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You Are Invited



Please join us at the Varsity basketball games Friday, January 12, to witness the opening of the time capsule

placed in the building in 1917. Three Cunningham graduates will do the honors of opening the capsule.

Joan Brady Stillwell graduated from Cunningham in 1949. She was a substitute teacher and paraprofessional in Cunningham for twenty-one years.

Beverly Weir Dewese graduated from Cunningham in 1953. She taught for over 35 years and was the librarian at Cunningham school for seventeen years.

Johnna Cooley Freund graduated from Cunningham in 1955. Her Father graduated in 1923 and her grandfather served on the school board in the early years.

The opening ceremony will take place at 5:45 pm in the gymnasium. Viewing the contents after the opening of the capsule will take place in the common area adjacent to the concession stand. We look forward to seeing you Friday night! Go Wildcats!

BOE Will Meet Monday Evening

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2024 7:00 p.m.

104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda (AI)

III. Guest Recognition

IV. Election of Officers

V. Approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2023, regular meeting. (AI)

VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)

VII. Reports

a. Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger

b. Principal Report- Cody Dunlap

c. Special Education Report – Dr. Arnberger

VIII. Old Business

a. Construction Project

b. Assessment and data

IX. New Business

a. Executive Session – Personnel

b. Executive Session- Negotiations

c. 2024-25 Calendar

d. Administrative Contracts

e. KASB Policy updates

X. Adjournment

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 18, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Trish Demis, Julie Lyon

Online Visitors: User 01; Caller 01; Robert Casad

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Sheriff Brent Wood.

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.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Dale Enyart thought that the City Commission meeting was childish after Commissioner Thimesch left. The meeting went down hill after he left.

Commissioner Thimesch said that he delivered the letter from the County Commissioners to the City Commissioners and then brought up

the fence down at the rodeo grounds.

Commissioner Thimesch said that after seeing the figures on the EMS that it just makes sense for the County to take over EMS when they contribute the most to the expenses.

Chairman Henning said that the Expo Center is a big draw to bring people to Kingman and contribute to economic development.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to mention that the City has submitted matching funds to the movement of Prairie Land Partners.

Larry Landwehr said that the City has lied and if people see him lying hold him to the fire.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that the Auditors plan to be here on April 4th, 2024 to do the audit.

Ms. Stegman gave the Commissioners a recap of the Motorola Radio Tower and that it has been finalized.

Commissioner Thimesch said that he was pleased with work that everyone did to get this done.

Ms. Stegman discussed the Commodities pickup with the Commissioners and asked if it can be combined with the Council on Aging.

Commissioners would like to have her talk to Council on Aging about including it with their budget.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to discuss an NRP Extension for Shawn Parsons. It is his first request.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Shawn Parsons. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stucky was in to request and extension for Arland Stephens NRP and it is his first request.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the NRP extension for Arland Stephens. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman continued to go over November financials with the County Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss the purchase of a new server and requested using some of her 2023 excess funds to purchase.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of a new server for the Register of Deeds with excess 2023 budget funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department report for November 27-December 15, 2023.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the Southcentral Coalition for Public Health Inservice that is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Ms. Schwartz and Ms. Stegman discussed US Bank for the Health Department funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R17,

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss a road closing that was requested for SE 30 St and after research it was found that it has been closed since November 9th, 1883.

Mr. Goetz submitted a breakdown of homes built in the area of the windfarms.

Commissioners discussed the windfarms and that they cannot tell a landowner what they can or cannot do with their property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha at 10:30 a.m. to discuss employee evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. with

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve an Employees use of Policy 29.4-29.7. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R18, **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 HOURLY NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE PAY SCHEDULE AND PAY MATRIX.** Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Robert Casad called in to give an update on the district and the steps they are taking.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works

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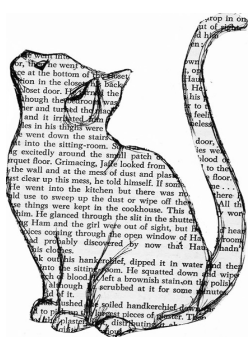
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Meanderings

Nope. No Social Security reimbursement yet. If it isn't straightened out by the 3rd of February, I have backup. Serious backup. It will, no doubt,

send the message to SSA not to mess with me. HA!
As I'm looking through the old newspapers from the 70's and 80's I can't believe how young my friends and I looked! Wow! Did we really look that young and athletic?

Aren't the flowers on the front a breath of spring after this last week of rain and snow (and more to come)? I found these in a file labeled

'Dan's photos'. I thought it was empty, but when I opened to check, there was this photo, and I sure didn't want it to go to waste. It makes me happy just looking at it and thinking about Dan. I know many of us still miss him.

Mail rates go up on the 21st. Stamps will go up 2 cents to 68¢. Stock up on your 'Forever's' before then.

I didn't leave much

room for myself again this week. I'm getting lazy, I guess. Or maybe I'm just not on my game with the 'creative writing'.

A blizzard like last evening always makes me 'imagine' what it must have been like for my great-grandparents living on a sod house on the prairie. Let me change that... I always think about them, but I can't imagine dealing with weather like that in

that environment. Sod house, sod barn, out-house, wells for all water needs. I am just not made of the sterner stuff the Wessels were made of. Maybe it's just one of those times they had to say, "Do or die" or maybe "some body has to do it."

My cats, too, are not pioneerish in spirit; and they are unhappy stuck in the house. Dusty and Barney will go out if it's sprinkling, but this cold is bit much for them.

And you know, I'm really glad I'm not a dog who has to go outside to potty. Ol' Quin is a good sport about it. He tells me he has to go out, then he races out, potties as quickly as he can, and races back to the house. Good dog!

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Patchwork Bride" by Sandra Dallas, Roberta

Introducing Poetry from Daily Life, a New Weekly Feature from Missouri's Poet Laureate

By David L. Harrison As Missouri's 7th Poet Laureate, I asked Springfield News-Leader Editor-in-Chief Amos Bridges what he thought about establishing a regular weekly column about poetry. He liked the idea, suggested the title, and here we are, launching the new column. I hope you will start looking

for us each week in your Cunningham Courier.

The purpose for this unique new adventure is to remind us all, no matter our age, work, religion, politics, interests, ethnicities, or gender, that poetry is part of our lives. We read it, hear it, sing it, paint it, dance it, act it, and write it. When Ted Kooser was United States Poet Laureate, from 2004-2006, his regular column featuring poems and commentary reached 4.3 million readers. We may not reach that number, but one of our guest columnists is Ted Kooser.

I'll write the first column but will be followed by at least three dozen

other poets across the country who have agreed to write guest columns. They may share their own poems or ones they like by other poets, or give you a tip about writing your own poem, or suggest some good books to read. How they write their guest columns is up to them. One thing they share in common is that they are all top-notch, well-known, favorite poets.

In addition to a former U.S. Poet Laureate, you'll meet Margarita Engle (former Young People's Poet Laureate), Karen Craigo and Maryfrances Wagner (former Missouri Poet Laureates), Jane

Yolen (recipient of a Caldecott Medal, two Nebula Awards, two Christopher Awards, and six honorary doctorate of letters), and Georgia Heard, Marilyn Singer, and Janet Wong (recipients of the Excellence in Poetry for Children's Award from National Council for Teachers of English). These are only a few of the poets you'll meet who, together, have earned a long list of honors. These poets and nearly thirty others are featured in a proposed anthology of poems that will soon be read by school librarians to students throughout our country.

Guest columns coming up in the six weeks following my opening column include Charles Ghigna (aka Father Goose) with "The Eye of the Poet"; Sandy Asher with "Try a Guided Poem"; Matt Forrest Esenwine with "What If?"; Marilyn Singer with "How to Read a Poem Aloud"; as well as Jane Yolen and Karen Craigo writing on their own chosen subjects.

The tremendous range and variety of poets in "Poetry from Daily Life" make it an exciting offering. Collectively, these gifted writers have had more than 1,000 books published and their work

is in every library of size in the United States. I hope you will join us, share with friends and family, and tell others who will also enjoy an experience that not many newspapers offer these days: the pleasure of enjoying poetry.

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Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Welcome to the 2024 edition of Pike Public Service Announcements (PPSAs.) My tendency to announce the obvious as if it were a discovery was named thus by a close friend as she described my "greatest, endearing and annoying God-given talent" to a room of other acquaintances and entertained them with examples of PPSAs. Her impromptu

routine is often quoted by our gang's members, including me, and encores have been requested every time we've gathered since. I try occasionally to curb this habit but always give up after a few hours. Whether you believe in the Almighty or not, this trait is so deeply ingrained it's hard to dispute I was endowed with it.

Paradoxically, I also learned early on that many thoughts which run through my head don't need to be said and in fact, should NOT be uttered aloud whether I am in the company of

others or alone. In light of this, friends and relatives have argued that my PPSAs are evidence, as is my left-handedness, that either my wiring was unintentionally crossed at birth or on a humorous whim by my creator, just to see how I'd turn out. Naturally, I prefer think of my PPSA proclivity as other than a manufacturing defect. Perhaps only I need to hear my PPSAs. But I do believe this is useful because though he said it in French, author Voltaire said it best, "Common sense is not all that common."

