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## Brianna Dittmer and Dakota Mertens Crowned Homecoming Queen and King



photo by  
Molly Morgan

*Royalty of Friday evening's Homecoming festivities:  
Back row: Rick King, King Dakota Mertens, Kory Morgan  
Sitting: Maitlyn Jump, Queen Brianna Dittmer, and Joanna Hansen  
Young Assistants: Weston Meireis and Kaisleigh Johnson*

## Construction Picking Up Speed after Dealing with the Weather

by Dr. Kelly Arnberger

By the time you read this article, you will likely be able to see concrete being poured on the construction site at CHS. January brought much needed moisture and the milder temperatures lately have hopefully allowed that moisture to sink into the ground with minimal runoff.

The ground between the gym, the high school addition, and the current building has been worked and the construction team is making final preparations in order to pour concrete. The great thing is that once the concrete is poured, inclement weather will have a lesser delaying effect on the other work. After the pour, we will really begin to see progress again. The goal is to have all construction completed by the end of July to ensure we are ready to open the high school on time for students in August.

I am writing this on Monday while the construction crew is setting the rebar in preparation for the concrete pour. The rebar ensures a solid foundation. That got me thinking about school and the solid foundation that has been in place for so many years. We are dealing with sickness, weather, and construction. Yet, each day is a great day for learning and competing. Our students continue to develop the academic skills you expect, and our teams continue to excel. Our junior boys are competing in the league tournament with a chance to claim the title. Our scholars bowl team who appeared on last week's edition of Wildcat Bites qualified for state competition this Saturday in Hutchinson. Our boys' basketball team is currently 11-3, and our girls' team continues to improve and compete. The fundamental truth at Cunningham is that the excellence that is demonstrated is not something new or an accident. It is your continued support of the school that makes all of this possible.



*This photo shows the empty lot where the old high school was and the preparation that has been done to begin construction on the new high school addition. I was facing south, the gym is to the left.*

(More photos on page 14)

## CPL Receives Gift of 100 Children's Books

by Kerri Steffen, Librarian

Brownstone Book Fund, together with input from Kansas State Librarian, Ray Walling, chose Cunningham Public Library (CPL) as one of one hundred libraries to receive a gift of one hundred new children's books.

The donation is a gift from Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City interested in fostering early reading, a love of books,

and encouraging parents and children to read together.

"I am interested in providing books for young children, hopefully to excite and foster an early interest in and a love of books and reading. The public library of my youth gave me an addiction to books that has enriched my life. My wish with this collection is to give this experience and pleasure to many other young people," explained Diane Brownstone, Director, Brownstone Book Fund.

The donation includes books rang-

ing from pre-kindergarten through early readers and were selected by The Kansas Library Consultants for Youth. They are currently in-process and will soon be ready for circulation. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are encouraged to visit the library in coming days to check them out.

In response to this gift, CPL Board Chairperson Mary Stackhouse said, "We're so incredibly grateful for this gift to add to our collection. Is there anything more special than sharing a book with a child?"

Here at CPL we know the answer to that one, but we encourage everyone to conduct their own research. CPL with help from The State Library, South Central Kansas Library System, and now with this generous gift from Brownstone Book Fund, has plenty of great resources to aid you.

Whether from Kansas or New York, we seem to agree that the joy of reading is a gift meant to be shared.

Visit the library and share the gift! The friendly volunteers and librarian at CPL look forward to seeing you.

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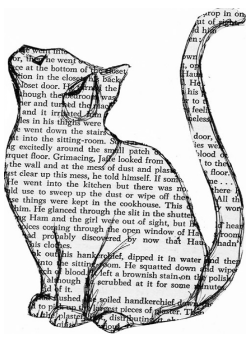
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Meanderings

While reading through the microfilmed newspaper of yesteryear, I came across this little write up. I was going to put it in the "yesteryear" section of the newspaper, but it seemed to take up too much room. I then thought I could put it here in this column. Give me something to meander about. Because sometimes my mind doesn't meander, it only sits at rest, until acted upon by another force. Anyway, here is a report I wrote in February of 1979.

One thing I've noticed -- I wrote the same today as I did 45 years ago. I probably write the same now as I did 55 years ago.... You'd think I'd get better at it, as long as I've been at it and as

much as I do....

"On Tuesday, February 5, the American Government class at Cunningham High School, sponsored by their teacher, Skip Herd and the Lions club of Cunningham, with Reverend Bob Walter as representative, went to Topeka to visit the State Capitol and the Hall of Justice. We left at a bright and early 4:30 a.m. We stopped in Abilene at the Sirloin Stockade for breakfast and at about 9:30 we reached the State Capitol. We stood around for a few minutes waiting for our tour guide. She took us to the top of the dome. Then she showed us the murals and other interesting aspects of the Capitol. She left us at the House of Representatives meeting, where they were discussing the KU, K-State and WSU bills.

At 12:00 o'clock we met with Senator Fred Kerr and went to the cafeteria and ate dinner with him. After dinner we were turned loose for an hour and just goofed off.

At 1:30 we divided up into groups and attended committee meetings for a half hour. At 2:30 we went into sit in on a Senate meeting, and we watched how they did roll call and presented bills.

Afterwards we toured the Hall of Justice, met the attorney general, and tried out the judge's comfortable chairs.

We left about 3:30 p.m. and stopped at McDonald's in Salina for supper and on home. We returned to Cunningham about 8:30.

We all had an enjoyable trip and we wish to thank the Lions Club, Mr. Herd, and Mr. Walter for driving the bus and looking after us.

Roberta Thimesch"

I have no idea why I was the senior who wrote it. There were certainly classmates that could write just as well or better than me. I must have drawn the short straw. I checked the yearbook of 1979, and it doesn't say I was Class Reporter. It does say I was a class officer my senior year.

I don't remember this. Must have been an important office... like writer of the senior trip to the Capitol in Topeka.

I DO remember this trip. I remember how tired we were when we got on the bus at 4:30 in the morning. I remember waking up on the bus, some of us bleary-eyed and still sleepy.

I don't remember Sirloin Stockade. I do remember McDonald's, as it was the first one I'd eaten in. They weren't in every city and burg in 1979 - there were fewer than 6,000 stores in the whole U.S. at the time.

After working at the Hiway Cafe for years, I wasn't impressed with McDonald's "hold the pickle, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset. All we ask is that you have it your way" food. The Hiway Cafe made great hamburgers, and nothing beats fresh cut French-fried potatoes, and I mean nothing.

And the 'goofed off' bit entailed statue-ing ourselves in the little nooks where statues

weren't. I am not sure there were reasons why the nooks were empty, but it made a fun time for this group of seniors.

Oh! and dropping ... pennies? maybe off the balconies on the rotunda? Did a security guard come and have a visit with us? There was something ... one of my classmates reading this will have to refresh this memory.

I also remember that shortly after our visit to Topeka, Mr. Herd's dad was appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court by Governor Carlin.

