
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Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061


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10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041



Give an Angel Gift
This Christmas

The Angel Tree at the Ninnescah Valley Bank has some angels left on it. Visit the bank, choose an angel and buy Christmas gifts for youngsters who wish for a visit from Santa this holiday season. Gifts must be purchased and returned to the bank by December 8th.

CUNNINGHAM PRIDE PRESENTS THE

Craft Fair
&
Christmas Parade

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting
Immediately following the Parade at Dafforn Park

PARADE SCHEDULE

12:30 : Register
1:00 : Line up
1:15 : Judging
1:30 : Starts

DECEMBER 10, 2022

8AM -1PM
Craft Fair
Cunningham Gym

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Pictures with Santa
Cunningham Gym


11AM -1PM
Soup Dinner and Dessert
Community Center
FREE WILL DONATION
Christmas Tree Decorating Contest
\$1 per VOTE

All Donations Go to Cunningham Pride

For More Details Please Contact: Alyssa Preisser, Sarah Mack, or Barb Schultz
OR follow our page on Facebook Christmas in Cunningham

Library Open House and Artist Showcase

Sunday afternoon was a perfect day for a library open house in which to showcase local artist Darren Parker's work.
The main event was Meet the Artist, but I think everyone knows Darren, so it was more of a 'Visit with the Artist.'
Darren's work was on display and for sale. He visited and talked to all who came to the Open House and held a drawing for one of his prints -- signed by the artist, of course.. The winner will be announced in next week's paper.
Cinnamon rolls, pecan rolls, various cookies and beverages were served as well. (Thank you, Rogene and Wayne for those treats).
A few folks sat down and read a book, some youngsters fired up the computers, and many wondered around looking at the incredible art work.



At 6:00 a contingent of carolers gathered at the gazebo in Dafforn Park and sang Christmas carols. It was a beautiful evening for caroling. And the music made the evening more enchanting. We have many talented musicians in our community.
After the caroling, the singers, with Christmas cheer, headed to the library where they sang additional carols and were rewarded with those wonderful rolls and cookies, and warm beverages.
If you weren't there, you missed another wonderful happening in our little community.
-Roberta-
(photos on page 8)

Kingman Historic Theatre

Abominable

FREE MOVIE

December 3rd

9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Livingston's Funeral Home

Kingman Historic Theatre

Caramel Apple
Nacho Bar

December 3rd

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$5.00

Kingman Historic Theatre

Katie Ziegler

Live

December 3rd

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Free will donations benefit
Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats \$6.00
(cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30



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Support local and Kansas
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Kingman Historic Theatre

How the Grinch
Stole Christmas

FREE MOVIE

December 3rd

After the Parade

See Santa and the Grinch
after the movie
Sponsored by RiverCross Hospice

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1927

December 9

Wetherall Brothers is holding a big “Hurry Out Sale” at their general merchandise store this week. George Hart delivered the handbills advertising the sale to the surrounding towns by dropping them from his airplane.

A deal was completed the fore-part of this week whereby J. H. Dye disposed of his blacksmith shop to Ed Maxedon and Charley Franks. Mr. Dye had owned the shop about a year, having purchased it from George Simonson.

1932

December 9

The Beatrice Cream Station is paying six cents per pound for Christmas turkeys.

Work on the Liesman No. 3 has been somewhat slowed up this past week when the casing buckled while the well was being cemented by the Haliburton Oil Well Cementing Company. Floyd Kent, who is in charge of Skelly Oil Company’s drilling operations on the test, said it would take about two weeks to drill out the cement.

1937

December 10,

Wetherall Brothers general merchandise store is rounding out thirty-five years of business in Cunningham this week.

1942

December 11

Cunningham boys now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands are Private George McClellan, Sergeant Elmer Steffen, Corporal Charles Cannon, Private Charles Crow, Fireman Leo Bainum, and Sergeant Luther Azbill.

Cunningham boys who recently enlisted in military service are Philip Fee, Naval Air Corps; Vincent Gillen, Navy Seabees; and Junior Neagle, Naval Air Corps.

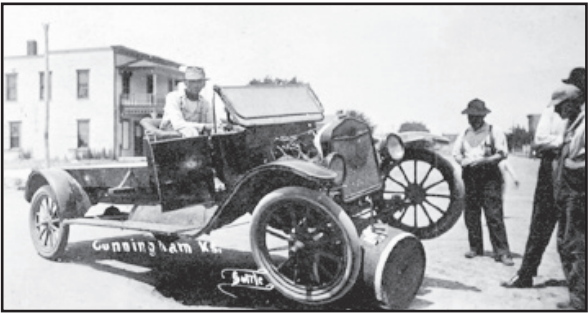
1947

December 12

Shirley Stanley of Cunningham is the author of several poems in the 1948 edition of the Kansas Magazine appearing in bookstores in the state this week.

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the piano recital presented by the students of Arlene Tade Bradley, Saturday afternoon at the high school auditorium.

Students included the following: Linda Singleton, Karen Whitmore, Janice Spain, Linda Benningfield, Patsy Allen, Mary Helen Rohling, Elise Cussen, Kay Wilson, Charles Thornhill, Donna Jane Renner, Johnna Cooley, Nancy Ewing, Alda Singleton, Carolyn Faurot, Shirley Neagle, Leah McWithey, Joan Epp, Sybil Spain, June Cooley, Eileen Whitmore, and Dorothy Steffen.



- WANTED -

Old Photos for Our Community Album

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1952

December 12

The Cunningham Wildcats evened up their season’s record at 1-1 last Friday night in the local gymnasium, when they decisively trounced the Byers Hornets by the score of 89 to 52.

Lennie Schnittker and Jackie Meyers paced the Wildcats scoring attack, each counted 23 points in the game.

On Tuesday evening the Wildcats traveled to Harper for games with that Class A school. The Wildcats first team defeated the Harper first team by the top-heavy score of 68 to 48. Jackie Meyers scored 8 times from the field and 7 times from the charity stripe for 23 points to lead the Wildcats scoring attack.

1957

December 12

Santa Claus is coming to Cunningham, Saturday, December 14.

Owner Everett Hauser of Hauser’s Market, reports his Dog Show last Saturday afternoon a howling success.

Dog owners who won prizes were Shirley Benson and Ronald Park, first and second with the dogs with the longest hair; Gary Sterneker and Kean Morris, first and second with dogs with the shortest hair; Kirby Humphrey and Sheila McMillian, first and second with dogs with the longest tails; Debbie Sheldon and Donnie Kitson, first and second with dogs with the shortest tails; Kathy Wesbrooks and Diane Spain, first and second with dogs with the most color; Randall Shelman and Rollin Dillinger, first and second with the biggest dogs; and Nancy Lagree and Laurel Muck, first and second with the smallest dogs.

Judge Francis Wilson judged about 25 dogs.

1962

December 13

Cunningham gave Santa Claus a royal welcome as the old gent made his annual visit to our city.

There were 45 individual entries in the parade, including seven floats, and there were 30 participants on the seven floats.

Senior citizens enjoying the parade included Mason Wetherall, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lieurance, Mrs. Myrtle McCandless, Mrs. Anna Ebenkamp, Mrs. Mae O’Bryant, Gordon Gibbens, Mrs. John McGovney, Mrs. Rosa Willinger, Mrs. Nellie Shelman, Dr. and Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Mr. Ignatz Goetz, Mrs. Peryl Dafforn, Mrs. Ollie Bainum, Mrs. Mae Hart, Mrs. Mable Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. James Vermillion, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman.