I also prefer to think

that none of us misplace our intellect and judgement on purpose. The circuits get thrown in our wits' breaker box when we get overloaded. And the holidays are only one facet of the electrifying changes that charge into our lives this time of year. Whether you celebrate or not, routines fly out the window between 12/24-1/2 and how could they not? Schools and government buildings go dark while business have altered hours or completely shut down. We eat or overeat different foods than we normally do and at all hours of the day and

night. The same is true for sleeping though many of us are so exhausted we wish we could hibernate. If we're lucky, we laugh more. But the reality is that there is more stress, heartache, and crying than we care to acknowledge, especially because the commercials aimed at our wallets depict Hallmark-perfect family gatherings and Greek goddess New Year's physiques.

So here's my first PPSA of the year:

"Christmas is over. January is here. It's cold outside. Everybody I talk to is sick, getting over

being sick, starting to get sick or just feeling plain tired out and run down."

It doesn't hurt to remember the obvious. Just because the calendar says we're well into the first month of the new year, it doesn't mean everything or everyone is back on track. We will recover, hopefully well before 2024 lights up and definitely before it flames out to leave us staring at 2025.

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



The World's Best Vegetable – for people who eat bad food

I like cheeseburgers and chocolate ice cream, salty French fries and icy cold Cokes. I enjoy what most folks would call "bad food." Bad food in the sense that it might not be so good for me. But, bad food tastes

good, so most of us eat it and ignore the dangers to our health. But what if we bad food eaters could find something to negate our gastronomical sins? What if there was an easily consumed and healthy addition that we could incorporate into our bad diets, something that might foster good health and ease our guilt? There is such a food, and I'm here to tell you about it...

Before I go any further, let me say that the following words border on what could be considered medical advice. Be advised that if you have any significant health problems or medical conditions, you should consult your doctor before

consuming the world's best vegetable. Listen to your doctor first, before taking advice from a coffee-drinking guy in a ball cap sitting behind his typewriter.

So, what is this food, the world's best vegetable? It is broccoli...or more specifically, broccoli sprouts. Why? Because broccoli sprouts offer potentially monster health benefits with minimal fuss and frustration. And unlike kale or cauliflower, you can add broccoli sprouts to anything you eat, even chocolate cake.

The benefits of broccoli sprouts can be summed up in one word – SULFORAPHANE. Sulforaphane is a phytonutrient (it activates the NRF2 compound in humans) that combats any chronic inflammatory disorder in your body. Since inflammation is typically the beginning of almost all disease, sulforaphane will help to fight anything that ails you. Sulforaphane helps balance your blood sugar. It's a powerful antimicrobial, fighting viruses and infections. Sulforaphane inhibits aging by slowing oxidation

in the body, and aides in brain repair. It is believed that sulforaphane can help prevent Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Sulforaphane has been shown to help those suffering from heart disease, and it inhibits carcinogens in the body, like Benzene (a harmful chemical that most of us have been exposed to).

It is perhaps these anti-cancer properties found in sulforaphane (and present in broccoli sprouts) that are the most exciting. So wonderful is sulforaphane that Johns Hopkins (the famous University and Medical Center) tried to obtain a patent on it several years ago. This attempt failed due to challenges in court.

Sulforaphane offers high levels of cancer protection, decreasing tumors and dismantling and detoxifying harmful chemicals and carcinogens in the body. Sulforaphane activates APOPTOSIS (a process by which cancer cells essentially commit suicide). Apoptosis is a selective toxicity that targets only cancer cells, not healthy cells – amazing, but true!

In order to grow broccoli sprouts, and provide yourself and your family with an endless supply of beneficial sulforaphane, you will need the following: one large Mason jar with a sprouting lid (with mesh wire insert which makes it easy to drain your jar), and a supply of broccoli seeds for sprouting (available online – be sure to buy organic seeds).

Start by placing approximately 2-3 tablespoons of seeds in your jar. Fill the jar with water and add a bit of apple cider vinegar – this will kill any bacteria on your seeds. Soak with water and apple cider vinegar for about 10 minutes, then drain and rinse several times. Next, fill jar again and let it sit for 8-10 hours, or overnight. After that, simply rinse your seeds repeatedly two or three times a day. Drain well each time, and shake jar so that seeds are evenly dispersed and stick to the sides. After rinsing, stand your jar upside down at an angle, so that excess water can drain. It works well if you place your jar in a bowl. Harvest your sprouts on the third or

fourth day. Seeds will sprout if jar is left on your kitchen counter. Some prefer to place jars in a dark place. If you want your sprouts to green up just a bit, you can place in the sun for a day.

When harvesting, I like to give my sprouts a final rinse, and then towel dry. They can then be stored inside a baggy or other container and placed in the fridge (some like to freeze them as well).

Your sprouts can be enjoyed with virtually any and all other foods. Add to salads or use as a topping for any dish. I like to add as a garnish on my scrambled eggs or bowl of oatmeal. Sprouts can be added to smoothies. You can use sprouts on sandwiches or anywhere you might use lettuce, or you can eat them alone.

However you use them, broccoli sprouts (and the sulforaphane they provide) are seriously good for your body. Perhaps now you can feel less guilty about that chocolate cake.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, January 11 JH BB vs. Argonia at HOME	Tuesday, January 16 Lions Club Meeting *** HS BB Boys 54 Classic at Skyline
Friday, January 12 5:45 HS Gym Opening of time capsule from school cornerstone *** HS BB vs South Barber at HOME	Thursday, January 18 JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME
Saturday, January 13 HS BB B-Team Tournament at HOME	Friday, January 19 HS BB Boys 54 Classic at Skyline
Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ** No School for Teacher inservice ***	Saturday, January 20 HS BB Boys 54 Classic at Skyline
USD 332 BOE Meeting	Monday, January 22 JH BB vs Norwich at HOME
	Tuesday, January 23 HS BB Girls 54 Classic at HOME

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Ninescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, January 15th

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Governor Kelly, Bipartisan Lawmakers Unveil Tax Cut Plan

~Group of Conservative Lawmakers Join Governor Kelly to Save Kansans \$1B Over Three Years~
TOPEKA – Today, on the first day of the 2024 legislative session, Governor Laura Kelly joined Republican State Senator John Doll and Rob Olson, Independent State Senator Dennis Pyle, and Senate Democratic Leader Dinah Sykes to unveil a comprehensive tax cut proposal that would save Kansans more than \$1 billion over three years. Unlike the other tax plan being proposed this session, a single tax rate for all taxpayers, this bipartisan plan would cut taxes for every Kansan while maintaining the state’s strong fiscal standing.

“As Kansans feel the pain of rising costs, it’s clear that we need to cut taxes. This plan provides relief for middle-class Kansans, is fiscally responsible, and keeps seniors and families in their homes – which is why it’s garnered bipartisan support,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “The other tax proposal out there – the flat tax – does relatively little for the middle class. Kansans have seen how reckless tax experiments work out, and they don’t want to go back to the days of four-day school weeks, crumbling roads, and crippling debt.”

The plan:
Cuts state property taxes for Kansas homeowners.
The bipartisan tax plan exempts the first \$100,000 in state property taxes for all Kansans

homeowners. Once fully implemented, this proposal will save the Kansas homeowners around \$100 million per year. 370,000 Kansas homeowners would pay less than \$20 annually in state property tax.

“I congratulate Governor Kelly for including in her proposal raising the exemption for the 20 mill statewide school levy to \$100,000 of appraised value,” House Democratic Leader Vic Miller said. “This is a great first step to providing long-overdue property tax relief to beleaguered Kansas homeowners.”

Entirely eliminates state taxes on Social Security income.

Kansas is currently one of eleven states that impose a state tax on Social Security benefits, resulting in seniors leaving the state in search of a lower tax burden. By eliminating the tax on Social Security income entirely, retired Kansans will save more than \$525 million in the first five years of this plan.

“Kansans work hard to be able to retire and should be able to enjoy that time without worrying about how to make ends meet,” said Senator Dennis Pyle, Kansas Senate District 1. “There’s no reason for Kansas to remain a state that taxes its retirees. I’ve signed onto this plan because eliminating the tax on Social Security benefits is a commonsense way retired Kansans can stay close to family and not feel the need to move out of the state for tax relief.”

Increases the standard deduction so Kansans pay less when filing their state income taxes.

This plan increases the standard deduction

that the vast majority of Kansans use to reduce their taxable income and overall tax bill. It raises the standard deduction for single Kansans from \$3,500 to \$5,000; for those with head of household filing status from \$6,000 to \$7,500; and for those married filing jointly from \$8,000 to \$10,000. This component of the plan will save Kansans over \$200 million in three years.

“Working, middle-class Kansans deserve our support as they feel the pinch between their wages and the rising cost of living,” said Senator Rob Olson, Kansas Senate District 23. “By increasing the standard deduction, this bill lightens the tax burden on individuals and families while ensuring our budget stays balanced.”

Immediately axes the state sales tax on groceries, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

This tax plan eliminates the state’s sales tax on groceries and ingredients by April 1 this year instead of waiting until 2025. It would also eliminate the state sales tax on diapers and feminine hygiene products.

“Kansans need us to deliver responsible tax relief that will help them afford their groceries and other necessities,” said Representative Brandon Woodard, Kansas House District 108. “The immediate elimination of the food sales tax is a commonsense plan that will put more money back into Kansans pockets now, instead of waiting until 2025.”

Provides relief for working families in need of child care.

Child care is a necessity for working parents. This tax cut package doubles the Child and Dependent Care Tax

Credit that parents can claim to help pay for child and dependent care while they work or attend school. These tax credits are estimated to save Kansas families \$18 million over three years.