I noticed I didn't mention who the attorney general was... not a real important part of the trip, I guess. I did a bit of research. It was newly elected Robert Stephen. He served a total of 4 terms as Attorney General of Kansas.

I remember sitting in the balcony of the legislative sessions... but that's all I really remember.

I know it was a fun time because my classmates were fun and funny. They still are.

Although none of us are going to be crawling up into those statue nooks these days, I'll bet we'd still have fun touring the Capitol and the Hall of Justice.

\*\* Oh. Yes. My Social Security is on its way to being fixed. I got my full amount deposited last Friday. I still don't have the reimbursement part. But I have some faith it will come along soon. Hm. 'some faith' may be a bit optimistic.

\*\* Always reading, and currently reading, The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud, Roberta

"There are too many books I haven't read, too many places I haven't seen, too many memories I haven't kept long enough." - Irwin Shaw

"Memories are bullets. Some whiz by and only spook you. Others tear you open and leave you in pieces."

- Richard Kadrey, Kill the Dead

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I'm not shy about looking up words when I do not know their meaning. Unfortunately, I sometimes assume that I know quite well what a word means...when I don't. Take "workforce" for example. It started popping up when I began reporting for the Hays Daily News last fall, and I thought, "Simple, right?! The WORK FORCE is the people that WORK."

But about a month ago, I was humbled by the realization I didn't fully comprehend the word's meaning, let alone it's use in phrases where it's combined with words like development, recruitment, empowerment and retention. My arrogant ignorance became apparent when during quite coincidental back-to-back conversations with two knowledgeable experts: Grow Hays Executive Director Doug Williams (for an interview on his organization's mission) and Stuart Bass (an East Coast based, local, regional and national labor industry consultant for whom I was designing a

website.)

I feel I should have known better to begin with. Yes, people that work do comprise the "workforce." But I've lived long enough to know that the minute "people" are part of a definition, a concept may become complicated or even a quagmire. That's because for every generalization made about a group of people, examples can be found that reveal it to be flat out wrong and at the very least, skewed and incomplete. And I think the fact that we're hard to categorize, that we're not all the same, is what's makes living glorious. But it

does make it hard to talk about us as a "people."

Also and paradoxically, though maybe it's just me, we assume that we all speak the same language. But that's not how it works. The Federal Reserve in 2010 (https://www.stlouisfed.org/publications/bridges/spring-2010/what-is-workforce-development) tried to define "workforce development" because it is known to be a vital component of any community's economic growth and success, but concluded that it's really hard to be specific because "every user" of the term means something different based on each

individual's perspective.

I don't have any solutions but I've begun asking, "Who or what do you mean?" more often, especially if the context of any conversation is workers or workforce. As I've tried to really listen carefully to the answer, I've realized my own use of these words is flawed. For example, I respect the work farmers and stay-at-home Moms and Dads do. They work hard but I fear they are not included when I and others talk about a community's workforce, nor are retirees. That's wrong. I can do better. We can all do better on that score.

Interestingly, what I

carry from my encounters with both Doug Williams and Stuart Bass is that BETTER is possible through partnerships and collaboration. As I listened to their experiences, successful outcomes were credited each time to strong relationships, connections between individuals, organizations, governing bodies, and communities, people working together. By people, I mean all of us. Now THAT's a workforce.

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

Poetry From Daily Life

edited by David L. Harrison, Missouri's Poet Laureate

Poetry from Daily Life: Seeing with the eyes of a poet

By Charles Ghigna This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Charles Ghigna — Father Goose, who lives in Homewood, Alabama. Charles has been a writer for fifty years and loves to "celebrate life through the eyes of children." Charles has authored more than 100 books and 5,000 poems. He has given readings at The Library of Congress and at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. One unique fact about Charles is that he does not own a cell phone. Recent books he loved writing are Little Hearts, Red Comet, 2022 ("because it encourages kids to get outside") and The Father Goose Treasury, Schiffer Kids, 2023 ("because it includes 101 favorite poems by the poet that introduce kids to to poetry.") ~ David Harrison

What joy simple pleasures bring! One of our greatest gifts is the ability to simply take time to

appreciate and enjoy the world around us. Fine-tuning our ability to notice detail is an important skill of the artist and the writer. It is a skill for everyone can enjoy!

Every time you see something new, take a moment to really get to know the object with your eyes. Practice this technique on new things that you see. Take time to rediscover old, familiar objects and places. Look outside and find something new. Take time to let your vision appreciate your discoveries. Look at the detail. Let your mind tell you what your eyes have found.

Try this technique on people. Try it on a loved one. Look at them. Really look at them as though you are seeing them for the first time. Look closely. Find something new about them that you never saw before. Appreciate them with your eyes.

Look at nature. Study the sky, the trees, birds, and animals. Open your eyes wide and take in the entire landscape. Slowly zoom in on one particular object. Notice its detail. Let it paint its picture into your mind's eye.

Give your eyes permission to be young and curious. Look for things to behold, for things to bring into your new world of observation. Look up at the sky. Forget the cumulus, cirrus, and stratus. Search for the long-tailed dragons and sailing ships. Let the child in you wake up with fresh eyes each morning.

Six steps to seeing like a poet

Look. The first step of observation is to simply open your eyes and look.

See. Now pause and focus on the object, person, or scene.

Notice. Select one, specific area to study.

Ponder. Allow your mind's eye to enter into your vision.

Study. Explore the minor detail of your subject.

Behold. Allow your mind, your emotions and all your senses to begin making free associations, literal and abstract, with the various aspects of

your subject until the delicate essence of your subject is no longer simply a part of your observation, but a part of you. Look for color, size, shape, and texture. Try to feel the object with your eyes. Choose new vantage points from which to observe the familiar. Look for similarities and differences. Look for parallels and contradictions. Look from the inside out.

Play what-if games with your observations. What if it were larger or smaller? What if it were a different color, size, or shape? What if it were found someplace else? What else could it be other than what it first appears?

And finally, remember what the poet Paul Valery once wrote: "To see is to forget the name of the thing that one sees." Forget and behold.

Choice Art

The answer to the artist Comes quicker than a blink Though initial inspiration Is not what you might think. The Muse is full of magic, Though her vision's sometimes dim; The artist does not choose the work, It is the work that chooses him.

Inner View

Look inside the scape called sea Until the ocean owns your eyes; Search beneath the surface shine Until its depth dispels its lies. Climb your stare upon each wave Until you see all shades of green; Swim your vision past itself Until your sight becomes the scene.

Charles Ghigna — Father Goose is the author of more than 100 books from Disney, Random House, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster, Time, Inc., and more than 5,000 poems that appear in anthologies, textbooks, syndicated newspapers, and magazines ranging from Harper's and The New Yorker to Highlights and Cricket magazines. For more information, go online to FatherGoose.com.