1967

December 14

Father Michael J. Lies, pastor of the St. Leo Church in St. Leo, will observe his Silver Jubilee in the priesthood with Holy Mass at the church, Sunday morning, Dec. 17, at 11:00 o’clock.

Following the Mass there will be a dinner given by the St. Leo parishoners for members of the parish and relatives and friends of Fr. Lies.

A large crowd braved a chilly afternoon last Saturday to extend a warm welcome to Santa Claus when he made his annual visit to Cunningham.

The 40-degree temperatures, accompanied by a brisk wind, reduced the normal number of entries in the parade, but it was a fine parade for the afternoon weather. Santa Claus and his helpers distributed over 725 treats following the parade. The special events

“Books permit us to voyage through time, to tap the wisdom of our ancestors. The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.”

— Carl Sagan, Cosmos

Museum Hours

contact

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

program was canceled due to the weather.

A special thanks goes to the Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charles Yingling, for their parade marching music and the national anthem; and to Webloes Steven Long, Greg Kitson, Tim Renner, Tom Renner, and John Steffen, and to horsemen Rex Ratcliff and Jerry Alley, who presented the United States flag and the Christian flag as they led the parade.

Senior citizens enjoying the parade included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thieme, Ben Bock, Mrs. Lena Cunningham, Mrs. Mae O’Bryant, Al Johnson, Tony Panek, Ed Miller, Carl Poland, Mrs. Gladys Sheldon, Mrs. Amy McClellan, Mrs. Mable Huffman, Mrs. Ollie Bainum, George Lawson, Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Mrs. Emil Dostal, Mrs. Ida Hilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman, Mrs. Rosa Willinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gillen, and Mr. and Mrs. James Vermillion.

In the horseshoe tournament held in the morning, Harold DeWeese successfully defended his last year’s championship, defeating Merle McCune in the finals. Eugene Kitson won third place by beating Dewey Cooley in the consolation match.

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Caravans of tractors and other vehicles carried Kansas farmers across the state on a drive to a farm strike rally to be held Saturday in Topeka.

A tractorcade beginning at Liberal passed through Cunningham Wednesday morning.

The ‘historic moment’ was witnessed by students dismissed from classes and townspeople; the crowd rivaled that of any Santa Claus Day parade.

Joining the procession in Kingman were Cunningham residents Larry Preisser, Al Joe Sterneker, and Bob Kerschen.

Hilltop Happenings

Dr. T.L. Waylon of Nashville visited the home Wednesday afternoon. On Tuesday evening seven couples from the Pratt and Nashville Square Dancing Club visited the home and gave their third square dance demonstration. It was good. The music was excellent.

Mrs. Alma Johnston who was 90 in November, received a commendation from Governor Bennett.

Hospital Notes:

Beverly DeWeese has been dismissed from Hutchinson Hospital.

August Meyers, Ann Fischer, and Ophelia Milligan have been admitted to the Pratt Hospital.

4th Grade News:

Last week we were to watch “The Hobbit.” Most us watched it. It was good. It showed how Bilbo Baggins was brave. He kept the magic ring.

This week Ms. Beasley made a house. There are little flaps where there is a surprise behind the flap. It is called a ‘Surprise House.” We started a new book called, “The Christmas Kidnapping.” It is about Macy’s Santa is missing. Three mice are trying to save the Santa Claus. Reporter Michelle Albers

Girls Lose Heartbreaker

Basketball is upon us and what a way to start it! We lost a heartbreaker 24-26 from Sharon last Friday, December 2. You can always say you took second to make the losing sound better, but it counts the same. Coach Skip Herd



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Consider this... Don't Hold Back

by Mike Johnson

Somewhere near Broadus, Montana, hugging highway 212, we pulled our motorhome into Marty Martin's dream. Just 60 miles from Devil's Tower, the weather had turned surly, forcing us to change our plans and hunker down for the night. It's said the greatest blessings arrive from unplanned events. We were soon to become believers. The RV park had

no more than ten pull-through spaces, a small office building and a few occupied mobile home lots. Spoiled by KOAs, the place was far from impressive. But to owner Marty Martin, it was a little slice of heaven. We got to talking about it the next morning. Marty had run the rat race as a city employee in Colorado Springs for far too many years. While logging his time, he'd dreamed of owning a business far away from city life, somewhere in the wide expanses of Montana. Hearing that the RV park was on the market, Marty had shucked it all, bought the park and moved his

family to Montana for no better reason that he had always dreamed to. Had we not been awakened that morning by two gleeful daughters squealing about the nearby barn, we'd have never met Marty. Wiping sleep from our eyes, Mom and Dad stumbled as daughters tugged, dragging us to the source of their enchantment. Baby lambs, baby kittens and baby chickens. Everywhere. Like owners of their own personal petting zoo, our girls held court, relishing being crawled on by every critter in southeast Montana. We'd already paid good money to show the girls Mount

Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Nevertheless, just like a child's favorite Christmas toy is often the largest cardboard box, this animal menagerie had outperformed the greatest wonders America could toss at them. Standing there waist-deep in sheep, Marty walked over and introduced himself. "Weren't you scared?" I asked, trying to discover the source of his courage for following his dream to buy the park and move to Montana. "Sure, a little," he smiled, immersing himself in the memory. "But I've learned that if you want to do something

bad enough, go with it. Don't hold back. If you hold back, you'll always hold back." "Had everything worked according to plan?" "No, but you adjust as you go along. The park's been slow so I learned golf cart repair as a sideline and now service the carts at the neighboring golf course. But I still get to wake up to this wide expanse of hills and plains every morning. I see deer over there, and there's a mountain lion that comes over that bluff, and you should see the sunrises! I haven't regretted it for a second!" An hour later, after showers and repacking,

we were once again rolling down the highway. The RV was quiet but our thoughts were buzzing. Our daughter's eyes pointed outward but their vision was looking in. They were obviously lost in dreams of getting an animal farm of their own. Had they left their thoughts and glanced at Dad, they'd have seen him dwelling on a few dreams of his own. Dreams that burned ever brighter thanks to Marty Martin's sage advice. "Don't hold back. If you hold back, you'll always hold back."

Sniggles

By Jan Ackerson

I knocked on the church office door, eager to meet the new pastor. A muffled voice called "Come in!" but the door was mostly blocked by half-unpacked boxes. A man sat in their midst, with an apple jammed in his mouth.

"I'm Susie Fields, the secretary," I said, pushing a box with my foot. "Can I help, Pastor Bradford?" He chewed vigorously. "Call me Jeff," he sputtered, swallowing. "There's not really much you can do, I'm notoriously disorganized. But if my wife comes by, could you show her around?" I returned to my desk, trying to imagine our pernickety previous pastor surrounded by such disarray. Pastor Bradford—


Jeff—might just be a refreshing change. I busied myself with paperwork, startled occasionally by thumps from the next office. The next morning, I found a stack of scrap papers on my desk. I read the topmost note: *for bullitin* Grimacing at the misspelled word, I rifled through the notes in growing confusion. *holly holly Agnes Day not care committee sniggles group!* I squinted at the untidy handwriting and turned the papers over. No help there—one was written on the back of a used envelope, the others on old receipts. Jeff was still thumping around, and I really hated to bother him, but his notes had

bewildered me. I poked my head into his office. He greeted me with a grin. "What d'ya think, Susie? Will you join?" More puzzled than ever, I stammered a bit. "Join—join what?" "The singles group! Just what we need, doncha think?" Of course I agreed, being rather desperately single, but...I looked down at the papers in my hand. Singles group! "I...I couldn't read your handwriting. It says 'sniggles group'." "Oh gosh—sorry. Didn't mention my dyslexia, huh? Yeah, if it wasn't for my brother, I never woulda made it through high school, and Caroline fixed all my seminary papers. D'ya think—can you figure out my horrible spelling?"