“This is commonsense tax policy that will provide relief to all Kansas taxpayers. In particular, it will help more parents access affordable, high-quality child care,” said Senate Democratic Leader Dinah Sykes. “Child care is hard to find and hard to afford for too many Kansas families. That holds back moms and dads – and our economy. The child care tax credit included in this proposal is a win-win, helping employers attract better job candidates and ensuring all Kansans have the freedom to participate in our workforce.”

Creates a back-to-school state sales tax holiday.

Every August, Kansans spend a large amount of money on back-to-school shopping. To ease the pain of the additional but necessary purchases, this bipartisan plan provides tax relief on clothing, school supplies, computer software, and computers and computer supplies. This four-day tax-free holiday will save Kansans nearly \$15 million in three years.

“Our students must have the tools necessary to succeed in the classroom and be productive members of society and our workforce,” said Senator John Doll, Kansas Senate District 39. “Creating the sales tax holiday on school supplies and goods ensures Kansas students are prepared for a new school year and all their future may hold.”

“Too many Kansans are feeling the effects of rising costs,” said Representative Henry Helgeson, Kansas House District 83. “It’s crucial that we pass responsible tax cuts to support hard-working Kansans and give them some much-needed relief.”

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The Composition

By Rachel Burkum

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

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

Stars, moons, planets and galaxies...they gather to hear the music play.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The instruments re-

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

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

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

once again.

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

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

that swallows the weak, one by one.

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

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

The Earthquake Within

By Melanie Kerr

I stand sometimes, just watching them. They don't see me. I look at them as they lift their hands, palms up to the sky. I am too far away to hear their words, but I know that they are praying. I can tell that the god they pray to gives them joy. I see it in their smiles. Sometimes their shoulders shake a little as they laugh. Other times, even from where I stand, I can see them cry. They embrace each other and take their leave with gentle kisses, and walk away.

These Christians stir in me such desire and I lower my head to hide my

tears. I wish that I could be just like them. I long to be free to raise my palms and lift my face to a loving god. I yearn to pour out my words so freely, to laugh or to cry, to feel the touch of a friend. If only...

I am not free, but a slave owned by a man who doesn't care about me. I am the doorway to his riches. He thinks that the "gift" that I possess will make him rich. He doesn't see that I am a slave twice over. The other master lives inside. He is a black and evil presence, woven around my soul. He binds my spirit and crushes my heart. He is too strong for me to overcome. He grabs my tongue and forces his

own words through my lips. With my voice he unlocks the secrets of the future, spilling enough truth to carry his lies.

Of my future, he doesn't speak, but floods my mind with dark, disturbing pictures.

He pulls my body, dragging me behind a stranger. I lurch and sway, like a puppet held by invisible strings.

"These men are servants of the Most High, who are telling you the way to be saved."

Demonic words spoken through me draw a crowd of onlookers. The stranger turns and looks at me. Too many times I have seen repulsion, sometimes derision. The demon inside sniggers

at my pain. This man looks at me with compassion. He sees the monster that lives inside, but he also sees me, bound and helpless.

I have always known fear. It is in the air I breathe. This time it takes a while for me to realize that the fear I feel is not my own. The demon within is quaking, naked and exposed before the stranger's gaze.

"In the name of Jesus Christ..."

The monster inside me knows that name. Light penetrates the darkness of my prison. Pierced by that light, the demon twists and squirms and I twist with him, caught up in a grotesque dance.

"I command you to come out of her."

One last pirouette and we fall. An earthquake

within dislodges the demon. The stronghold of fear that he has build is shaken and the chains he used to bind me are shattered. He turns to reclaim his home, my soul, and recoils at the sight of a bright sword of awesome power flashing before him. Reluctantly, fearfully he kneels and then is gone.

There is a moment of silence. On the street where I lie there is a hush, a breath held waiting. Suddenly it is engulfed by voices. I can hear my master shouting. He knows the "gift" has gone and I am useless to him.

Inside, the silence lasts. Absent are the cruel whispers, dark mutterings and vile images. Everything is still and yet I feel something new inside, clean and clear,

full of hope and peace. There is another Spirit, the kindest and gentlest of beings. He is more than I can imagine. He overcomes me with love. I embrace the God I have long desired.

I open my eyes to see the stranger reaching out his hand towards me - the touch of a friend. Just for a moment, I glimpse the person the demon had seen, white and radiant with a flashing sword. Then he is just a man. They call him Paul. He and his friends are grabbed and touselled, pushed and prodded towards a prison. I remember my earthquake, see theirs and smile. It is my final glimpse into the future. My future I know well.



Catholic Churches

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

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

Father Roger Lumbré
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.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.



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



At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husband's marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, "Wella, I'va tried to treat her nice, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!"

The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go pick her up."

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet 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 or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

What: Food

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

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Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1934

January 19 – Cunningham Grade School Happenings – Miss Morine has chosen “The Magic Beanstalk” as the operetta to be given by the grades this year. April 8th is the tentative date.

The basketball team will play Penalosa at that place Friday night as a preliminary to the High game.

The town B. B. team won to basket-ball games from the Zenda club last Monday at Zenda. The second team won by a score of 23 to 19 and the first team won by a 3-point lead, the game ending 32 to 29.

On the first team Cunningham was using three newcomers to the oil fields, Rex Kiff at forward, “Melt” Ingram, forward, and Jack Smith at guard with two locals, Alfred Tharp, guard, and William Slattery at center.

Tharp was high point man with his score running up in the “teens.”

For Rent: Guns, Sewing Machines, and Vacuum Sweepers – Fee Hardware Co.

1939

January 20 – Isabel Man Killed in Accident – Last Saturday evening a very grave experience happened to Mrs. Earl Thompson of Isabel when she with her husband Earl were headed for Medicine Loge with a load of gasoline and oil.

They were about 7 miles south of Isabel and were coming down a hill when all at once their headlights flashed on a truck load of cattle that was parked on a narrow bridge. Seeing that it was either hit the cattle truck or the bridge which was too narrow to pass on, Earl chose what he thought was their safest and only chance by going over the grade. Due to the quick tightening of the brakes and the heavy load they had on their oil truck, the truck rolled over twice, throwing Mrs. Thompson clear but pinning Earl under the wreckage.

It is believed he was instantly killed.

Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Glenn of Cunningham and has lived all her life near Cunningham until her marriage nearly two years ago.

Bob Maxedon left two weeks ago for Clay Center, Nebraska, where he joined the orchestra, The Melody Boys, heard over KMMJ. Bob is a Saxophonist. The Orchestra travels a part of the time.

A merchant asked a farmer if he had seen the large sign recently erected. The farmer replied, “No, but if you will have a copy of the sign put in the newspaper and sent to my home where I do my reading, I will be glad to look it over.”

1944

1944 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

January 21 – The community was shocked Wednesday by the sudden death of Roy Huffman, a resident of this community for 38 years.

Mr. Huffman came to Cunningham in 1911 to assume his duties as Santa Fe depot agent, a position he maintained throughout the years until his retirement three years ago.

A native of the Goddard community, he had previously worked in the Cunningham station in 1907, but left here for Springfield, Missouri, where he was employed at the Western Union for several months. In 1908 he came to Kingman to work as telegraph operator in the Santa Fe offices, where he remained until his coming to Cunningham in 1911.

1954

January 14 – The sudden and untimely passing of Miss Beverly Ann Amick, lovely twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Amick, comes as a great shock and grief to this community.

Miss Amick, a sophomore in the School of Journalism at Kansas State College at Manhattan, died Monday night at St. Mary’s Hospital in Manhattan, as the result of injuries sustained in a car wreck occurring one mile east of Manhattan on U.S. Highway 24-40.

David Schnittker, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker of St. Leo, underwent a major operation, Monday evening, in the Pratt County Hospital, for the removal of an open safety pin from his stomach. He had swallowed the pin last Saturday, but it lodged

in his stomach, and the operation was required for its removal. He is recovering very satisfactorily.

Mr. Alphons “Tuffy” Liebl and Mr. Harold Stark have the ownership and management of the K-T Service Station, and are operating it under the firm Liebl and Stark’s K-T Service.

Darrel McNamar, who was a former employee of Raney’s Trucking Service, assumed the management of the Standard Service Station at the east city limits, and is operating it under the name of McNamar’s Standard Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stone and son of Wichita, are the new proprietors of the HiWay Café, and have assumed the operation of the eating place under the same name of HiWay Café.

The Cunningham High School basketball team registered their seventh win of the current season by easily defeating Zenda High School, 85 to 27, here last Friday evening. The Wildcatters have suffered two losses thus far in this season’s play.

Cunningham’s starting line-up was in the game for the entire first period, and also played about two minutes at the start of the first quarter. Wally Becker sparked the Wildcatter scoring attack with 24 points, followed by Billy DeWeese with 16, Victor Becker with 16, and Ronnie Adelhardt with 12.

1959

January 15– Construction progress is, and will be booming in Cunningham during the next few months.

Construction has practically been completed on the West Café, located at the west city limits of town. Builder and owner, Roy Ellis has leased the air-conditioned building to Mrs. Elaine Archibald of Kingman. Mrs. Archibald expects to open the café before the end of January.

Melvin Oller has started construction of a building in the northeast part of town. A. J. Gillen is laying the rock at the building site.

A tentative location of the new co-op elevator in Cunningham was revealed this week by Santa Fe Agent Ted Hazlett.