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## Community Bulletin Board

<b>Thursday, February 8</b> JH BB at Fairfield HOPL Tournament	<b>Monday, February 19</b> Presidents' Day Bank closed *** Scholar's Bowl Parents Night
<b>Friday, February 9</b> HS BB at Skyline	<b>Tuesday, February 20</b> HS BB vs Attica at HOME *** Lions' Club Meeting
<b>Saturday, February 10</b> State Scholar's Bowl Contest	<b>Wednesday, February 21</b> 8:00 a.m. School Advisory Committee Meeting
<b>Monday, February 12</b> 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Thursday, February 22</b> HS BB Sub-State for Boys
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b> HS BB at Stafford	<b>Friday, February 23</b> HS BB Sub-State for Girls
<b>Thursday, February 15</b> 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>Monday February 26</b> 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
<b>Friday, February 16</b> No School *** HS BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME	

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Thursday:  
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Saturday:  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
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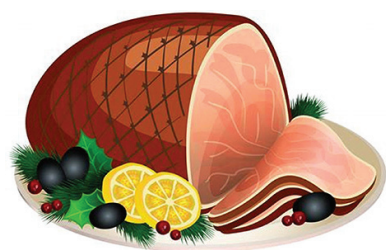
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## St. John Lutheran Church Men's Club Ham Dinner



Nashville, KS  
Sunday, February 18  
12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Free will offering

## Kingman County Commission Minutes

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 29, 2024, 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: Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart and Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Loren David, SCKEDD; Megan Unruh, SCKEDD and Erynne Farley, SCKEDD.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; User 1; Tammy; Appraisers Office

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that there will be a Central Committee meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Livingston Center at 6:00 p.m. with a meeting to follow with Politicians at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that they will attend.

Commissioner Elpers and Commissioner Thimesch discussed the City Meeting they attended last week.

Commissioners discussed EMS and appreciate the open lines of communication.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was

in to discuss the compensation for use of the Expo Center when doing concrete work. Commissioners discussed options with the County Counselor and Ms. Stegman.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a vacation extension for an employee.

Extension was approved.

Mr. Goetz submitted a list of employees to the Commissioners for their review of benefits.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Gabriel & Page Berry for a shed in Section 17, Township 30, Range 05W.

Kevin Warner for a deck in Section 11, Township 29, Range 07W.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with her Health Department report for the Commissioners review.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the Health Department will be closed Tuesday, January 30, 2024 all day for training.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Health Department will be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Preparedness Red Cross Shelter Training.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that she has about \$3,000.00 in funding from the ELC-Expanding Infrastructure Grant and she would like to reseal windows on the building.

Ms. Schwartz discussed about \$30,000.00 left in her IAP-3 Expanding (COVID) grant which has more restrictions and stipulations. She is looking into fire alarms, simple security camera for south parking and back alley and possibly an administrator desk replacement.

The County Clerk submitted the January 22, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the January 22, 2024, Commission meeting minutes.

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

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to request an executive session for non-elected personnel evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:01 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:21 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:21 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:31 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session at 10:31 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the

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

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:36 a.m. with no decision made.

Loren David, Megan Unruh and Erynne Farley, SCKEDD were in to update the Commissioners on what SCKEDD provides for Kingman County.

Commissioners discussed getting in contact with all the cities and get a list of needs.

Ms. Unruh let the Commissioners know that if they get a list please send it to them and they will do research on what grants are available for the city needs.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a fuel quote from the following:

SKYLAND GRAIN  
Unleaded 1500 gallons by transport \$3.12 per gallon

1500 gallons by tank wagon \$3.37 per gallon

#1 Diesel \$3.23 per gallon

#2 Diesel \$3.65 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quotes from Skyland Grain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits:

SC Telcom to install fiber optic cable between Sections 9 & 16, Township 27, Range 10(Dresden).

Haviland Telephone Co. to install fiber optic between Sections 2 & 3, Township 29, Range 5.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the Commissioners an update on the FLAP traffic striping.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on funding KDOT Cost share projects to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:04 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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## The Cunningham Clipper

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### 1929

Feb. 15, 1929 – Quite a number from here went to Hutchinson, Monday night to see "Buck" Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weaver, in the boxing ring.

Power farming is becoming so popular that the Fee Hardware company, the McCormick-Deering dealers, are giving a Power Farming entertainment on February 25.

Mr. Fee has worked out a very interesting program for the day, which includes in addition to instructive talks on tractors, several reels of interesting and entertaining motion pictures. At noon a free lunch will be served; thus evident that the Fee Hardware company have done all in their power to make this day well worth spending with them.

Come prepared to ask questions and learn all you can.

A load of baled hay was shipped in here the past week and several farmers took loads of it. It is the first load of baled hay or any other kind of hay that has been shipped in here for a long time.

### 1934

February 16 – The entire community was shocked and saddened Wednesday with the news of the death of Mrs. Glenn Cooley.

John G. Blasi, 39, prominent young Kingman county farmer, passed away suddenly Monday evening after a short illness of intestinal influenza with complications.

The F. C. Miles No 4, at the end of a 24-hour potential run Thursday morning, gauged 1169 barrels of crude oil. This well is the greatest of all wells here so far.

Tuesday evening Penalosa played here in the last home game of the season.

The score changed hands several times during the course of the game and was close much of the time, but Penalosa played the superior game. A last minute rally by Cunningham fell short, the score being 17-18, for Penalosa.

McClellan of C.H.S. and Tarrant of Penalosa tied for high honors with eight points each. Cozens was next with 7 points.

A. J. Gillen, well-driller extraordinary, put down a water well this week for the new Skelly Oil company Super Service Station. Ollie got a good well. He was assisted by Carl Poland and Gene Anett.

### 1939

Feb. 10 – A marriage of interest to our readers is that of Miss Emma Jane Baber of Wichita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baber of Cunningham, to Judge John F. Kaster, Topeka, in a ceremony performed last Saturday afternoon in Wichita.

Cunningham ran over-shod over Adams Tuesday night. Winning by the overwhelming margin of 40 to 7. Delbert Schwartz, Donald Huhman, and Paul DeWeese led the local basketeers with 15, 10, and 8 points respectively.

The old Norwich jinx caught up with the Cunningham basketball team again last Friday night. The Wildcatters were defeated on the rival's court by a 31 to 21 count.

The game was very roughly played.

Huhman starred offensively for the locals, getting 8 points.

The Maud P.T.A. met at the school house Monday evening with 140 guests in attendance, one of the largest crowds present of any previous meeting.

It was voted to have a piece pie social on March 6.

Mr. Jacquard of Skellyville gave the main address of the evening, discussing "Oil, When and How It Originated," which was very much enjoyed by everyone present.

Readings by Bonnie Lou Amick and Mona Wilcox, and musical numbers by pupils of the Union Star school, of which Harold McPeck is the teacher, were very interesting highlights of the evening's entertainment. The latter group of children were dressed in Indian costume.

Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Albert Sterneker, as host-

esses for the evening, served sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee to the guests.

### 1944

1944 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

### 1949

Feb. 11, 1949 – The basketball queen for the local high school for the 1948-49 season is Norma Watkins, a freshman. She and her attendants, Pat and Wava Oswalt, will be presented at the half-time of the last home game with Isabel, Tuesday night, February 15th.