I showed him the papers, one by one. "Holly holly? It's only September..." "Holy, holy. You know, by Jimmy Owens?" He certainly knew his music. "What about Agnes Day? We don't have anyone named Agnes." "No, it's a song! You know, 'worthy is the Lamb'..." He sang a bit of a familiar tune. I burst out laughing. "Agnus Dei! Okay, I'm catching on, but... not care committee?" It was Jeff's turn to laugh. "That's note. I thought people might like to send notes when someone misses a service... a 'not care' committee would be pretty awful, huh?" Over the following weeks, I learned to interpret Jeff's scribbles, and to appreciate the enthusiasm he and Caroline shared. My confusion abated as Jeff's spelling quirks became more and more familiar. *plz find picture of angel...I found a majestic angel, blowing a trumpet. you pick a him...I*

sighed, wishing that picking a "him" were that easy, and chose a hymn. *put fiend day on calendar...Friend Day* was scheduled for September 16th. *jesus lover of my sole...* I double-checked this one, knowing Jeff to be an avid fisherman. But no, he had meant "soul" after all. *sweet sweet spit...* That one, ironically, caused me to spray my monitor with coffee. Sweet, Sweet Spirit, I typed, chuckling. One morning in November, I looked through Jeff's usual pile of notes and stopped cold. *this coopon good for one free back rub whenever you want* I was baffled—it seemed horribly inappropriate. Jeff had always been friendly but professional, and Caroline and I had become great friends. I swallowed hard, deciding to confront him. His door was open, and he was leaning back, his hands laced behind his neck. "Uh-oh, you look confused. What's Jeff done

now?" Now I was really perplexed—why was he referring to himself in third person? I held up the handwritten coupon. "I don't...feel comfortable with this." He stood up and took the note, read it with interest, and snorted. "It's for his anniversary, I think. Look, it's stuck to another announcement. He must've misplaced it." "For his...what?" I felt hopelessly muddled. "You must be Susie... right?" The light dawned. This must be Jeff's brother—he'd never mentioned they were twins. "I'm Jim." He grasped my hand and shook it. "Jeff tells me you're the best. My company sent me here for six months, and Jeff says you'll show me around town for chocolate. What d'ya say?" He held out a Snickers, and I couldn't help noticing that his ring finger was bare. Somewhere in the distance, I heard the angles snig.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. John, Zenda

Saturdays – 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo

Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.


St. Peter Willowdale

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville

620-246-5220

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

620- 886-3397

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.


Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer


Cell: 620-886-0911



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

Christian Humor: Jokes You can Tell in Church

What types of boats do believers want to go on?

Discipleship and worship.

How did Jacob cheer on his grandson?

"You're the Manasseh!"

What does the Episcopal Church say before a big gathering?

"This is going to be liturgy."

Where was Solomon's Temple located?

On the side of his head.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com (to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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.

CJH Win on First Road Trip Game

The Junior High Wildcats basketball team had their first road trip of the season going to Chase. Coach McGuire missed out on the action, staying behind to practice for a state championship game with the high school football team, but Coach Kerschen and the boys did not even notice he was gone. The Cats started fast and never looked back, outscoring Chase 19-3 in the opening quarter. The second quarter was not much different. The Cats used different personnel groups, maintaining intense defense all four quarters. They held the home team to 7 total baskets on the night and a bunch of free throws.

Stephen Kerschen led the team in rebounding with 8. Jack and Layne each had 6. The team had 42 rebounds! Kollin had 4 steals and Layne had 3.

Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen	11
Kollin Fischer	10
Layne Green	10
Liam McGuire	6
Brody Bock	6
Wesley Preisser	3
John Paul Kerschen	2
Adam Sterneker	2
Cole Hageman	2
Jack Harden	2



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	15	12	8	13	52
Chase	3	2	12	6	23

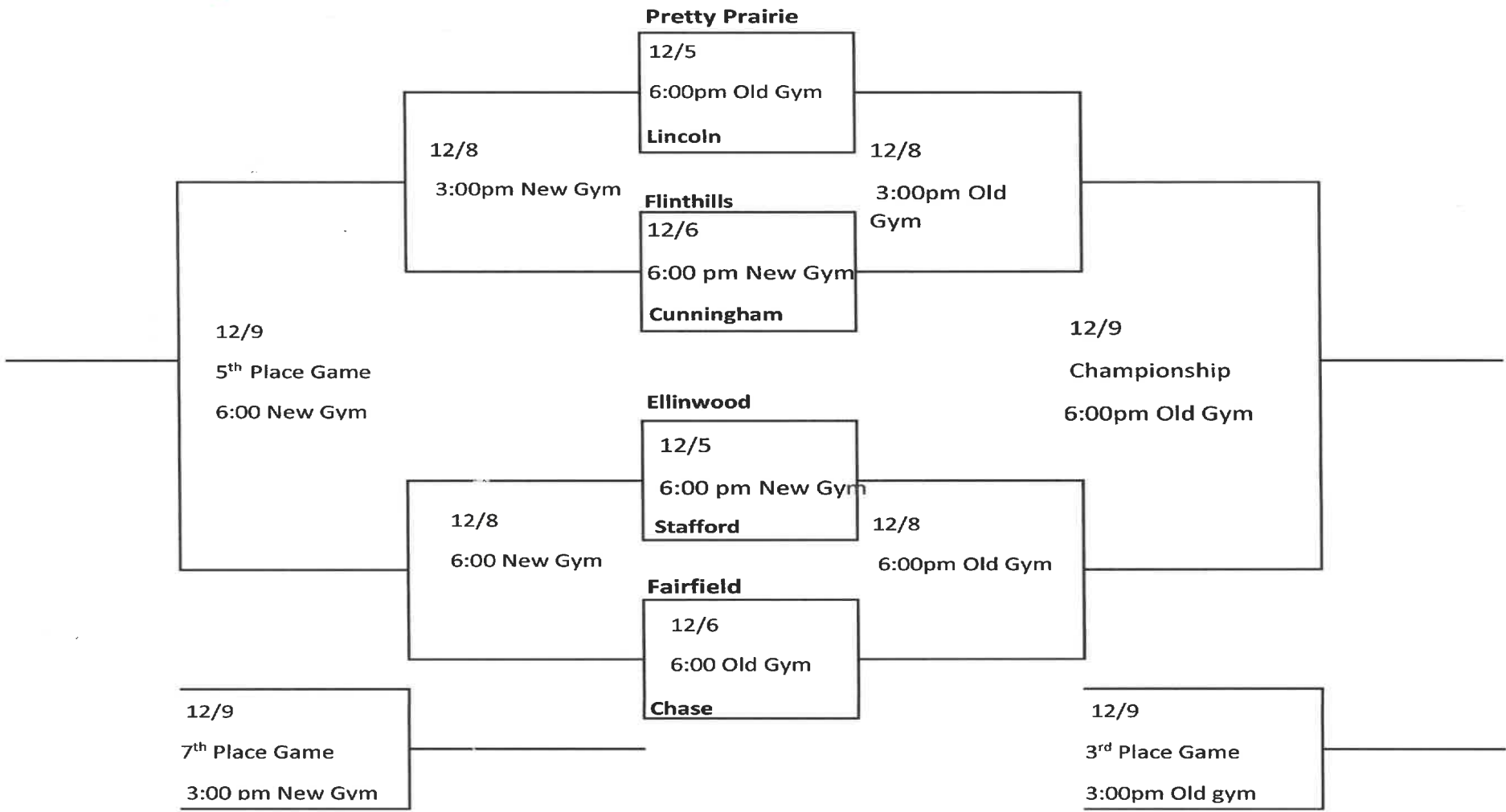
CHS Cheerleaders at the State Championship