The elevator proper (250,000 bushel capacity) will be located across the main track south and just west of the present Gano Grain Corp. elevator. Mr. Hazlett said the co-op elevator office and scales will be located across the main track south of the depot.

The Santa Fe will build a “loop” line from their main track to accommodate the new elevator facilities. Co-op officials have requested enough track for 18 cars, making the loop about three blocks long.

Delmer Huffman expects to start construction as soon as possible on the new Cunningham Post Office.

1964

January 16– The Kingman County School Planning Board will hold five meetings throughout the county during the next two weeks. These meetings are being held by the board in an attempt to give the people of Kingman County a little clearer picture of the state school unification law under which the board is operating, and on the individual school districts throughout the county. The board also expects to get information and opinions from those present at these meetings in regard to the desires of the people on the unification matter.

Members of the county planning board are Joe Strong of Nashville (chairman), Otis Koon of Norwich, Evan Thornhill of Cunningham, and Bill Klaver, Karl Koch, and Dr. George Wallace, all of Kingman.

Sixty-one of 91 high school students had perfect attendance records for the second six-weeks period of the current school year, with 41 students maintaining perfect attendance for full 12 weeks.

The high school basketeers scored their second straight win and third victory of the current season here last Friday night with a 75 to 41 romp over Arlington.

Four Cunningham players got into double figures in the Wildcat scoring attack, with Jim Cain leading the quartet with 18 points, Kenny Kerschen and Elmer Adelhardt each chipped in 14 points, and Gerald Schnittker came up with 12.

1969

January 16 – Scott Whitmer, Kenneth Dirks, Sheryl Fisher, and Eddie McGuire, all of Nashville-Zenda High School, and Kandi Bradley of Cunningham High School, accompanied by Eddy Emerson, N-Z instrumental instructor, attended an instrument clinic at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Saturday.

The Cunningham Wildcats won their fourth straight Golden Plains League game last Friday night at Hardtner, edging the Tornados, 57 to 55.

John McCune paced the Wildcat scoring with 22 points.

Over 200 persons, including several from Cunningham, attended a seven-county area meeting of the newly-created Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Organization in Kingman a week ago Tuesday evening.

The formation of the RC&D organization embracing seven counties in south central Kansas is the first such group to organize in Kansas but not in the nation. Purpose for the organization is to help small-urban rural areas develop their full potential in joining together in large multi-county groups, the strength of one segment strengthens the whole area and the problems of one area become the concern of all.

The RC&D movement got started in Harper County, with surrounding counties invited to join in. Kingman County was one of the last counties to join the group.

Committee members of the Kingman County segment will present a program of information at the next regular meeting of the Cunningham Lions Club, Monday evening, Jan. 20, at Mary’s Hi-Way Café.

1974

January 17 - The Clipper begins publication again.

Mrs. Dean (Marie) Mantooth has been appointed the news reporter for the Cunningham Clipper, it was announced this week by Clipper publisher Chuck Barnes.

A resident of Cunningham for more than 20 years, Mrs. Mantooth graduated from Zenda High School and taught in the Zenda schools. She attended college at Friends University in Wichita and at Emporia State Teachers College.

Kandis Bradley, daughter of Mrs. Arlene Bradley, Box 185, Cunningham has accepted a position as a laboratory x-ray technician at the Elk River Clinic, Elk River, Minnesota.

Kandis has just graduated from the Northwest Institute of Medical Laboratory Technique, and is beginning her career immediately.

Osborn boy on president’s honor roll. Kenneth Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Osborn of Cunningham, has been named to the Presidents Honor roll at Kansas Technical Institute, salina, Kansas. The students must acquire a 3.0 grade average () on the 4.0 system to achieve this distinction. Kenneth is enrolled in the two-year Electronic Technology program at the institute.

1979

January 18 –I would like to commend Lori Rohr, Brenda Vierthaler, Rhona Ruckle, Donna Beat, and Kim House for their efforts on the press in the third and fourth quarters. Melva Oller, Nancy Kerschen, and Gayla Golden did not see much action in the second half, but through the second quarter they added the impetus necessary to make the comeback in the second half. Top scorer was Rhonda Ruckle with 19 points. Donna Bat led the team with 14 rebounds, most of them coming in the third quarter, stopping the Haviland offense from a second and third try at the basket. -Coach Skip Herd

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Huhman announce the birth of Brent Allen who arrived at Kingman Community Hospital Jan. 8 and weighed 9 lb. 12 oz. He has a brother, Brandon, at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek, Jr., Donald Huhman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer. Great-grandmothers are Allie Fischer, Anna Detmer, and Cretae Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCune are the parents of a new son, Joshua Michael, born Dec. 25 at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. Two brothers are Chris, 8 and Chad, 4 years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCune, Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cornelius. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Jacqueline Denny, Wichita and Mr. Leonard McCune of Benton.

A class in aerobic dancing will be held in the Nashville gymnasium. Enrollment and the first session will be Monday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The class will meet twice a week on Monday and Thursdays for 76 weeks at a cost of \$14. Per person.

1984

January 19 – Homecoming festivities will be celebrated on Friday, January 20, as Cunningham battles Argonia on the basketball court. Games will begin at 5:00 o’clock.

King and Queen candidates are Jim Holcomb, Shawn Lash, Dean Mauldin, Kyle Eck, Leroy Hageman, Susan Rohlman, Jeanette Fischer, Donna Adelhardt, Linda Sterneker, and Alice Peterson.

The Cunningham Wildcats went over th 500 mark this year with a 77 to 50 score over Sharon Friday night, to raise their record to 5-4. The Wildcats jumped out to a 22 to 10 first quarter lead and never trailed. The half-time score was 40-19. The third quarter Sharon out-scored the Wildcats 16-15, but that was as close as they would get.

The Wildcats probably played their best game of the year. The kids are starting to come out and are playing some good basketball at times.

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Hilltop Happenings

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season! Apparently, all the residents at Hilltop had been very good this year, as Santa came to visit in person on Christmas morning! He and a few elves distributed gifts to all the residents and it is a toss up to decide what the biggest hit was – the presents or the visit from Santa! My bet is on the jolly old elf himself!

As if our Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys wasn't fun enough, on Thursdays, we now have Happy Hour and our bartenders do a pretty good job at mixing drinks. We have a ton of fun playing games and socializing. One of the most fun games was splitting into teams for a trivia contest. There is a LOT of knowledge here at the 'Top, and the competition got pretty fierce – all in good fun of course – mainly because this was BEFORE Christmas and Santa WAS still watching. We invite family and friends to join their loved ones some Thursday for Happy Hour – give us a call for more information!

This should be an exciting year here at the 'Top, and since Roberta said she needs pictures, we will try to accommodate with some now and then! Until next week, stay safe, stay warm, and God Bless!



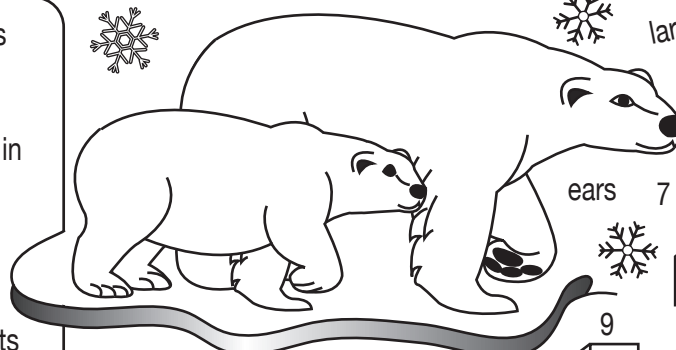
Scientists are studying animals in... ...their environments to record any changes.

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Studying Earth's Climate

For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

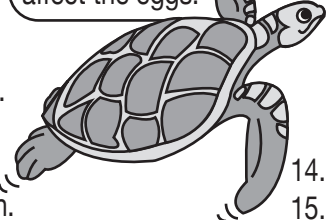
In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.



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15 Arctic



People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.



Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:

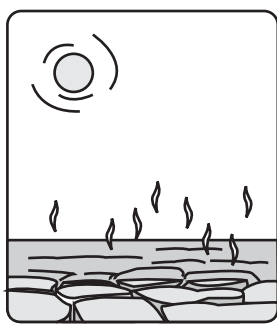
- A polar bear's _____ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick. It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.
- Polar bears live in the _____ region around the North Pole.
- Mothers care for their _____ for about 2 1/2 years.
- The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the _____.
- The foot of a polar bear is partially _____ to help it swim.
- Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga _____.
- The loss of _____ may push polar bears closer to extinction.
- The bottoms of a polar bear's _____ have hair to keep them warm.
- In the wild, polar bears _____ 25-30 years.
- The skin of a polar bear is actually black, but its _____ makes it look white.
- Polar bears do not _____ in the winter like other bears.
- Polar bears can swim up to 60 _____!
- Polar bears don't like fruit or vegetables; they mostly eat _____.
- Polar bears have small _____ so they don't lose too much heat.
- Polar bears are, on average, the _____ bears in the world.

What Conditions Might Change?