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated Spivey 39 to 23 on the Spivey court Saturday night.

Urban with 10, Bayer with 9 and Zrubek with 8 points led the Wildcats scoring attack.

Notice – For Rent – Ellis Apartments have now been completed and there are several for rent. Parties interested may see F. F. Allbritten, Phone 1, Cunningham, Kansas.

Notice – Dog licenses may be purchased from the City Clerk at the Clipper Office for the year 1949. Every dog must be licensed. Fee is \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females. William E. Bradley, City Clerk, Cunningham, Kansas.

### 1954

Feb. 11 – Joan Sallee, Senior class girl and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sallee of Penalosa, was crowned Basketball Queen of 1953-1954 between games. Her attendants were Bonnie Hazlett, Barbara Johnson, Karen Whitmore, Carol Ann Rose, and Lois Baker. Billy DeWeese, captain of the basketball team, performed the coronation rites, assisted by other members of the squad.

The Cunningham High School basketeers exactly doubled the score on the Haviland Academy quintet in the game played here last Friday evening. The final score was 80 to 40.

Billy DeWeese topped a three-pronged Cunningham scoring attack with 23 points. Ronnie Adelhardt scored 22 times, and Victor Becker scored 18 points.

The YWCA – Y-Teen Mother and Daughter Banquet was held in the Methodist Church undercroft Monday evening, with 87 mothers and daughters attending.

A group of Kay Club boys served the banquet, assisted by Messrs. Pat Benningfield, Lynn Spencer, Dan Cusenbary, and Harold Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, February 3, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and has been named Mary Evelyn.

### 1959

Feb. 12 – Richard Kerschen's goal tied the score at 33-33 and Bill Ridge's jump shot connected in the final seconds to enable Cunningham to win a squeaker from Hardtner here last Friday night by a 35-33 score.

Bill Ridge scored 12 points and Gary Raney made 10 to pace the Cunningham scoring attack.

The Cunningham seconds won an exciting preliminary game from the Hardtner second team. The core was 25 to 24. Marshall Swander paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 15 points.

The thief or thieves who broke into the Fee Hardware Co. store, Monday evening, have a good start toward a small hardware store if a sample of the merchandise taken is used to that effect.

About 20 pocket knives, some cutlery, a wrist watch, several boxes of shells, and about 75 pennies comprised the loot.

Owner Charles Fee said entry was made through the south door of the firm with a crowbar or similar tool.

### 1964

Feb. 13 – Sherill Hutchinson, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Claude Hutchinson, a senior at Cunningham Rural High School, was crowned "Basketball Queen of 1963-1964" between the first and second team games with Preston here at Cunningham's annual Homecoming Game last Friday night.

Sherill was crowned by Team Captain Bernie Albers. Her attendants were Mary Bridges, Reta Hendricks, Linda Schittker, and Carol Strohl. Their escorts were co-captain Dale Ratcliff, Elmer Adelhardt, Gerald Schnittker, and Jim Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckle of Pratt, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Nashville Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and has been named Rhonda Sue.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hergert of Cunningham, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Riddle of Belle Plaine.

### 1969

Feb. 13 – Larry Lubbers, son of Mrs. Mary Helen Lubbers, and Kathy Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hendricks, were crowned "Basketball King and Queen for 1969" at Cunningham High School annual homecoming basketball game last Friday night.

The queen's attendants were Donna Lubbers, Rogene Cooley, Kathy Sallee, and Bonnie Albers. Attendants to the king were John McCune, Tom Strohl, Eddie Panek, and Curtis Kitson.

The crown bearer was Eric Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers, and the flower girl was Pam Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon.

Music for the coronation ceremony was provided by the Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charley Yingling.

High school students, alumni, and friends enjoyed dancing to "The Rain," a band from Hays in the school gym-auditorium following the game.

Cunningham defeated Sylvania, 73 to 44.

### 1974

February 14, 1974 – A local farmer, Mr. W. E. "Bus" Hartley, owner and operator of Hartley Fish Farms near Calista, was recently presented as national Catfish Farmer of the Year. He received the award at the Catfish Farmers of America sixth annual convention this past week in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Hartley began his fish farm about thirty years ago with two farm ponds. His operation now includes more than 500 acres on which he raises cattle and several species of fish. His fish farms now have 102 ponds and 209 water acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek, Sr. received word from their son, Norman Zrubek, who lives in Boulder, Colorado, that he is flying to Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D.C. to work on three airplanes for the National Science Foundation.

Norman is an aeronautical engineer for the state of Colorado and works out of Boulder.

Kimberly Krista Nare, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nare, Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio has the honor of being the fifth generation of the Sheldon-Wetherall families. The other four generations are Mrs. Henry (Debbie) Nare, Jr., mother 4<sup>th</sup> generation; Mrs. Dale Sheledon, grandmother, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation; Mrs. Roy Wetherall, great-grandmother, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation; Mrs. Stella Brown, Joplin, MO., great-great grandmother, 1<sup>st</sup> generation.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Werner spent the weekend in Tribune visiting friends.

### 1979

February 15 – Steve Mertens, an eighth grade student at Cunningham, won the League free throw contest last Saturday afternoon at Fairfield as he made 24 of 25 to beat 13 other shooters. Kevin House also shot in the boys' contest, while Mari Rohr and Jackie Thimesch competed in the girls contest, which was won by Schwartz from Norwich.

Fire destroyed the rental property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bob McGovney in the northeast part of Cunningham on Friday afternoon. The alarm was sounded about 2:30 p.m. The fire department responded immediately, and it took three hours to completely extinguish the blaze.

Only the shell of the two-story structure remains standing. A hot water heater explosion is believed to be the cause of the fire.

Occupants of the structure, Richard Large, Kathy and Robert, about two years of age, all escaped from their home, but lost all their belongings including an antique china cabinet which was a family heirloom. The family has moved in the McClelland property which adjoins the Hiway Café. They are quoted as saying that the response of the people of Cunningham was gratifying.

The building was covered by insurance.

### 1984

February 16 – "On the way to the Hospital we bumped into the stork and he left a baby boy with us," is the Mrs. David (Ellen) Larson described her recent experience. She said the doctor laughingly suggested that they name the baby Calista, but she countered with "We were closer to the railroad tracks, so John Henry would be more appropriate."

The way the father describes the situation was slightly different, he says while driving about 70 miles per hours, at the birth, he laid the youngster on the mother's abdomen and covered him with a towel, then honked the horn for the short remainder of the trip to the hospital.

All's well that ends well. Daniel Douglas, born Feb. 11 two miles west of Kingman weighed 8 lb. 14 oz. He came home Tuesday along with his mother, to meet his sister, Sarah, brothers Benjamin and Jacob. All are reported to be doing well, except Ellen, who is taking medicine for a slight congestion.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer, Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean to Randal Joseph Conrady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Conrady, Wakita, Okla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cunningham High School and Pratt Community College. Conrady is a graduate of Wakita High School. They are both currently employed by Pioneer Distributors in Pratt.

An April 28 wedding is being planned at St. Leo.