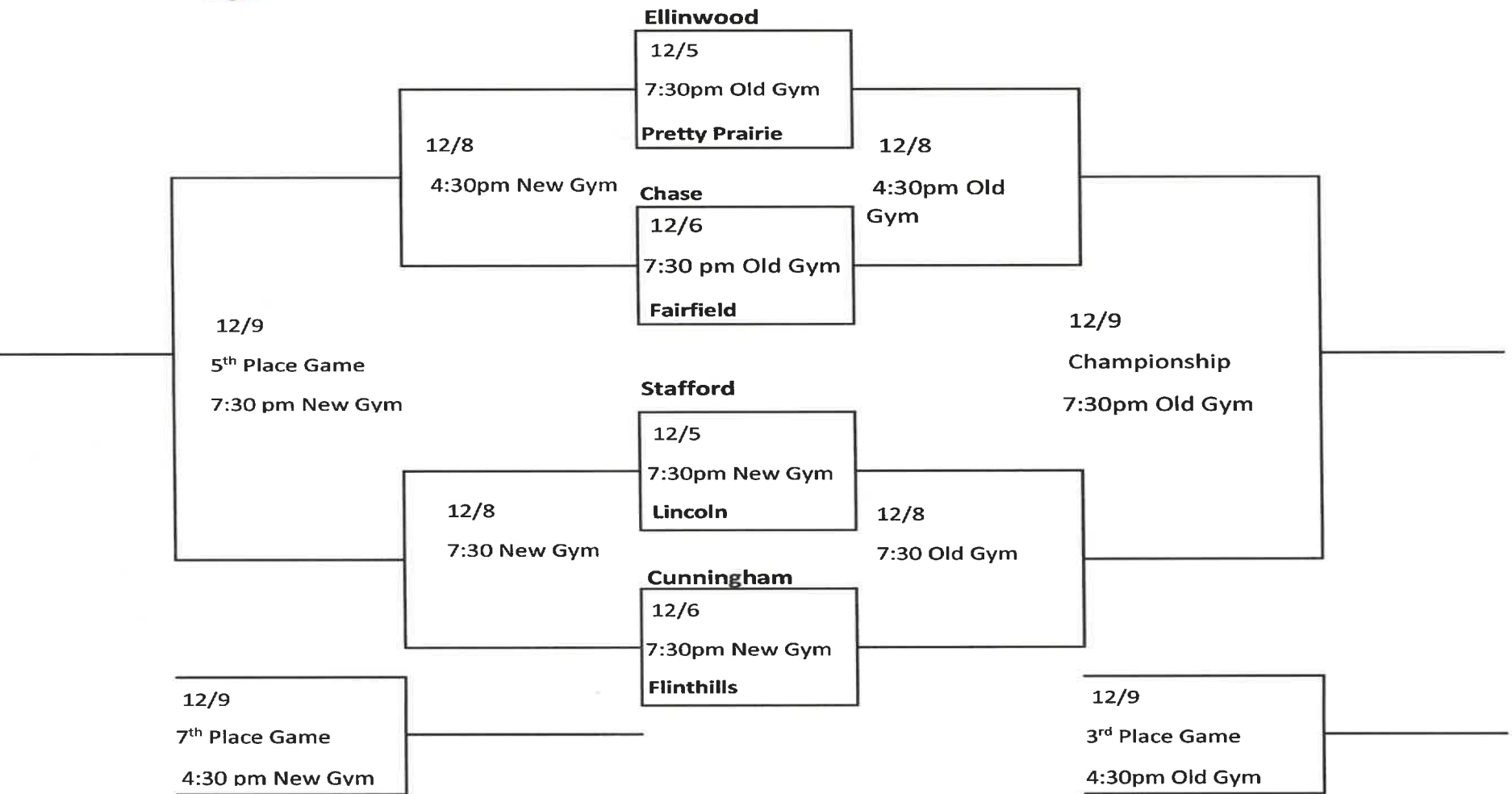
Taylor Schultz, Elizabeth Paris, Brianna Dittmer, Hannah Ellis, MatilynJump, Maranda Lohrke

Falcon Classic Begins December 5th

2022 Falcon Classic (Girls)



2022 Falcon Classic (Boys)



Those Winning Wildcats

photos by Molly Morgan



Luke Albers



Trent Schnittker



Luke McGuire



Will Wegerer



Trey DeWeese, Jack Ruckle,
Trent Schnittker



Dagim Reed



Lane Halderson and Trent Schnittker



Trey DeWeese



Luke McGuire



Lane Halderson



Trent Schnittker and Jack Ruckle



Celebration!



'Tis the Season for an Artist, an Open House, and a Group of Carolers



Courier photos



Kerri Stiefen photos





guided Kansas Farm Bureau for the past eight years with steady hand, a calm demeanor and an artful grace that has led to our organization reaching new heights. I have had the honor and privilege to a front-row seat at the board table. I consider Rich a friend and, more importantly, a mentor. I have watched as he has provided leadership and guidance on issues and made decisions that will affect our organization, our state and all of agriculture for years to come. I believe President Felts has left Kansas Farm Bureau in the best position we have ever been in and laid a foundation to ensure success in the future.

Personally, I have been able to seek Rich's wisdom and opinion on many things, and he has always been gracious and thoughtful. I have always taken heed of his advice, and I hope I can offer others the same leadership and experience. I am not sure I have ever been around someone as caring, dedicated, gracious or as empathetic as President Felts. He is truly the living example of servant leadership; I wish there were more leaders like him. You will never find anyone who cares more for Kansas Farm Bureau or agriculture.

I wish everyone could know the hours and miles Rich has put into representing Kansas Farm

Bureau. He has been the face of the organization; one we were proud to have representing farmers and ranchers. I doubt there is anyone who came in contact with Rich who was not better because of it.

While I understand his decision to step down and spend more time with his wife, Shirley, and the rest of their family, I hope Rich knows how much all of us will miss him both as the head of Kansas Farm Bureau and as a person. I also know he will still be around and always just a phone call away, which is reassuring. I will also miss Shirley equally as much. If a greeting from Shirley can't brighten your day,

you are in bad shape. Her joy and happiness are always contagious.

President Felts will leave a tremendous legacy in the organization and in its future. Generations will be able to make better decisions and advocate for our way of life because of his leadership and for that we will be forever grateful. I know this is not goodbye and we will still see each other, but not nearly enough. I also know that Rich will probably not be comfortable with all of this attention, and that is part of what makes him a truly amazing individual.

Rich and Shirley, I hope you enjoy your well-deserved rest but please also know how

much we all appreciate your dedication and sacrifice in the name of Kansas Farm Bureau and agriculture in general. We are all better for knowing you.

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News from Kansas
Farm Bureau

A large banner for 'Newspaper Fun!' featuring cartoon animals and the text 'Our school holiday concert is... ..tonight. Everyone is coming!' and 'Kids: color stuff in!'.