Due to changes in the climate, weather people think that we may have more or stronger...

t r d s
f m h s s r
w s r s l g t

Fill in the blanks to spell out some possible changes:



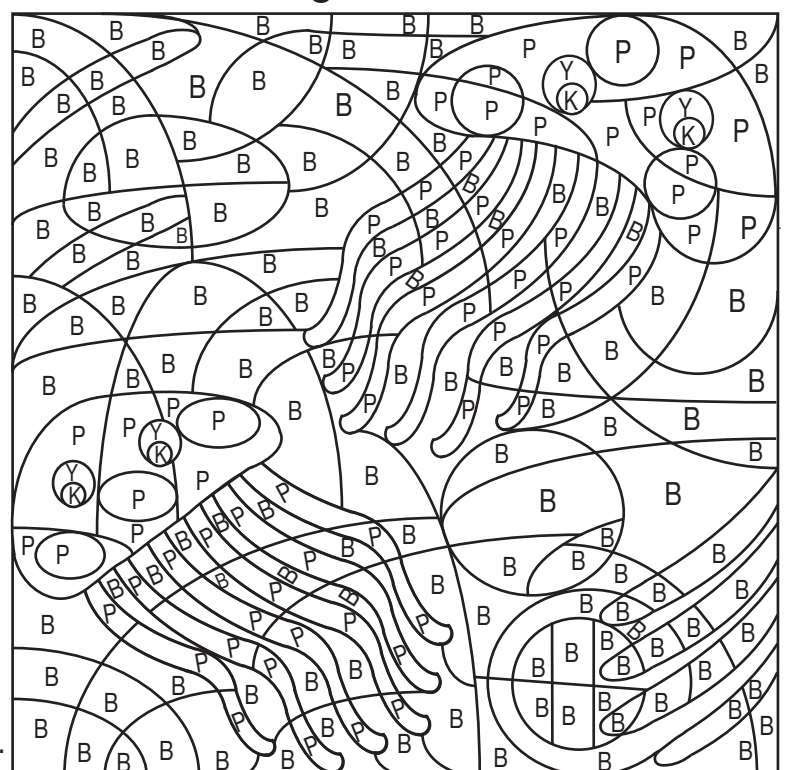
These water animals have been found swimming many miles farther north than usual. Some people think that rising water temperatures let these animals feel comfortable in areas where they normally would not go.

Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see them:

B = Blue Y = Yellow
P = Pink K = Black

North Atlantic right whales are being watched for changes in their food sources and their habitat, too.

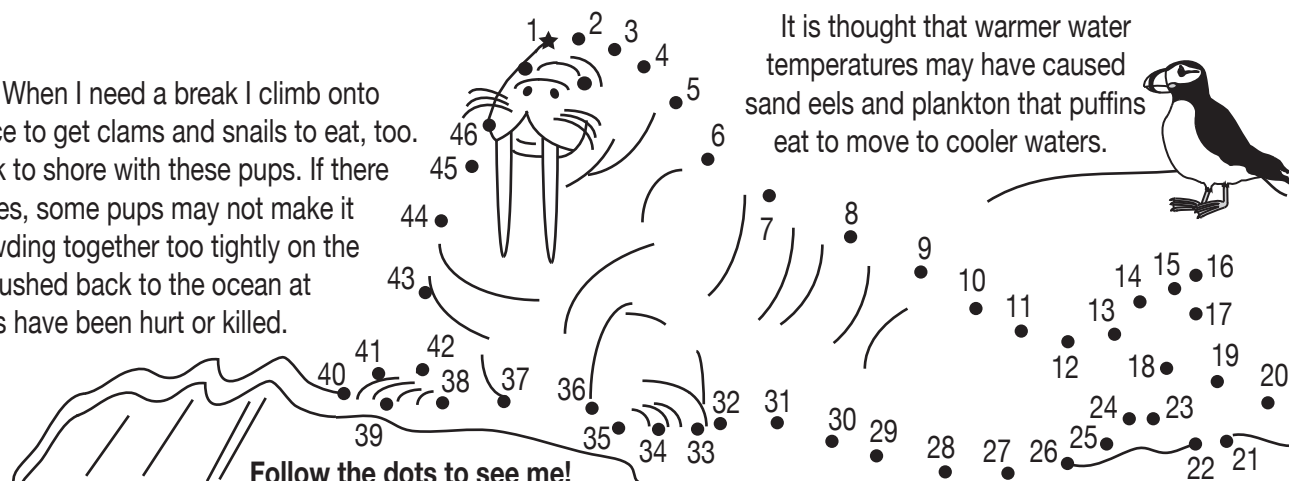
Swimming Out of School!



Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a _____
s i r a w u



It is thought that warmer water temperatures may have caused sand eels and plankton that puffins eat to move to cooler waters.



(Answers on page 10)

Wildcats Get Win in Opening Round of "B" Team Tournament

Cunningham moved into the winner's bracket of the 17th Annual Boys' B Team Tournament by beating the Stafford Trojans by a score of 60 to 40.

The Wildcats took the lead in the first quarter and never looked back, outscoring the Trojans 14 to four in the opening quarter. Five of the seven players put points on the board with Logan Kinsler and Stephen Kerschen adding four points each to the cause. Layne Green, Blake Swope and Nate Sterneker put in two

points each.

The Cats increased their lead to 16 points by halftime which ended with a 30 to 14 score. Kerschen and Swope put in four points each. Kendall Rogers went three for four from the free throw line and Green also scored three points. Sterneker rounded out the 16 point quarter with two points.

Kerschen added eight points to his game leading 18 in the third quarter as the Wildcats posted 22 points to Stafford's 10 points. Rogers scored seven points and Sterneker added five points which included a three point shot at the buzzer. Kinsler scored two points. The Cats led 52 to 24 going into the

fourth quarter.

Stafford found the range in the fourth quarter and managed 16 points. Cunningham added eight points to their total with a running clock in effect shortly after the quarter began. Rogers led the way with four points with Green and Kerschen each scoring two points. The final score was Cunningham 60, Stafford 40.

The Wildcats will play Central Christian at 8:30pm on Monday, January 8th. By Coach Stackhouse



Wildcats Advance to Championship Game in "B" Team Tournament

Cunningham advanced to the Championship game in the 17th annual Cunningham "B" Team Tournament by defeating Central Christian Cougars in overtime 49 to 47.

The Wildcats trailed in the first quarter by a score of 14 to 11. Kendal Rogers led the way for the Cats with five points. Dylan Halderson, Logan Kinsler, and Stephen Kerschen each added two points.

The Cats got within one point at halftime by outscoring the Cougars 11 to 9 in the second quarter. Halderson scored six points with Kinsler and Kerschen adding two points. Rogers made

a free throw to round out the scoring.

The Cougars extended their lead to nine points at the end of the third quarter putting in five three point baskets. Cunningham scored 12 points to Central Christians' 20 for the quarter and trailed going into the fourth quarter by a score of 43 to 34. Rogers made two three point baskets to lead the way for the Cats. Halderson went three for four from the line and Kinsler and Kerschen scored two and one point, respectively.

Cunningham's defense ramped up the intensity in the fourth quarter and held the Cougars to one point. Cunningham managed the ten points necessary to tie the game at the end of regulation. Rogers and Kerschen scored three points each for the Cats. Kinsler and Blake Swope each made two points. The score at the end of

regulation was 44 all.

Each team scored a basket in the overtime period, but Cunningham went 3 for 6 from the line and Central went one for four from the line to give the Cats the victory, 49 to 47. Halderson made four of the Wildcat's points with a basket and made both of his free throws. Rogers rounded out the scoring with one free throw.

This was a very entertaining game and the coaches were very impressed with the intensity that the players exhibited throughout the contest. Defense wins games and this was a perfect example of holding the opponents to one point in the fourth quarter to allow for the nine point comeback.

The Wildcats will play in the Championship game on Saturday, January 13th.

Coach Stackhouse



The Launch of the Border Queen Harvest Hub

By Rick McNary

Thanks to a generous Thriving Rural Grant from the Patterson Family Foundation, Vision Caldwell and Shop Kansas Farms are partnering together to launch the Border Queen Harvest Hub. The Harvest Hub is a community-based approach that creates economic opportunities for farms and ranches by establishing a physical system of production, processing and distribution of local food that can be purchased by local, regional and national consumers.

"We have been talking with Shop Kansas Farms for a year after Karen Sturm invited us to talk to us," says Jill Kuehny, CEO of KanOkla and president of Vision Caldwell. "Shop Kansas Farms has a model to create economic prosperity in rural communities by tapping into the entrepreneurial spirit of existing farmers, ranchers and growers to provide them with new revenue streams and to energize entrepre-

neurs who want to begin farming with a new, less costly and smaller scale point of entry."

Shop Kansas Farms began in April of 2020 as the pandemic interrupted the global food system evidenced by empty meat counters at grocery stores. What began as a Facebook group to connect people to the farm and ranch families of Kansas so they could purchase the food they grow, exploded overnight as consumers discovered local farms and ranches had the food they needed. As it continued to grow, a website with a searchable map was added as more consumers wanted to buy locally.

"Our Facebook group now has 164,000 consumers looking to buy local," says Rick McNary, founder of Shop Kansas Farms. "If you go there or to our website at shop-kansasfarms.com, you will see it is a digital hub that connects producers, processors and distributors to a state-wide food system. The Border Queen Harvest Hub will narrow that into an even more defined, regional area. Consumers want to know where their food comes from and are often willing to pay more, but for that direct-to-

consumer transaction to be successful, there needs to be a practical, physical regional supply chain of those three components."

When this Harvest Hub is established, consumers will be able to look on a map and identify the supply chain of farms where their local food is being produced, the commercial kitchens and lockers where the food is processed and how and where those items can be purchased. The Border Queen Harvest Hub brand on products, signs and merchandise will create community pride and assurance they are buying locally.