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Valentine's Day – Big Trouble in a Little Church  
A number of years ago, in a small town not far away, our family had the good fortune to attend a small country church.

At the time, our congregation met in a 100-year-old church building located in a cow pasture out in the country. The setting was picturesque, even rustic. Other than the occasional rattlesnake on the grounds, and the sometimes-present dirt daubers hovering over our heads in the sanctuary during service, all worked just fine.

Our church family consisted of some of the most genuine and precious people I have ever known. Our Pastor Perry was fresh out of seminary, and he was a fantastic preacher. We ingested solid expository preaching every Sunday.

Besides our regular Sunday service gatherings, and Wednesday night prayer meetings, our church offered other frequent activities. A favorite was our monthly "food on the floor" gathering. This monthly potluck saw each family show up lugging pots and platters full of delectable foods of every kind (brisket, beans, coleslaw, casseroles of all kinds, desserts too numerous to count, and heavenly rolls). Other activities included the usual holiday gatherings, occasional game nights, and our

once-a-year Reformation Festival, commemorating Martin Luther's launch of the Reformation (held every October 31 – the date in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenberg – this provided a convenient collision with Halloween – we did dress up). But perhaps the most anticipated annual event at our little church was held each February to mark Valentine's Day.

Our church Valentine's Banquet combined food and fun. The church ladies would typically serve a spaghetti dinner (the menu sometimes varied), added fun decorations, and various members devised games for all the couples to play. Anyone eager to contribute to the evening was encouraged. One year I wrote and recited a poem for my wife entitled My Love is Like a Duroc Hog. Another year, a heartfelt harmonica serenade was offered to all the ladies who would listen.

A staple part of the evening involved games. Name That Tune was popular, where obscure songs from the past 50 years were played and we had to name them. The winners were branded the most worldly and viewed with suspicion. One year I won a round by naming Disco Duck – a horrible song from the '70s that is

hard to forget if you've ever heard it. Guess That Couple was also popular. Old photos were dredged up and put on display. Our job was to determine who was pictured, and then laugh at their transformation.

One year, sensing a lack of enthusiasm as February approached (the spaghetti ladies were tired, and creative energy lacking from the game people), my rowdy friend Colby and I offered to put on the Valentine's Banquet. What followed a few weeks later became part of our infamous church lore. In hushed tones, people still talk about it.

Our wives pitched in and prepared an awesome meal (I think we had lasagna for a change). Decorations (balloons and flowers) added ambiance. We concocted some fun and romantic games for all the couples. But the climax of the evening was a special church raffle. To maximize the fun, winners were predetermined, and the game was fixed.

For two practical couples in our congregation, we gave sensible prizes – one bag of Quikrete cement and one case of creamed corn.

Another couple, who were known to imbibe, won a bottle of wine. The label read Naked Wine, so the beverage was even more scandalous.

In all seriousness we shared the fact (creative license exercised here) that this year, we had found a sponsor for our Valentine's Banquet. This business was to be thanked, and if members were so inclined, supported. Our fictitious sponsor was Angry Ike's Tattoo & Piercing (located in a neighboring town). To authenticate things, Angry Ike had sent a gift certificate sporting his signature (so it had to be real). The certificate awarded the bearer with one free Justin Bieber tattoo, inked on the body part of his or her choice. A hush fell over the crowd as this was awarded to one lucky couple in our church.

There is some debate about the specific gift that pushed our fun over the line that evening and resulted in an elders' meeting later (good news, Colby and I evaded church discipline, just barely). Colby thought it was the bottle of Naked Wine. And the Justin Bieber tattoo gift certificate didn't help. But I am convinced that it was the final raffle prize of the evening, the Grace Bible Church Birth Control Kit. It was won by one of our favorite couples in the church. They had several children, all daughters, and it appeared they were intent on continuing recurring childbirth until they finally dropped a

son. The kit consisted of several useful items. Included were Billy Bob buck teeth and ugly birth control glasses, worn by either spouse to make them unattractive in bed. We added bad breath mints to compound the effect. Also included were birth control stockings. These were hideous. We took a pair of extra-large pantyhose, covered the legs with spray adhesive, and applied gobs of black dog hair collected from my son's border collie. The idea was for the wife to wear these hairy stockings to bed as a discouragement to intimacy. Our amiable couple happily tried these on for all the church to see.

Though some sensibilities were offended, the whole night was a scream. I learned later that we had one visiting couple who were so warmed by our ability to laugh at ourselves that they decided to join the church. It was a memorable evening. And Colby and I were not kicked out of the church, but I think it was close. It is good to laugh. I am convinced that God has a sense of humor.

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**Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday Services - February 14**

7:00 am – St. Leo (Mass, no adoration)

12:00 noon – St. John, Zenda (NO MASS - Liturgy of the Word and Ashes)

5:00 pm – St. Peter, Willowdale

6:30 pm – Sacred Heart, Cunningham (with PSR kids)



**Catholic Churches**

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


**St. Leo**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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**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.

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**Church of Christ**  
Penalosa  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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

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**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

**A Valentine Then and Now**

*By andria donnelly*

Knock, Knock  
"Valentines," we'd shout out and run like the wind behind some bushes. We'd watch and giggle as neighbors came outside to collect the tiny envelopes left on their porch steps.

For weeks we would make home made valentines for all our friends, signing them, "From Guess Who." It was a tradition in the little town I grew up in. Everybody knew everybody, but this was a rare time when you had a chance at anonymity. It was such fun, in a love thy neighbor kind of way.

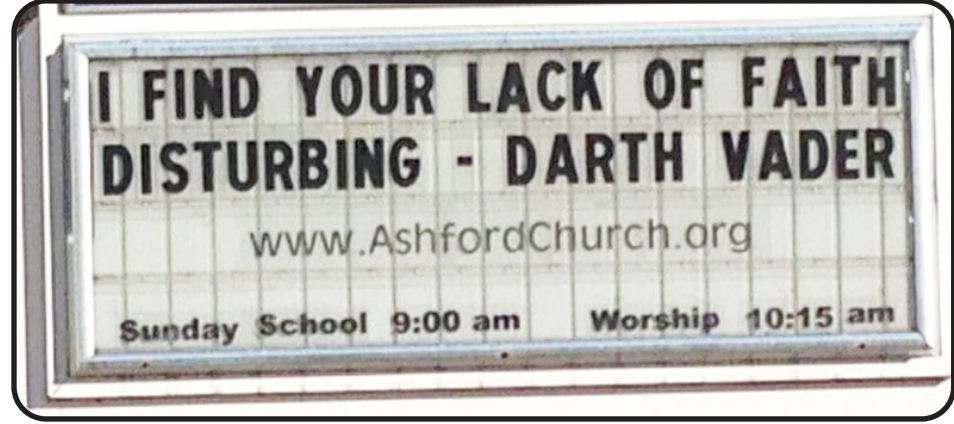
On a usually crisp, cold eve of February 14th, my cousin and I would gather our work in large, brown paper bags and walk through the neighborhood to deliver our home made gifts. We couldn't wait to get back to see how many had been delivered to us while we were out. We were never disappointed.