Helping Hands
Our Communities

Read these clues to fill in the puzzle with activities that families are doing together:

1. _____ with family, friends to celebrate holiday traditions
2. _____ stockings, then waiting for Santa to come
3. _____ events and selling items to raise money
4. _____ coats, hats and gloves to keep others warm
5. _____ gifts for friends and family
6. _____ and decorating cookies
7. _____ holiday books together
8. _____ latkes for Hanukkah
9. _____ candles on the Kinara (a special candleholder) for Kwanzaa
10. _____ stories and teaching their holiday traditions
11. _____ joyous songs
12. _____ the elderly or ill to bring small gifts and cheer
13. _____ their homes with lights, greens, flowers, fruits
14. _____ family, friends and neighbors good health and happy holidays
15. _____ socks, candy and notes to send to soldiers and sailors serving far away

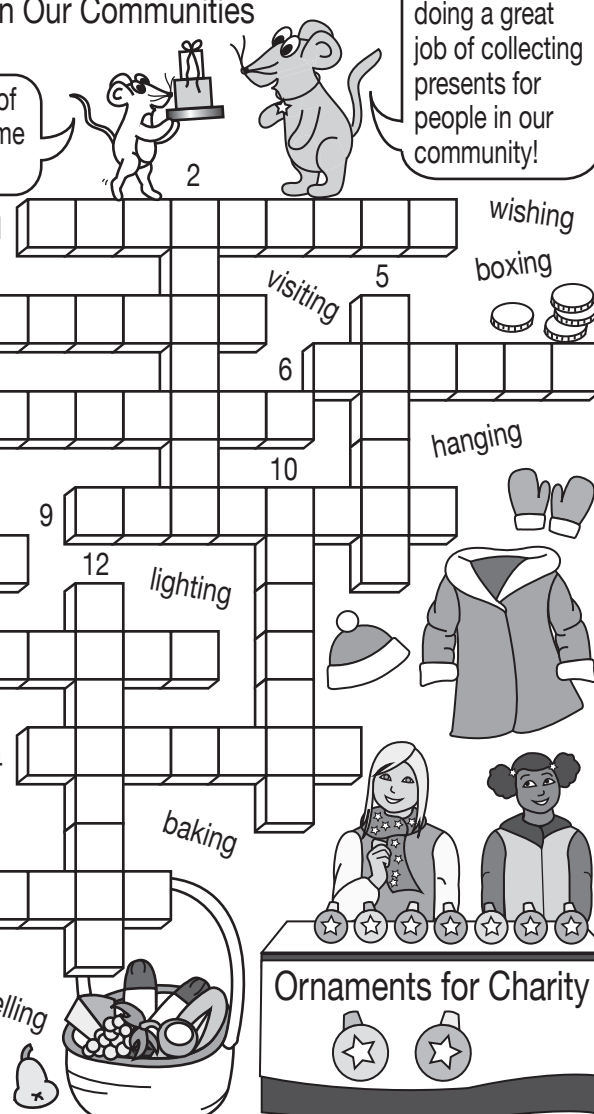
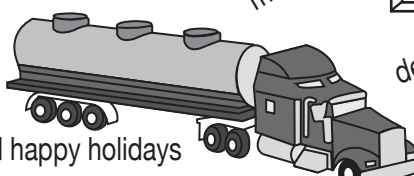
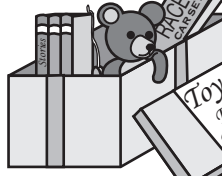


I really like the hustle and bustle of December days. Clothing and food drives are in full swing. Bells are ringing, choirs are singing and orchestras are stringing together festive holiday tunes.

People are making gifts and shopping for presents. Families are decorating their homes with candles, greens, fruits and flowers. They are baking special treats and sharing meals with family and friends. What is your family doing this month?


Star, here's another stack of donated gifts – a sweater, some candles and gift certificates!

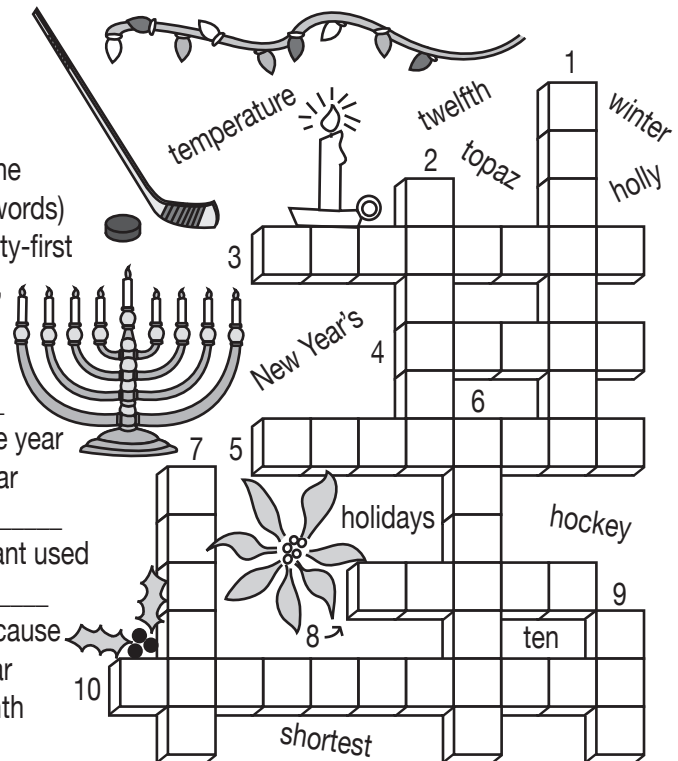
Wow! You're doing a great job of collecting presents for people in our community!



December is a month chock full of holidays, events, parties, concerts and goodwill toward other people all over the world.

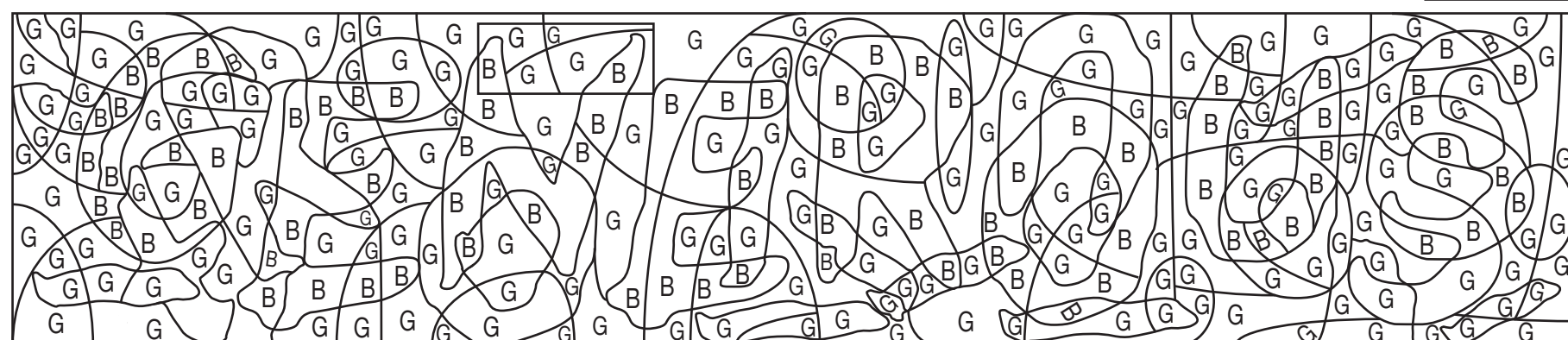
This puzzle is all about December fun! Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. _____ eve is celebrated on the
last evening of the month (2 words)
2. first day of _____ is the twenty-first
3. has many _____: Christmas,
Hanukkah, Las Posadas and
Kwanzaa
4. birthstone or gemstone is _____
5. includes the _____ day of the year
6. is the _____ month of the year
7. has football, basketball and _____
8. birth flower and traditional plant used
during the holiday season: _____
9. December means _____, because 
in the ancient Roman calendar
December was the tenth month
10. the _____ drops

[illegible]

'Tis the season to lend a hand and pitch in at toy, food or clothing drives. With all the holidays in the month of December, it is a time to spread the joy that comes with giving. It is a time to be:

Color Key: B = Blue
G = Green



(Answers on page 10)

Do Dogs Dream?

by Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM, DACVIM

Whether or not dogs dream isn't known with scientific certainty, but it sure is difficult to imagine that they don't. We've all watched our dogs demonstrate behaviors in their sleep that resemble what they do in a fully awake state. Paddling legs, whining, growling, wagging tails, chewing jowls, and twitching noses inspire us to wonder what our dogs are dreaming about.