"We're going to call it the 'BQ-double H,'" Kuehny says. "Just like the cattle brands of our storied history of cattle drives on the Chisolm Trail, we will be 'riding with the brand' of BQ-Double H."

There are two parallel tracks the Border Queen Harvest Hub is built on: community engagement and economic development.

Community engagement

Although Vision Caldwell is the convening organization behind this, their vision of BQ-Double H is much broader than just the town of



Caldwell. There will be Town Halls, Charcuterie Nights, Market of Farms and other engagement strategies that create a sense of community support and pride in creating a hub that connects everyone.

An important element in creating the hub is the engagement of everyone in the surrounding community. Food has long been a common denominator that unifies people as is evidenced by church dinners, potlucks, barbecues and tailgating. Building upon the idea of food connecting a community, it is important to understand this is more than just an organization connecting a few isolated parts, rather, it is a hub that connects everyone in the region through the production, processing and distribution of food.

The Harvest Hub will work with all stakeholders in the community to create a common agenda,

shared measurements, mutually reinforcing activities and continuous communication. A website is coming soon along with additional digital and print communications.

Economic Development

BQ-Double H will expand small businesses with new revenue streams and support entrepreneurs with new opportunities in these three areas:

Producers: Identify and support current and future producers in the region to create new revenue streams, gain access to capital, find new markets, write business plans, provide sales and marketing support, build customer relationship management systems, develop communications strategies and be more easily found by consumers.

Processing: Identify and support local meat

processors and commercial kitchens in existence, or, in the absence of those necessary elements, establish that missing link in the local supply chain.

Distribution: Provide support to producers with the distribution of their products by helping them learn how to ship, hosting an annual Market of Farms, making connections to local grocery stores and finding markets where various producers can take their products and consumers can shop there.

The Border Queen Harvest Hub is a unique model that requires the engagement of an entire community, not only of Caldwell, but of the region surrounding it as a hub.

If you would like to learn more, be part of the BQ-Double H, or schedule someone to present to your group, please contact Rick McNary.

Governor Unveils New Designation for Kansas Cities Improving High-Speed Internet

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today announced the launch of Kansas Broadband Ready Communities, a new certification from the Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBBD) for communities working to improve access to high-speed internet.

"Participation in the Kansas Broadband Ready Communities program spurs internet access improvements and builds resilient, future-

ready communities," Governor Laura Kelly said. "A Broadband Ready Community designation signifies that a local government has taken steps toward economic growth, educational opportunities, and improved quality of life for its residents."

With the Kansas Broadband Ready Communities designation, Kansas communities will be prepared to make their bids for service more competitive and be ready for future grant opportunities. By adopting specific local ordinances ahead of time, communities can ensure more successful and sustainable broadband deployment

projects.

Communities seeking certification as a Broadband Ready Community must adopt an ordinance that aligns with the program's minimum requirements, including:

Designating a single point of contact

Committing to a 30-day review process

Ensuring reasonable filing fees, not to exceed what is allowed in state statute

Utilizing or transitioning to electronic filing systems

Prohibiting discrimination in permitting procedures

"We encourage all Kansas communities to embrace the Kansas

Broadband Ready Communities program, which supports innovation, preparedness, and collaboration," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "Obtaining this certification is a clear way to showcase that broadband connectivity is a top priority and that communities are ready to take full advantage of the many digital opportunities available."

KOBBD recognizes the need for Broadband Ready Communities (BRC) to serve as catalysts for broadband expansion and will review standards every three years to keep pace with evolving broad-

band technology and requirements.

"KBRC will help communities understand how best to limit barriers to broadband infrastructure projects," KOBBD Director Jade Piros de Carvalho said. "I urge communities to seek out this certification to support their ability to attract investment into the critical connectivity they need to thrive."

KOBBD will have a one-hour informational webinar starting at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 8. To register, click here.

"...disbelief in magic can force a poor soul into believing in government and business...."

— Tom Robbins, *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*

"One of the penalties of refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

— Plato

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it."

— Mark Twain



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It's easy to sign up for a my Social Security account. Please let your friends and family know that they can create their own my Social Security account today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.



Wheat Scoop: Rise at the 20th Women Managing the Farm Conference

Registration is now open

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Women from across Kansas will gather at the 20th Women Managing the Farm Conference in Manhattan, Kansas, February 14-16, 2024. The conference, which began in 2005, will feature nationally renowned keynote speakers, in-depth breakout sessions, and the opportunity for women to network with other farmers, rural business leaders and landowners.

“We are so excited to be hosting our 20th conference this year,” said Sandra Wick, co-chair of the Women Managing the Farm conference planning committee. “WMF is a fantastic event that provides women with the necessary skills, resources and knowledge for success in a competitive agricultural landscape.”

Building on the success of the past conferences, the 2024 edition will Rise to new heights. Keynote presentations will be given by Mark Mayfield, Kim Bremmer and Terrain economist Matt Roberts. The attendees will also be treated to a Master Farmers and Homemakers panel.

Conference sessions are designed to keep women up to date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities. During the two-day conference, attendees will select from breakout sessions covering many topics, including on-farm financial planning,

production agriculture, balancing farm and life responsibilities, direct-to-consumer and retail businesses as well as transition planning.

Women from across the state are invited to attend this special 20th anniversary conference. And to extend the opportunity to attend to as many people as possible, Women Managing the Farm is organizing six pre-conference tours in The Sunflower State Showcase. In partnership with local K-State Research & Extension units, attendees will have the ability to ride a van from their corner of the state and stop at pre-selected tour locations on their way to Manhattan.

“Whether you are involved in on-farm production, are an off-farm landowner or part of the agriculture industry as a business professional, WMF has content for every woman involved in ag,” said Lori

Rogge, co-chair of the Women Managing the Farm conference planning committee.

Early registration runs through January 18, 2024, at \$175, with scholarships available for those who apply before that deadline. A student rate of \$75 for any high school or college students will also be offered this year. After January 18, registration is \$200. Additional pre-conference sessions are available for \$25, including a session on emotional wellness and the pre-conference tours.

Learn more or register for the Women Managing the Farm Conference at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/>. Stay up to date with the latest from the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.



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

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Tom Smothers was Serious About Politics

by Peter Funt
Tom Smothers wasn't the first performer to weaponize comedy for political purposes, but he was perfectly suited for it. During the height of his career with brother Dick in the '60s and '70s he took on Lyndon Johnson over his Vietnam policies and Richard Nixon over, well, just about everything.

When news came that Tommy died of cancer on Dec. 26, many of us immediately recalled the playful jibes exchanged by the brothers as hosts of “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” on CBS. “Mom always liked you best,” was Tommy’s favorite bit of bait for Dickie, who played the straight-man.

But the quips, and Tommy’s boyish smirk, were cover for what proved to be a more se-

rious agenda. CBS had given the brothers their weekly series in 1967 believing they were a safe bet, not activists who would eventually help topple a president. Instead, they immediately did a routine in which they urged LBJ to quit, which he did a few months later by announcing he wouldn't run in '68.

The Smothers Brothers cared even less for Nixon, growing bolder in using their “Comedy Hour” for dissent. But soon after Nixon’s victory in '68 CBS canceled the series, a move Tommy insisted was driven by pressure from the White House. (It was later revealed by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the Washington Post that Nixon’s campaign paid for an investigation of the brothers.) Tom and Dick sued CBS and won a judgment of just under \$1 million, but their powerful prime-time platform was gone.

In 1972 Tommy pro-

duced one of history’s most unusual political attack films, “Another Nice Mess,” which I detail in my book “Playing POTUS.” It starred impressionist Rich Little as Nixon and the actor Herb Voland as Vice President Spiro Agnew. The bizarre conceit was that Little and Voland played Nixon and Agnew playing Laurel and Hardy. The film was a financial fiasco, a creative flop — and quite a mess in its own right.

Tommy remained a comedic activist, describing himself as more progressive than brother Dick. He once approached me with an offer to buy “Candid Camera” — the show invented by my father Allen Funt — believing that its brand of reality-based comedy meshed well with his style. I thanked him, but said no.

Tommy and I played golf a few times in the AT&T Pro-Am tournament at Pebble Beach. I marveled at the way he

pranced happily down the fairways, even after awful shots, pulling out his yo-yo to entertain fans.

Despite his battles with politicians and network executives, Tommy always maintained a gentle touch. His comedy was pointed, but not mean-spirited — something that seems to have gone out of style today.

After President Johnson left office, due in part to pressure from Tom and Dick, LBJ wrote to the brothers: “You have given the gift of laughter to our people. May we never grow so somber or self-important that we fail to appreciate the humor in our lives. If ever an Emmy is awarded for graciousness, I will cast my vote for you.”

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Peter Funt’s latest book is “Playing POTUS: The Power of America’s Acting Presidents,” about comedians who impersonated presidents.

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- Ammo in a quiver, sing.
- Geological Society of America
- Young eel
- Song of praise
- Snowy ___ or great horned ___
- Must-haves
- *Strait between Russia and Alaska
- *Smallest of the Great Lakes
- Crime scene evidence
- Peter the Great, e.g.
- Consumer-protecting org.
- Skiing helmet manufacturer
- Mother-of-pearl, pl.
- Type of sail, pl.
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- Like Raphael’s cherubs
- Face shape
- Tie with a morning coat
- Dwarf buffalo
- Short version
- “At ___, soldier”
- Supposed giant Himalayan
- Drool
- Swimming hole
- D.C. V.I.P.
- Jim Acosta’s announcement
- *Baltic ___
- *0° latitude
- *Bay east of India
- Cuban dance
- John Keats’ “To Autumn,” e.g.