Does anyone make Valentines anymore? Sadly, the tradition of delivering them door to door no longer takes place in our little town. Once lost, a tradition is difficult to revive.

This past February I received an envelope in the mail. It traveled a long way to get here. Inside was a large red heart, carefully cut out with a pair of child proof scissors. The tops were a little squared off, more than rounded. Crayoned in blue, by the unsteady hand of a four year old, was the word NaNny. On the back, in the same blue crayon, were the words, LovE Dylan.

As I glance over the top of my computer, I see my valentine, in the pretty wooden frame I picked out for its new home. I didn't want to put it away in a box. I wanted to see my valentine all year long and feel the love that went into having it hand made especially for me. There it sits, on my treasures table.

A few years from now, I can picture my grandson visiting and saying "Nan, who made that valentine for you?" I will probably answer him by saying, "Guess who?"



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### JH Cats Take Bulldogs

The Wildcats traveled to Pretty Prairie for their final game of the regular season. It was kind of an ugly game with little game flow, but the Wildcats found a way to finish with a win. The boys played through some "head scratcher" calls.

Defense seemed a little slow and behind at times; giving up 11 points in the third quarter is not up to our standards

at all. The Cats had a lead at half, but the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs caught fire in the third to keep it close. Doubling their efforts, the Cats doubled the Dogs in the 4th quarter to seal the victory. The boys will try to fine tune some things with the league tournament starting this week. We earned the number 1 seed and know we have a target on our back after a very successful season.

Brody led the team with 11 rebounds followed by Nathan (8) and Liam (6). Liam and Brody each chipped in 3 steals. Adam had 3 assists.

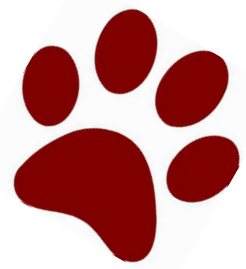
by Coach McGuire



Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	9	9	10	10	38
Pretty Prairie	4	5	11	5	25

#### Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	21
Adam Sterneker	7
Liam McGuire	6
Brody Bock	4
Cole Hageman	4
Tyler Osner	3
Liam McGuire	2



### JH Cats #1 Seed in League Tournament

It's tournament time! The #1 seed Junior High Wildcats played the #8 seed Burrton Chargers in the first round of the HOPL tournament on Saturday, February 3rd. The Cats did some good things overall with 8 players scoring in the game. It was a little sluggish at times. The coach put some restrictions on the starters, trying to get them more court minutes without being disrespectful to the opponent by running up the score. That cost us some game flow and continuity. The second wave of Cats came in and dominated by moving the ball and hitting their zone where there were openings. We play Norwich in the second round on Monday.

Liam McGuire led the team with 6 rebounds, followed by Cole (5) and Nathan (4). Carson Strohl and Tyler Osner tied with 3 steals. by Coach Lance McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	10	10	4	10	34
Burrton	2	0	2	2	6

#### Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	10
Tyler Osner	8
Weston Rogers	6
Wesly Preisser	2
Carson Strohl	2
Cole Hageman	2
Brody Bock	2
Hank Adams	2



### Junior High Wildcats are headed to the HOPL Championship!

We met up with the Norwich Eagles in the semi-final match on Monday, February 5 at Fairfield. This was our second contest with the Eagles this season; the first was a hard fought 9-point victory at Norwich.

First quarter was as expected: a battle. 8-7 in our

favor going into the second. Wash, rinse, repeat, but without much Wildcat energy. Halftime score was all knotted up at 14. The boys came out on a defensive mission in the third quarter, holding the Eagles to zero points while scoring 7 for the good guys. They entered the 4th quarter with momentum. Norwich had to foul us, and we kept giving them a shred of hope with our poor free throw shooting. Overall, the team did a great job managing the highs and

lows of an intense game.

They say defense wins championships, and it definitely got us to the one we play on Thursday! The Wildcats held the Eagles to 12% shooting in the second half! Looking forward to playing the Attica Bulldogs for HOPL honors at 6:15 on February 8 at Fairfield.

Brody led in rebounds with eight. Liam and Cole both grabbed five. Cole brought the excitement with three blocks in the second half. - by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	8	6	7	9	30
Norwich	7	7	0	7	21

#### Wildcat Scorers

Brody Bock	9
Tyler Osner	8
Nathan Ndambuki	6
Liam McGuire	3
Adam Sterneker	3
Cole Hageman	1



### Wildcats Defeat Falcons

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Fairfield on January 30, 2024, to play the Fairfield Falcons in the second league contest of the year. The Cats came away with a 77 to 56 win.

Will Wegerer was a one man scoring machine in the first quarter with 17 of the Cat's 20 first quarter points. Luke Albers added the other three points. Fairfield scored 15 points to have the Wildcats leading by a score of 20 to 15 after one quarter.

Both teams scored 13 points in the second quarter. Albers was four for five from the free throw line as well as making a two point basket to lead the way with six points. Dagim Reed hit a three point shot and Wegerer and Nate Sterneker

each had two points. Cunningham maintained their five point lead at the half.

The Cats started to stretch out their lead in the third quarter with 19 points and holding Fairfield to 11 points. Wegerer and Albers scored the majority of the points with nine and eight points, respectively. Kendall Rogers added two points. The score was Cunningham 52 and Fairfield 39 after three quarters of play.

Cunningham took command in the fourth quarter with 25 points to 17 for the Falcons. Wegerer ends the quarter with seven of his team leading 35 points. Reed and Albers contributed six points each and Luke McGuire made four points. The final score was Cunningham 77, Fairfield 56.

By Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1	1/2	4	3	3	2	
Wegerer	8	5	4/6	35	10	4	3	
Albers	7	1	6/8	23	11	3	3	
Sterneker	1			2	3			
Reed	1	2	1/2	9	1	3	2	1
Kerschen					1	1		
Morgan					2	2		
Rogers	2			4	4	2		
Kinsler					1			

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	20	13	19	25	77
Fairfield	15	13	11	17	56



Luke Albers



Will Wegerer

Molly Morgan photos

**Lady Wildcats** vs. Lady Falcons

Photos by Molly Morgan



Whitney Mead



photos by Molly Morgan

Ellie McGuire



Grace Hageman & Ellie McGuire



Rylee Miller



Maitlyn Jump

**Cunningham Holds Off the Eagles**

The Norwich Eagles put a scare in the Wildcats on Homecoming night on February 2, 2024. Cunningham held on after a 13 point comeback came up short for the Norwich team and Cunningham won 55 to 52.

It was the Luke Albers show in the first quarter as he scored 11 of the Cat's 15 points to lead the way to a 15 to 14 first quarter score. Will Wegerer added a three point basket and Kory Morgan made a free throw.

Cunningham played some of their best man to man defense in the second quarter holding the Eagles to four points

while scoring 11 points to take a 26 to 18 lead into the half. Wegerer carried the load this quarter with nine points. Albers scored the other two points for the Cats.