What we know about dogs and dreams

While our knowledge on this topic is very limited, the following known information helps us believe that dogs do indeed experience dreams. According to MIT News, Matthew Wilson, a professor of neuroscience at MIT, and Kenway Louie, a graduate student in 2001, have studied the relationships between memory, sleep and dreams. They found that when rats were trained to run along a circular track for food rewards, their brains created a distinctive firing pattern of neurons (brain cells). The researchers repeated the brain monitoring while the rats were sleeping. Low and behold, they observed the same signature brain activity pattern associated with running whether the rats were awake or asleep. In fact, the memories played at approximately the same speed during sleep as when the rats were awake.

Can we apply this to dogs?

Can we take what is known about dreaming in rats and humans and apply the information to dogs? Wilson believes that we can. "My guess is — unless there is something special about rats and humans — that cats and dogs are doing exactly the same thing," he said, according to USA Today's website.

It is known that the hippocampus, the portion of the brain that collects and stores memories, is wired much the same way in all mammals. According to healthday.com, Professor Wilson says, "If you compared a hippocampus in a rat to a dog; in a cat to a human, they contain all of the same pieces." He believes that as dogs sleep, images of past events replay in their minds, much the same way people recall experiences while dreaming.

In people it is known that most dreams occur during REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, according to the National Institutes of Health. Dogs also experience periods of REM sleep. Psychology Today's website says that during REM their breathing becomes more irregular and shallow. There may be muscle twitching during REM and, when one looks closely, rapid eye movements behind closed eyelids can often be observed. It is during REM sleep that behaviors thought to be associated with dreaming (legs paddling, twitching, vocalizing, etc.) are most commonly observed.

What we want to believe about dog dreams

When we observe our dogs as they sleep, it's just about impossible to imagine that they are not dreaming. Just like the rats studied by Wilson and Louie, it is tempting to believe that our four-legged best buddies are reenacting their recent experiences; playing at the dog park, sniffing in the woods, chewing on a treasured bone, and chasing squirrels.

The National Institutes of Health says that Sigmund Freud theorized that dreaming was a "safety valve" for our unconscious desires. Perhaps he is correct, and, when our dogs sleep, they dream about catching the neighbor's pesky cat, continuous belly rubs in conjunction with unlimited dog treats, and stealing the Thanksgiving turkey from the dining room table.

"Just because I can communicate with cats doesn't mean they'll actually listen to me." ~Jaron Greenberg, pet psychic
— JD Ruskin

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels
- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS

P.O. Box 103
Kingman KS 67068

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Violet

Sponsored by Baker Accounting

Female American Blue Heeler / Cattle Dog
12.6 pounds
6 months old
Adoption Fee: \$200.00
Intake Date: Sept. 12, 2022
Violet wants to be somebody's lap dog.

Eclipse

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Male Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 3 pounds
6 months +
Adoption Fee: \$75.00
Intake Date: August 3, 2022

Sammy

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Male
Age 6 months+
Adoption Fee: \$10.00
Intake Date: November 14, 2022

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating for the holidays!

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

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

We're gathering gifts for kids!

December 1

December 2

December 3

December 4

December 5

December 6

December 7

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December 15

December Days!

December is a month chock full of holidays, events, parties, concerts and goodwill toward other people all over the world.

Remember to spend time with your pets too!

Thanks!

Ornaments for Charity

December is a time to spread the joy that comes with giving. It is a time to be:

GENEROUS

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Approved Minutes from October's City Council Meeting

(con't from front page)

Board will meet on November 17, 2022 to discuss new permit applications.

Maintenance Report – Mesa gave the maintenance report. *A dead tree on Main Street and a dead pine tree near the park restrooms have been removed. Mesa rented a stump grinder from Mead Lumber to com-

pletely remove the trees. *More auto read meters have been installed. *SCTelcom is beginning work to bury a fiber optic line for phone and internet customers. *Fuel shut off solenoid was replaced in the 1550 mower. It seems to have solved the issue. *KDHE did a surprise inspection of the burn pit. Results were emailed to the Clerk, and the inspector found no illegal dumping or trash. *Central Tank & Coating is due to inspect the water tower. They have not returned calls to schedule the inspection. *Mesa has

been in contact with the Well #2 project contractor. He is unsure of when they will begin work. *Love's Travel Stop cut down brush around their ditches and asked the City for help in hauling it off. *Mesa would like to attend a KRWA training on the Federal Lead and Copper Rule.

Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to add Mesa Sallee as an authorized user to Clerk Fund account at Ninnescah Valley Bank. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to ap-

prove Mesa Sallee as a debit card holder on the Clerk Fund account at Ninnescah Valley Bank. Motion carried, 4/0.

Financial Report – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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Minutes from the Kingman County Canvassers Meeting on November 15th

Canvasser Foley called the Kingman County Canvass of the November 8th, 2022 General Election to order at 8:30 a.m. on November 15th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Presnt: Fred Foley, Canvasser; Jerry Henning, Canvasser; Jack Thimesch, Canvasser; Carol Noblit, County Election Officer; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Carol Noblit, County Election Officer presented the November 8, 2022 General Election day results to the Board of Canvassers.

Ms. Noblit presented 42 provisional ballots to the Board of Canvassers and the following results were given by the Board:

Partial Ballots Counted 15

Full Ballots Counted 9

Ballots not Counted 18

Ms. Noblit took the ballots to be counted by the Counting Board.

Canvasser Foley recessed the County Canvass at 9:02 a.m.

Canvasser Foley reconvened the County Canvass at 12:03 p.m.

Ms. Noblit presented the final canvass of votes cast for approval with the provisional votes added.

MOTION: Canvasser Thimesch moved to accept the Kingman County Canvass for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Canvasser Henning sec-

onded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Board of Canvassers.

MOTION: Canvasser Henning moved to close the County Board of Canvassers meeting at 12:20 p.m. Canvasser Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Board of Canvassers.

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on November 15th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on November 15th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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

Visitors: Patrick Elpers; Larry Landwehr

Online Visitors: Shanna Henry; Caller 0l; Heather Kinsler; Macay Ewy; Joyce.

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Foley asked

if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioners would like to have an executive session with Stan Goetz.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with addition of an executive session with Stan Goetz. Commissioner Henning 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 suggested that the Commissioners stay sted fast.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in and gave the Commissioners an update.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he used the new gas detector for the first time and it detected where Kansas Gas reader could not.

Mr. Ewy discussed that he had bid on radios but was out bid on them.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that the county has received a \$2000 grant from KCAMP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve that Mr. Ewy could use the \$2000 grant to purchase items. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer went over the financials with the Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director

was in with Resolution 2022-R15.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R15, A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT 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 Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed the County Christmas Dinner that will be hosted by County Commissioners. The Commissioners would like all employees to attend the Christmas Dinner on December 16th, 2022 and will have the County offices close at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Goetz and Mr. Ritcha discussed that there was a hearing last week on a bad property in Murdock.