DOWN

- *Atlas page
- Speedy steed
- First Nation nation
- Squirrel away
- Possessing
- Full of excitement
- *Opposite of NNE
- Saintly rings
- Guilty, e.g.
- Last word on walkie-talkie
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- Catch in a snare
- Nigerian money
- A Bobbsey twin
- Steel on boots, pl.
- *Inlet in Norway
- Abalone seeker
- Olden day calculators
- *Compass ___
- TV personality Aiken
- Ancient Scandinavian characters
- What actors do
- *Iberian Peninsula country
- Serb or Croat
- Comme ci, comme ça
- Past or present

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56. Tequila source
57. Work units
58. Wisecrack
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

Director was in to review Kingman Wind Farm Turbine Repower Action Plan for Flat Ridge 2 with the County Commissioners after changes were added to include SW 90 Ave. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Kingman Wind Farm Turbine Repower Action Plan for Flat Ridge 2. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed Kingman County's acceptance of FLAP project for Cheney Reservoir.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Arensdorf know that Commissioner Thimesch got approval for the fence removal down at the outdoor arena.

Commissioners and Mr. Arensdorf discussed two bridges that they had received requests on to help drainage.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in to discuss purchasing new body cameras for the officers. The last ones were purchased in 2019 and the company

that they purchased from is no longer in service.

Sheriff Wood submitted a quote from Axon Enterprise Inc in the amount of \$60,019.62.

Commissioners discussed the diversion fund and what it is used for.

Sheriff Wood explained what the funds are used for.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$60,019.62 for 60 months. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Chairman Henning went over correspondence received from KAC and Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to renew the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce membership for 2024. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 11, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the renaming of a road.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor said that he would investigate the process and get back with them.

Mr. Ritcha presented the commissioners some quotes for a new desk for the District Court.

Commissioners will

discuss the desk at the next meeting to be held on January 2nd, 2024.

Commissioners signed abatements, escaped and added taxes:

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:02p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Life's Funny That Way

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

On a cold and soggy Saturday and not feeling 100 percent, I decided to spend the day cocooned in my pajamas, snuggling with my KitCat on the couch. My restful day was interrupted when Marc called to inform me my "cowgirl" services were needed.

This is his way of telling me he needs help with something and I am his only option. My response is always, "No. I cowgirl

at your service!" To be a bit cheeky I asked, "What kind of pants should I wear?" As ridiculous as it sounds fashion questions usually get me the best information about what will be expected of me during our outing.

This day the instructions were "dress very warm" meaning we were going to be outside fixing something that might take a while. I suited up appropriately in my fleece lined jeans, plus several layers of shirts, a Carhartt jacket, thick wool socks, rubber mud boots, neck gaiter, heavy hat and insulated gloves.

Five minutes later, which is generous as I usually get a one-minute warning, we were headed out. The water well where the cows are cur-

rently grazing on milo stocks had a low flow and we were going to try to fix it. This particular well is only used every few years and has been a headache over the few months cows have been grazing there. After numerous repair jobs and visits from a well service, it still wasn't working properly.

Farmers are relentless fixers, lifelong learners and creative problem solvers because their work demands it. It feels strange to fix the same thing over and over, but there is not really a good alternative. A new well would likely be a waste of money as this one has plenty of water it just isn't pumping efficiently. Not using the pump means hauling truckloads

of water to the field every day, which is time consuming and inefficient. The most logical and effective way forward has been troubleshooting the pump piece by piece to find a solution that sticks.

Over the next few hours we tackled the tedious task of dismantling parts of the pumping system without losing anything down the well shaft. After everything was dismantled, parts were changed and we decided to prime the well to get ready for reassembly. It only took a few minutes to get this set and it was to roll.

We should have known what was coming next but it seemed to catch us by surprise. Seconds after sending air into the well, wa-

ter erupted like it Old Faithful — soaking everything around including us. After hours in the cold, slippery conditions we were now soaking wet.

Instead of being angry we both broke out into laughter like kids playing in a sprinkler. After a moment or two more laughter, I made a wisecrack about the irony of the geyser not happening in the summer heat.

With clear evidence of available water, it was time to put everything back together. It only took a fraction of the time and we were able to restart the pump to check our handiwork. Unfortunately, water was once again trickling instead of gushing, our attempt at a fix didn't work.

Life is funny that way. Sometimes hard work, doesn't work. A task can be unpleasant and still leave you with more joy than when you started, especially if you have someone to share the burden with. Remembering frustration and defeat are just one part of living can be all the perspective it takes to give you the determination to try again tomorrow.

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More Kansans Working Than Ever Before

~Kansas has had 38 Consecutive Months at 5% Unemployment or Lower~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that Kansas has reached its highest employment in state history. According to data from the Kansas Department of Labor, employment was at an all-time high in 2023, with nine of the top 10 employment months taking place throughout the year. The 10th top employment month was in 2022.

Kansas currently has a labor force of just more than 1.5 million Kansans, with more than 1.4 million participating in the workforce. Kansas' labor force participation rate is

many points higher than the national average.

"Hard-working Kansans have been the force behind our strong economic growth as a state," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Now, we must continue to recruit more people to move here and more Kansans to join the workforce in order to keep up with the great job opportunities being created across the state."

The state's success in growing the workforce is helpful as demand for qualified employees continues to be high.

According to data from the Kansas Department of Labor, the Kansas unemployment rate has been at or below 5%, which many economists consider full employment, for the past 38 consecutive months.

Governor Kelly Announces More than \$4.6M for Six Fast-charging EV Locations

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that more than \$4.6 million in federal funds will be directed to the first six locations selected for the state's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula program. With existing fast-charging stations spread across the I-70 and I-135 corridors, these selected locations will fill gaps in EV charging stations along the state's major highways and interstate system.

"As more electric cars and trucks make their way onto Kansas roadways, they will need ac-

cess to adequate charging facilities," Governor Laura Kelly said. "With these awards, we'll ensure electric vehicle charging stations are accessible to all Kansans for local and long-distance trips."

The awarded projects must provide a minimum 20% local cash match, bringing the total investment to over \$5.8 million. The six new direct current (DC) fast charging stations are awarded to the following Kansas locations:

- Emporia, Flying J, 4215 W Hwy 50 (I-35)
- Garden City, Love's, 3285 E U.S. 50 (U.S. 400)
- Cherokee, Pete's, 20 U.S. 400
- Fredonia, Pete's, 2400 E Washington St. (U.S. 400)
- Belleville, Love's,

1356 US Highway 81 (U.S. 81)

Pratt, Casey's, 1900 E 1st St (U.S. 400)

"These six new stations will give more Kansans the option to drive electric vehicles," said Tami Alexander, Transportation Electrification Manager at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). "KDOT is committed to enhancing the access and convenience for EV users by leveraging the federal match to build a robust, connected, and sustainable EV charging network."

NEVI formula funds require EV charging stations to be located along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors, be available every 50 miles and within one travel mile of the AFC, be capable of providing a minimum of 600 kW of power, and

charge four vehicles simultaneously. The charging stations must also always be accessible to the public and provide other amenities such as restrooms, food and beverage, and shelter from inclement weather. When all AFCs in the state are certified as fully built out, KDOT may use funds for EV charging infrastructure on any public road or other publicly accessible locations.

Future opportunities will be announced on the Charge Up Kansas page on KDOT's IKE website at <https://ike.ksdot.gov/charge-up-kansas>. For more information, please contact ChargeUpKS@ks.gov.



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, December 31

Traffic Stop	7
Suspicious Person	400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham
Trespassing	2700 BLK NE 150 Ave, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	3500 Blk NE 10 Ave, Kingman
Damage to Property	2600 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock

Monday, January 1

Injury Accident	1000 NW 10 St, Kingman
Disturbance	12000 Blk NE 10 St, Cheney
Traffic DUI	1000 Blk NW 10 St, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SW 30 St & SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Tuesday, January 2

Civil Paper Service	1
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 110 Ave, Murdock

Wednesday, January 3

Civil Paper Service	1
Traffic Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 110 Ave, Murdock

Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Alarm	200 Blk N Henderson St, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	SW 70 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey

Thursday, January 4

Civil Paper Service	5
Traffic Stops	3
Traffic Violation	3000 Block E Hwy 42, Rago
Lost or Found Property	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Friday, January 5

Accident	6
Traffic Stops	9
Control Burns	16000 Block SW 10 St, Cunningham
Alarm	7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
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Saturday, January 6

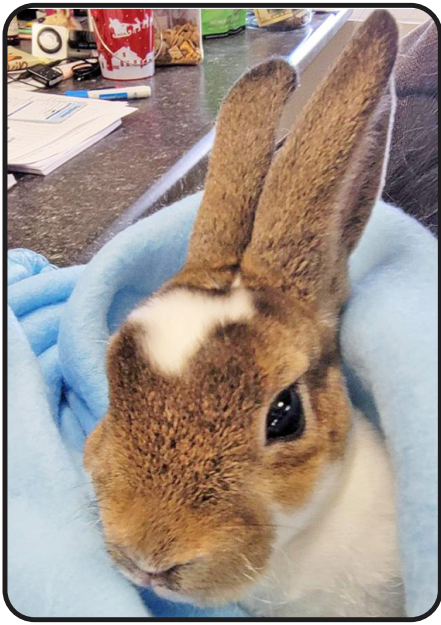
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Civil Paper Service	5
Traffic Complaint	SE 180 St and S Hwy 14, Harper
Traffic Violation	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Public Service/Lockout	200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
Disturbance	12000 Blk NE 10 St, Cheney
Animal	SE 100 St and S Berry Ave Area, Kingman