The third quarter saw the Cats extend their lead to ten points outscoring the Eagles 12 to 10. Albers and Wegerer each scored six points for Cunningham. The score was Cunnig 38, Norwich 28.

Cunningham took command in the fourth quarter extending their lead to 16 points halfway through the quarter before Norwich began their comeback. The Eagles began to apply full court pressure which led to fouls by them which put the Cats at the line for 15 free throws. The pres-

sure that the Cats were put under as the Eagles began making three point shots made it difficult to score from the free throw line. The more shots they made and the free throws that we missed added to the drama. Cunningham managed five free throws out of the 15 taken and that was enough to hold off Norwich and gain the Cats their third league victory of the season. The final score was Cunningham 55 and Norwich 52. Albers scored nine of the Cat's 17 fourth quarter points. Dagim Reed added three points and Nate Sterneker made a basket. Luke McGuire, Wegerer, and Kendall Rogers each made one point.

by Coach Stackhouse



Dagim Reed



Photos by Molly Morgan

Kory Morgan

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire			1/4	1	3	3		3
Wegerer	3	3	4/6	19	11	5	3	
Albers	12		4/5	28	5	1	3	
Sterneker	1			2	6	2	1	
Reed	1		1/4	3	3	2	1	
Morgan			1/2	1	1	1		
Rogers			1/2	1			1	
Kinsler							1	

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	15	11	12	17	55
Norwich	14	4	10	24	52

*"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team."*

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

**"Basketball Rule #5**

*When you stop playing your game you've already lost."*

— Kwame Alexander, *The Crossover*

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Powerlifters Medal at Wellington Meet

Congratulations to all the Cunningham powerlifters on a very successful first in person meet of the year. The Cunningham group traveled to Wellington on Saturday and performed very well. Every lifter who participated performed a personal best total. Several performed personal best marks on individual lifts. We also brought a lot of hardware home in terms of medals. Congratulations to everyone who participated and a big thank you to Mrs. Kayla Feigel for taking the kids for that competitive experience. The day is a long, so I am very appreciative of her help and time.

Results:

Skyler Thimesch third place overall 745 pound total in the 165 pound weight class

Maranda Lohrke 3rd place overall 410 pound total in the 148 pound weight class

Stephen Kerschen 2nd place overall 840 pound total in the 181 pound weight class

Lucas Hageman, 2nd place overall 750 pound total in the 156 pound weight class

Jack Ruckle first place overall 1045 pound total in the 198 pound weight class  
article and photos submitted by Eric Kerschen



Jack Ruckle



Maranda Lohrke



Lucas Hageman



Stephen Kerschen



Skyler Thimesch



Wheat Scoop: Applications Open for Kansas Wheat Scholarships Honoring Industry Leaders

High school seniors and current Kansas college students have until Friday, March 15, 2024, to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships from Kansas Wheat honoring industry leaders Herb Clutter and David Radenberg. The scholarships — each worth \$1,000 — continue a proud tradition of supporting the future of the Kansas wheat industry.

“Inspired by the enduring legacies of Herb Clutter and David Radenberg, Kansas Wheat is proud to help empower the next generation of the Kansas wheat industry,” said Justin Gilpin, CEO of Kansas Wheat. “Through these scholarships, we honor the passion of these industry leaders and help to provide opportunities for future leaders in agriculture.”

Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship Administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG), the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship will award one \$1,000 scholarship per year to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible

for the scholarship, applicants must plan to be a full-time student at any two or four-year Kansas college or university.

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused around the field of agriculture. The scholarship will be toward tuition for the student’s college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Herb Clutter’s influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers, and is supported by the generosity of the Herb Clutter family. Herbert W. Clutter was a farmer from Holcomb and the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, which was established in 1948. Clutter encouraged Kansas wheat farmers to organize as a strong, unified voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. He encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter’s efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature in 1957.

Apply for the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship by completing the scholarship ap-

plication at [kswheat.com/clutter](http://kswheat.com/clutter). The application includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why the applicant has chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay, along with the student’s application, in determining the scholarship winner.

David Radenberg Memorial Scholarship

The David Radenberg Memorial Scholarship will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a current undergraduate or graduate student from Kansas who is pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. Preference will be given to students pursuing a career related to the improvement of wheat, including but not limited to wheat genetics, wheat agronomics, wheat breeding, plant

pathology, Extension and bioinformatics.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at any two- or four-year college or university in Kansas. Incoming freshmen or transfers are not eligible.

David Radenberg was a lifelong wheat farmer in Claffin, Kansas, where his family has farmed for more than 100 years. He represented central Kansas on the Kansas Wheat Commission from April 2011 to March 2020, including serving as chairman from August 2018 to May 2019. Radenberg was also a founding board member of the Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation.

During his tenure as a commissioner, he supported wheat research

and international marketing efforts, including attending the 31st annual Latin American Millers Conference in Lima, Peru, in 2013. At the time, he expressed how he enjoyed sharing with millers, bakers and merchandisers about the research investments Kansas farmers are making to provide a better-quality product.

In 2013, Radenberg also visited multiple Pacific Rim countries to promote U.S. wheat. The contrast between third-world poverty he saw in thriving modern cities left an impression on him and reinforced his support of wheat research to help feed a hungry world.

Apply for the David Radenberg Memorial Scholarship by completing the scholarship application at [kswheat.com/](http://kswheat.com/)

radenberg. The application includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why the applicant has chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay, along with the student’s application and a statement of financial need, in determining the scholarship winner.

For both scholarships, the application and associated documents must be submitted to Kansas Wheat at 1990 Kimball Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502, by Friday, March 15, 2024. Learn more or download the scholarship applications at <https://kswheat.com/growers/outreach/>. More information is also available by contacting 785-539-0255 or [kawg@kswheat.com](mailto:kawg@kswheat.com).

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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### Minding My Manners

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

At first I assumed the invitation to an etiquette dinner had found its way to my inbox by mistake. After a little reflection, I wondered if it was the beginning of a scheme where I would be held up as an example of everything you're not supposed to do.

Still, I cautiously accepted and was soon in

charge of leading introductions for a handful of college students who traded a couple hours of their time to learn about proper protocol in formal dining scenarios. Or, like me, they signed up for the free meal.

In any event, I was merely a facilitator for networking and conversation. The heavy lifting fell to K-State's College of Agriculture and Kansas Soybean Commission, which served as hosts for the evening. The basic idea of the night was for the students getting ready for their first job or summer internships to follow the social cues that dictate business meals and for-

mal social celebrations.

I must admit the manners I've acquired over the years have been learned the hard way. This is mostly because I'm a slow learner with a penchant for violating social norms. My timing was always impeccable, though. Like the Christmas dinner where I called for some to "pass the (expletive removed, but it rhymes with jam) mashed potatoes." My grandfather quickly quipped, "Take his presents out from under the tree."