The judge gave the individual 60 days to get the property cleaned up and a fine.

Mr. Goetz requested a vacation leave extension. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the vacation leave extension for Mr. Goetz. Chairman Foley 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 11:03 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:13 a.m.

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

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:13 a.m. no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:13 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:18 a.m.

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

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:18 a.m. no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

Black Hills Energy- Repair possible leaking natural gas line between Section 9 & 10, Township 27, Range 5 (Evan).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed purchasing mowers and August of 2023 would be an estimated delivery date.

Commissioners would

like to go out for bid on the mowers.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed SW 70 Street road damage with the Commissioners.

Mr. Ritcha let the Commissioners know that he is sending correspondence to the windfarm.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the W.3-8.0 SE 10 St River Bridge and FF.4-24.0 Bridge SW of Norwich.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the propane tank relocation for radio tower placement at the landfill.

The County Clerk submitted the November 7th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the November 7th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to remain members of the Kingman Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Henning 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 12:03p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 20th	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	9000 E Hay 54, Murdock
Traffic / Debris in Roadway	N Lasalle St & E D Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	350 N Main, Kingman
Suspicious Person	NE 50 St & NE 160 Ave, Cheney
Monday, November 21st	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	1700 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Person	327 N Douglas, Cunningham
Tuesday, November 22nd	
Traffic Stop	4
Traffic Complaint	2000 West Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	16000 East Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	5000 East Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle	9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Suspicious Activity	14242 NE 20 St, Cheney
Suspicious Vehicle	E Hwy 42 & SE 50 Ave, Norwich
Trespassing	14242 NE 20 St, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	521 West G Ave, Kingman

Wednesday, November 23rd	
Traffic Complaint	1000 West Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Debris in Roadway	4000 East Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	1330 West D Ave, Kingman
Thursday, November 24th	
T Traffic Complaint	NE 100 Ave & East Hwy 54, Murdock
Traffic Complaint	7000 West Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Debris in Roadway	N Hwy11 & West Hwy 54, Kingman
Friday, November 25th	
Traffic Stop	5
Traffic Complaint	4762 NW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	3602 West Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic / Debris in Roadway	4000 East Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 100 St & SW 10 Ave, Spivey
Suspicious Person	NE 70 St & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Saturday, November 19th	
Traffic Stop	3
Traffic Complaint	NW 50 St & N Hwy 11, Kingman
Suspicious Person	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on November 21st

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on November 21st, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor;

Visitors: Patrick Elpers; Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier

Online Visitors: None as online wasn't available.

Staff: Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Amber Hartley,

Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to have an executive session with Stan Goetz.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with addition of an executive session with Stan Goetz. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

No comments were made.

Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the tax statements will be issued by November 30th, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:42 a.m. with Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director

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 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:00 a.m. no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:02 a.m. with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser 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 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:20 a.m. no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:24 a.m. with Amber Hartley, County Appraiser 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 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:43 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:45 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas

Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed Projected Hot Mix prices for 2023, updated the Commissioners on the FLAP letting schedule, gave an update on the FAS #12 Tentative Deck Pour Schedule of December 3rd, 2022 and an update on FF.4-24.0 Deck Pour scheduled for November 21 and 22.

Commissioners discussed the EMC bill received for a prior law suit that Kingman County owes for representation.

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

Sheriff Hill submitted his resignation/retirement from Kingman County being December 31, 2022.

The November 15th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the November 15th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Computer Information Concepts billing for 2023 and decided to table it until the next meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Wheat Scoop: Kansas Wheat Discusses HRW Market Opportunities During Crop Quality Seminars in South America

There is something fishy happening in Ecuador, but it is a good growth opportunity in a market that already appreciates Kansas hard red winter wheat, thanks to the relationships built by Kansas Wheat and U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), the wheat industry's export market development organization.

"One of the interesting stories is that a

lot of high protein hard red winter wheat is going into fish food," said Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat Vice President of Research and Operations, who joined USW staff for a series of crop quality seminars in South America in early November. "In Ecuador, specifically, they're using it to feed shrimp. And in southern Chile, they're using it to feed salmon."

Aquaculture is a rapidly growing market in South America, thanks to imports from an equally expanding Chinese market. Salmon are top feeders, so feed pellets must float so salmon will come to the surface and eat. Shrimp are the opposite — they are bottom feeders — but feed pellets still need to sink slowly. HRW wheat fits the bill in helping with buoyancy and providing high protein content.

"They use high pro-

tein HRW wheat because they want higher protein content for the fish food," Harries said. "They can also use soybean meal, but wheat has a viscosity that makes the pellet float. So that's a market we'll certainly be exploring and making sure we're getting them the product they want to meet these needs."

Fish food was a hot topic during the USW crop quality seminars, but the main event featured the results of the 2021 Crop Quality Report, the latest in a series of reports by USW. Each year, the organization gathers thousands of samples throughout the harvest season and at export locations to analyze for wheat, flour and end-product qualities. These results are compiled into an overall report for all six wheat classes and broken down into individualized reports by

wheat class.

After the report is finalized, USW conducts crop quality seminars to dive deep into the information with global customers, like the ones Harries participated in this November in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. Harries also discussed prospects for next year's wheat crop and addressed challenges from the strength of the U.S. dollar, high competition from corn and soybean exports, problems on the Mississippi River, potential rail strikes and other issues.

"In terms of HRW wheat, we had good news to deliver as far as the quality of the crop — just excellent milling and baking quality," Harries said. "Of course, the downside of that is price. The market competitiveness of hard red winter wheat is just not great right now."

While the seminars provide a wealth of information, they also allow state wheat commission staff, U.S. farmers and USW staff a chance to meet with the best customers for U.S. wheat. In Colombia, Harries had the chance to reconnect with millers that had traveled to Kansas as part of trade teams — some as recently as this past summer and some from a decade earlier. These relationships, when combined with transparent crop quality data, help secure long-lasting, steady customers.

"These meetings are important because when you meet face-to-face, the buyer can sense the transparency that we provide to our marketplace," Harries said. "We don't pull the wool over their eyes; we tell them exactly how things are in person so they can judge our message. And I think

they do have confidence in us."

Whether HRW is destined for fish food or bread, the trading relationships built through this exchange of information help build lasting markets for Kansas wheat producers in South America.

"This is a set of customers that really like U.S. wheat and they're looking for value opportunities," Harries said. "They're trying to get creative on how they use U.S. wheat, whether it's in blends or their milling process, but they like the quality of wheat and they try to make it work, even if the price is high."

Learn more about how Kansas Wheat works with U.S. Wheat Associates to promote HRW around the world at <https://kswheat.com/international-buyers>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

K-State, Kansas Corn Set Schedule for Annual Kansas Corn School

Series focuses on updating growers across the state

MANHATTAN, Kan. – A popular educational series that provides training and updated information for corn producers in the Midwest is scheduled to kick off in January.

K-State Research and Extension agronomist Ignacio Ciampitti said registration is now open for the 2023 Kansas Corn School, which will be held in four locations beginning Jan. 12. An online session is also scheduled for early February.

The schedule includes:

Jan. 12 – Oakley. Buffalo Bill Cultural Center (3083 US Highway 83). 9 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. Local sponsor: Western Plains Energy.

Jan. 13 – Salina. Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc. (1525 E. North Street). 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local sponsors: The Andersons and Ag Risk Solutions.

Jan. 19 – Mayetta. Prairie Band Casino (12305 150h Road). 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local sponsors: The Andersons and Ag Risk Solutions.

Jan. 20 – Parsons. Southeast Research-Extension Center (25092 Ness Road). 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local sponsors: Ag Risk Solutions and Heritage Tractor.