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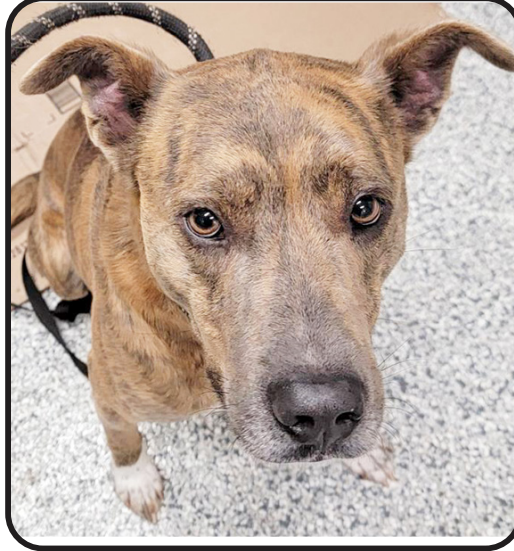


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About 8 months old
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*"Hello, Rabbit, he said, 'is that you?'
'Let's pretend it isn't,' said Rabbit,
'and see what happens.'
— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh*

Blue

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Male Collie, Border / Terrier, Pit Bull
Weights about 45 pounds and is about 2 years old
\$180.00
Blue has been at the shelter since November 13, 2023
He is good with cats and other dogs. He house-trained and people friendly.
Very handsome brindle. Walks nice on leash, no jumping, easy going personality. You like to run, he likes to run. you like to nap, he likes to nap. In a nutshell, if you like it, Blue likes it.
Seems to be good with cats, but only if you are too :-)

Oz

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Male Medium Hair
About 7 pounds
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John Alley

John Alley, 83, of Cunningham passed away Monday, January 8, 2024.

He was born on June 13, 1940 to Lester Herbert and Viva (Roots) Alley in Coldwater. John was raised on the family farm and graduated from Cunningham High School in 1958. In 1960, John was drafted into the United States Army and served two years primarily in Germany.

On September 2, 1966, John married Linda (Cowan) Alley in Borger, Texas. They resided in Panhandle, Texas until 1976 when they moved back to operate the family farm. John also served as the manager for the Turon Feed Yard until retirement in 2010.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was known for his relentless work ethic, his excellent horsemanship, his love for ranching and livestock and his quick dry sense of humor. He was an active member of The First Southern Baptist Church and loved helping people with projects.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of the home; son, Johnathon Alley of Perry; daughters, Kami (David) Howard of Basehor and Jill (Todd) Rowland of Sterling; and grandchildren, Jordan, Alley, Austin, Grace, Kate and Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James and Jerry Alley; and his sister, Edna Riggs.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A private family graveside service will be held at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham. A Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding.

In lieu of flower, memorials may be made to First Southern Baptist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrison-mortuary.com.



Jeannene Ivey

Karen Jeannene Ivey, 80, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2024 at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She was born on November 6, 1943 in Pratt to Reggie Johnson and Jessie (Cannon) Johnson Weckerly. Jeannene grew up on the family farm in Pratt County, Kansas. She married Kenneth Glenn Ivey on May 2, 1963; they later divorced.

Jeannene graduated from Pratt High School in 1961 and attended Pratt Junior College. Living in Wichita and Hutchinson, Jeannene worked as a retail sales associate for Macy's, Pegues and Dillard's. She later retired to Manhattan, Kansas. In March of 2023, she moved to Great Bend to be closer to family. She volunteered at the Encore Shop in Manhattan and the Great Bend Food Bank and enjoyed doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading and spending time with family.

She is survived by her sons, Brian (Julie) Ivey of St. Charles, Missouri and Darren (Dusti) Ivey of Great Bend; grandsons, Brandon (JoAnn) Ivey and Evan Ivey of St. Charles, Missouri, Christopher (Katy) Ivey of Dorrance, Thomas (Krista) Ivey of Victoria and Michael Ivey of Fort Stewart, Georgia; and three great-grandsons.

Jeannene is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Patsy (Johnson) Magennis; and brothers, Dwight Johnson and Jimmie Johnson.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas 67124. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, with a private graveside service for family following at Coats Cemetery, Coats, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Bob Price

Lyle Robert "Bob" Price, 91, died Jan. 3, 2024 in Kingman.

He was born Oct. 20, 1932, at Sabetha, Kansas the son of Lyle P. and Ruth Hall Price. A long time Kingman resident, previously of Topeka, he was a former partner in Penwell-Gable Funeral Home and Parker-Price Mortuary from 1970 to 1978. He purchased the Livingston Mortuary in Nov. 1981, and retired in Dec. 1994.

Bob was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman; and was a United States Navy and United States Marine Corp veteran.

On Jan. 14, 1989, he married Genevieve McFadden Berscheidt; she died April 11, 2021. Survivors include two sons, Tim and Wayne; step-children Kathy Green, Karen Befort, Kristy Berscheidt and Kevin Berscheidt; brother Jud Price, Sr.; 2 grandchildren; 6 step-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Don and Max; and sister Dorothy Nelms.

Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until the parish rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m., all at St. Patrick Catholic Church on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Joanne Javurek

Joanne K. Javurek, 77, died Jan. 2, 2024, in her home in Kingman.

She was born Oct. 20, 1946, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. A Kingman resident since 2019, she was a homemaker.

Joanne was a member of the Kingman Christian Church.

On June 28, 2019, she married Richard Javurek in Collinsville, Illinois. Other survivors include a son Teddy Lee Birdsong; step-daughters Theresa (David) Marten, Angela (Chris) Bojanic, and Samatha Javurek (Luke Dietrich); 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Cindy Anne Bartlett and son Robert Birdsong.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, at the Kingman Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m., until service time at the Church. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested with the Kingman Christian Church in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Rick Arnold

Rick Arnold, 78, of Kingman, passed away on Jan 3, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born on May 7, 1945 in Langley Field, Virginia, he was the son of Dr. Phillip A. Arnold and Mildred M. (Harbert) Arnold. He was the eldest of three brothers.

Rick and Helena Lauts married May 19, 1973 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Rick was a devout husband and cherished Helena deeply while they shared 50 years of marriage, raised 6 children together and shared many adventures along the way.

Rick had a deep love for the Rocky Mountains, especially Colorado. He was an avid skier, hiker, boater, and motorcyclist. He was also an accomplished banker and took much pride in his career. He spent his later years focusing on taking care of his farm and spending time with his grandchildren. He considered his family and homelife his greatest accomplishment.

Rick is survived by Helena (Lauts) Arnold; Dr. Jamie Arnold (John Korbel), Zach Arnold (Nicole Johnson), Benjamin Arnold (Abby Dellasega) Amy (Andy) Leindecker, Nathaniel Arnold, Luke Arnold (Justine Podvin). Grandchildren; Joseph, Phillip, & Peter Nowak, Henry Korbel, Bryce, Dominic, & Sloane Arnold, Hugo, Walter, & Hazel Arnold, Elliott & Maxine Leindecker. Great-Granddaughter Kaylee Nowak; Brother Dr. Stephen (Therese) Arnold. Sister in Law Marcelline Arnold and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Dr. Phillip and Mildred Arnold and brother David Arnold.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to those who offered support, friendship, best wishes and their sense of humor.

Rosary & Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church Kingman, Ks DATE TBA. He will be laid to rest at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Kingman, Ks.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ in the City, Denver Colorado, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Grace Graber

Grace A. Graber, 91, died Jan. 2, 2024 at the Prairie Sunset Home.

She was born June 9, 1932, at Kingman, Kansas the daughter of William and Mary Wagner Osner. A long-time resident of the Pretty Prairie community, she was formerly employed by the Prairie Sunset Home holding different positions during her tenure.

Grace was a member of the New Jerusalem Church and was the former treasurer of the Pretty Prairie Booster Club.

On Aug. 18, 1960, she married Gilbert "Bud" Graber; he died March 27, 1990. Survivors include son Roy and his wife Bobbie; daughter Julie Graber; sister-in-law Mary Lou Osner; grandchildren Logan Graber, Scot Finch and Taylor Finch; two great-grandchildren with two soon to be added great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until service time Saturday. Burial will be in the Lone Star Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Prairie Sunset Home and the Pretty Prairie USD 311 Music and Drama Dept., both in care of the funeral home.



Sarah Henning

Sarah M. Henning, 40, died Jan. 7, 2024 at Rolling Hills Health and Rehab in Wichita due to complications of diabetes.

She was born July 29, 1983 in Kingman the daughter of Wade Henning and Janie Cheatum Hawkins.

A lifetime resident of Kingman, she was employed in the Kingman County Tag office as a title clerk.

Survivors include her son Zackery Baker; daughter McKenzie Baker; father Wade Henning; mother and step-father Janie and Mark Hawkins; brother Sonny Henning and wife Katie; sister Chrystal Sheahan and fiancé Jason Cook; step-brother Damian Hawkins and wife Amber; and step-sister Morgan Hawkins and her fiancé Taylor Parrott.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. A family graveside service will take place at a later date.

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