Feb. 2 – Virtual Corn School. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Register at <https://ks-corn.com/cornschoo> to receive a Zoom link. Local sponsor: Ag Risk Solutions.

"Our main purpose," Ciampitti said, "is to provide in-depth training targeted for corn produc-

ers in the region."

He added that the issues of most concern to Kansas corn growers now include markets and cost-return; weed control; disease management; production practices; and farm policy.

"The past growing season provides us a reminder of the challenges of growing corn in our state, focusing on increasing profits and yield stability over time," Ciampitti said. "Thus, we want to emphasize and promote practices that can help farmers manage future production challenges and pursue effective avenues to increase profits."

Each school is free to attend and lunch will be provided for the in-person events. Ciampitti said continuing education credits may be available.

K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Corn are hosting the


schools with sponsorships from Pioneer and Farm Credit Associations of Kansas.

More information, registration and a detailed agenda for each event is available online at <https://kscorn.com/cornschoo>.

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Story by Pat Melgares



Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ARLENE M. ZERGER, Deceased.

Case No. KM 2022 PR 61

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 17th, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Charlene S. Childs, Linn A. Zerger, and Darrin L. Zerger, the Co-Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Arlene M. Zerger," deceased, dated January 29, 2020, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners be appointed as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 13, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.


All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Ira Oak

Ira E. Oak, 60, died Nov. 24, 2022 at his home in Penalosa, Kansas.

He was born Jan. 2, 1962, at Hutchinson, Kansas, the son of Wayne and Irael Harper Oak. He was a resident of the Penalosa community, previously of Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was a Division Lab Supervisor for Cargill.

He was a 1980 graduate of Macksville High School and Pratt Community College.

Survivors include brothers Ned (Lynn) Oak of Macksville and Jon (Tammy) Oak of Arkansas City; nephews Joshua (Connie) Oak of Montrose, Colorado and Adam (Monica) Oak of Kansas City, Missouri; nieces Kristi Oak of Larned, Marissa Oak of Wichita, Maranda (Tyler) McMichael of Marion, and Madison Oak of Overland Park; and great-nephews Bridger and Emmett Oak, Beckett and Brayson McMichael, and Remington Brown.

Per Ira’s wishes, he didn’t want a funeral but preferred a “celebration of life” party. His wishes will be fulfilled with a graveside service at Lerado Cemetery with a celebration of life party at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Livingston Funeral Home to help pay for funeral expenses.



Pat Moore

Pratt - Patricia “Pat” Ann Moore, 67, passed away Friday, November 25, 2022 at her home. She was born on January 9, 1955 in Missouri to Walter Thomas, Jr. and Vera May (Chase) Moore.

Pat graduated from Pratt High School in 1973. She then moved to Topeka and worked as a Claims Specialist for Blue Cross Blue Shield for 10 years, until moving to Pratt where she worked as a receptionist at Pratt Regional Medical Center for the past 15 years. She enjoyed creating and making jewelry, reading, singing and watching Alfred Hitchcock movies. She was a very giving and compassionate woman that held others accountable for their decisions. Pat had overcome many illnesses and was always a very upbeat and friendly person.

She is survived by her siblings, Jennifer Lee Lambert of Medicine Lodge, Danny Ray (Diana) Moore of Inman, Peggy Jean (Bradley) Hahn of Goddard, and Christina “Tina” Violet Hensel of Sacramento, California; cousin and bestfriend, Karen Moore of Topeka; 4 nieces; 7 nephews; 21 great-nieces; 12 great-nephews; and many other cousins, aunts and uncles.

Pat is preceded in death by her father, Walter Thomas Moore, Jr.; brother, Edward Eugene Moore; and sister, Katherine Nadine Hutchings.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be announced and held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Edward VanOrden

Edward L. VanOrden, 95, was born at his grandmother’s home in Wichita on July 14, 1927 and died Nov. 21, 2022 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman. He was the son of C. Page and Sadie Schultz VanOrden.

A longtime Kingman resident, previously of Derby, Kansas he retired from the Boeing Aircraft Quality Control Department.

In May of 1979, he married Donna Boyts Beck. Other survivors include three sons and their wives, Gary and Rita, Danny and Tracy, Marty and Deborah; daughters Kathy VanOrden and Belinda Beck; brother Mearl; sister Ruby Murray; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Graveside services were Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 at the Harper Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Wheatlands Healthcare Center in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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Dee McMillian

Diane E. “Dee” McMillian, 71, died Nov. 24, 2022 at the Hutchinson Hospital.

She was born Sept 27, 1951, at Kingman the daughter of William “Bill” and Wilma Wegerer Henning. A longtime resident of rural Hutchinson, she was a former rural mail carrier, and also worked for Mega Manufacturing and KDI.

Dee was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

On Oct. 21, 1972, she married Larry McMillian in Kingman. Other survivors include two sons and their wives Alex and Melissa, and Jared and Jordyn; brother Dennis Henning and his wife Sherri; sisters Patti Eck and Jo Sleffel and her husband Bill; and grandchildren Maverick, Laykin, Blakeley and Reese. She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law Clint Eck.

Funeral services were, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of the funeral home.

Why You Should Step Up Your Self-Care Game During the Holiday Season

(StatePoint) While the holiday season is full of fun, festivities and meaningful time spent with family and friends, it’s often accompanied by work and school deadlines, tedious to-do lists and shopping stress. Here are a few reasons to step up your self-care routine during this busy period so you can usher in the new year, happily and healthily:

Catch Some Z’s

The holidays come on the heels of the end of Daylight Saving Time, and your body may still be adjusting to the time change. Plus, with all the commitments of the season, you may be more likely to be pulling early mornings and late nights. These factors combined could be leaving you feeling drowsy during the day. Even more concerning, lack of sleep over time can contribute to a number of chronic health issues. Set yourself up for greater alertness and

better health this winter by carving out time for sufficient, high-quality sleep. Having trouble nodding off? Check out sleep aid apps that offer soundtracks, guided meditation and breathing exercises.

Gain Smile Confidence

According to a 2020 Cigna Dental Report, smile satisfaction is one of the top three drivers of self confidence among U.S. adults. So while practicing good oral care and maintaining a solid beauty and self-care routine is always important, it’s especially so during a time of year when you may be eating extra sweets and smiling more for the camera.

The good news is that you can give yourself the gift of a healthy, beautiful smile you can feel confident about, starting at an affordable price with the new Oral-B iO4 + iO5 electric toothbrush series. Multiple brushing modes offer a personalized clean, and when you brush for 2 minutes, which is what the American Dental Association recommends, the brush lights up to celebrate the accomplishment. What’s more, the iO Series 5 pro-

vides you with real-time tracking and coaching via the Oral-B app, helping you commit to better oral care throughout the holidays and beyond.

The many innovative features of an Oral-B iO toothbrush, which include a pressure sensor that helps guide optimal brushing to protect gums and teeth, will help ensure you get a purifying, clean feel like you just left the dentist. In fact, 96% of Oral-B iO users feel more confident about their oral health when using an iO brush. To learn more, visit oralb.com.

Reduce Stress

The holidays are supposed to be fun, and yet, stress often creeps its

way into the festivities. To be more present for all the joyful moments the season has to offer, keep your stress levels in check by prioritizing a bit of “me time” each day. Whether you use that time to take a brisk walk around the neighborhood, check out that fitness class you’ve been wanting to try or to curl up with a good book, you’ll be giving your mind and spirit the mental refresh that it needs.

During the season of giving, don’t neglect your own needs. For greater health and happiness, give your beauty and self-care routine a tune-up over the holidays.

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