A few years later we were homeward bound after a long road trip through Wyoming and Montana when we

stopped for dinner at restaurant. It was fancy, too. I know it was because it had cloth napkins, and they were bright red. For some reason I grabbed the napkin, unfurled it and waved it with both hands while shouting "olé". My family was less than enthused with my impromptu impression of a matador. It was short lived because I didn't dodge the bull (my dad) who snatched the napkin with one hand while directing me to a chair with the other. Somehow I was still allowed back in the car to complete the journey.

There was no swearing or wild gestures at my recent dinner, but there

also weren't any mashed potatoes to be passed. The presenter covered the most expensive item on a menu, when it's OK to order alcohol at a business dinner and how to politely excuse yourself to check your phone.

Everyone was polite and well behaved, and I didn't see any of the students checking their phones throughout the dinner. The room was full of bright, capable young people eager for the chance to hone a skill. No doubt the world will be a better place when they're in charge of things.

My colleagues today may disagree, but I believe I've matured quite

a bit. While I'm still a slow learner and can be quite stubborn, I'm better at minding my manners. Or at least I think I am. I'll have to wait to see if I'm invited back to next year's dinner.

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Valentine's Day! What Did Cupid Do? crossword puzzle with clues and illustrations.

Valentines To Share: It's that fun time of year again, when we write notes and poems to friends. Here are mini bookmarks that you can finish filling in with the words that fit: hard too card share go bear new schoolyard care know

#1 Today's a day for Valentines, For cards and candy \_\_\_\_\_, A day for making silly rhymes For friends both old and \_\_\_\_\_.

#4 I see that "ewe" are The new "kid" in the classroom, Sitting "owl" alone.

#2 A card held by a Teddy \_\_\_\_\_ And candy that I can \_\_\_\_\_; Today, friendship is in the air, A time to show how much I \_\_\_\_\_!

#3 It's hard to dribble basketballs While writing cards for friends. It's tough to score a three-point shot When one hand holds a pen. The time is running off the clock- Just minutes left to \_\_\_\_\_ How can I shoot a Valentine To everyone I \_\_\_\_\_?

"Bee"-ing new is \_\_\_\_\_ No friends "hare" in the \_\_\_\_\_ I "otter" say Hi! A Valentine \_\_\_\_\_ Starts the "possum"-billy That "whale" be good friends!

Secret Valentine Message: Use the code to fill in the blanks with the letters to see the secret Valentine message: [A-Z symbols]



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**Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption**

**Nina**

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Female Domestic Shorthair  
Nina weighs about 9 pounds and is almost 2 years old.

Her adoption fee is \$40.00  
She has been at the shelter since November 1, 2022  
Nina is so sweet and docile but she has an allergy condition that requires regular medication so she gets passed up all the time. Her meds only cost about \$12 to \$13 per month, so if you're willing to give a sweet kitty a little extra attention, she can be your lifelong buddy.

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Meet Drifter, a beautiful, spirited adventurer with an affectionate nature but a keen interest in chasing cats, so Fluffy might not appreciate his enthusiasm. He gets along great with most other dogs and loves being in the company of his human pals but might do best in a home with more mature children.

Male Shepherd, White German / Mixed Breed (Large)

Weights about 60 pounds and is about 2 and 1/2 years old.

His adoption fee is \$180.00  
He has been at the shelter since January 6, 2024  
He prefers an adult-only home, but is good with other dogs, is house-trained and people friendly.

If you're an active individual or family, Drifter could be a perfect fit. Embrace the energy and enjoy the cozy cuddles. Drifter will be a loyal and loving friend for life.

**KCHS Donation Wish List**

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:  
13-gal. kitchen trash bags  
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clumping cat litter  
canned dog food  
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stainless steel flat-sided water buckets  
paper towels  
bleach

liquid laundry detergent  
poop bag rolls  
disposable gloves (large)  
The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman  
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*Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society*

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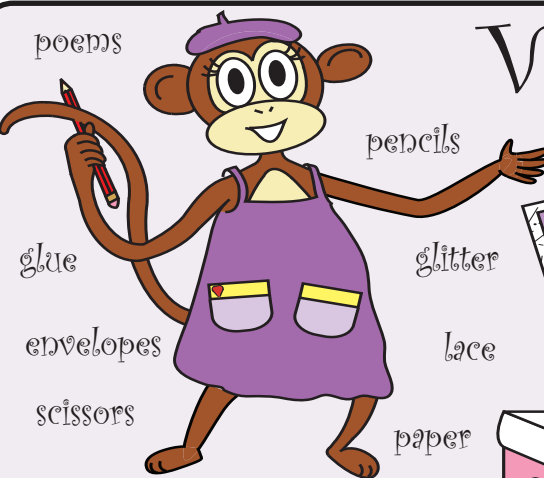
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**Valentine Cards**

- #1 too, new
- #2 bear, share, care
- #3 go, know
- #4 hard, schoolyard, card



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**Valentine's Day!**



**A Secret Valentine Message**

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 28

- Traffic Stops 4
- Control Burn 1
- Follow Up 200 Blk E Ave B, Zenda
- Follow Up 200 Blk W Ave B, Zenda
- Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Disturbance 200 Blk E B, Kingman
- Disturbance 200 Blk N Sunflower Dr, Kingman
- Misc. 200 Blk S Spruce St, Penalosa
- 911 Call Hang Up 200 Blk W Burns Ave, Norwich
- Interview 1600 Blk N Walnut St, Kingman
- Interview 1800 Blk N Walnut St, Kingman

Monday, January 29

- Control Burns 2
- Warrant Service 1
- Sign Down NW 50 St and NW 80 Ave area, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Tuesday, January 30

- Traffic Stops 2
- Control Burns 4
- Transport Prisoner 3
- Vandalism 100 Blk E A Ave, Kingman
- Fire - Wild SW 150 St and SW 50 Ave Area, Spivey
- Debris in Roadway N Marquette St and E D Ave Area, Kingman
- Follow Up 15000 Blk NE Trailridge Rd, Cheney
- Miscellaneous 300 N Main, Kingman

Wednesday, January 31

- Control Burn 4
- Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- VIN Inspection 200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
- Alarm 400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham
- Trespassing 2000 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
- Suspicious Vehicle NE 20 St and N Hwy 14 Area, Kingman



- Suspicious Vehicle 6000 Blk NW 10 St, Kingman
- Assist Other Agencies SE 150 Ave Area, Cheney
- Assist Other Agencies 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Lost or Found Property 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Thursday, February 1

- Control Burn 1
- Lost or Found Property 2 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Vandalism SE 170 St and SE 10 Ave Area, Harper
- Public Lockout 1600 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Traffic Violation NE 40 Ave and E Hwy 54 Area, Kingman
- Court 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
- Extra Patrol 5000 Blk NE 35 St, Kingman

Friday, February 2

- Traffic Stops 6
- Control Burn 1
- 911 Call - Hang Up Dial 1000 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman
- Alarm/Fire 9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock
- Suspicious Vehicle 9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock
- Unlock Vehicle 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Alarm/Burglary 800 Blk E D Ave, Kingman

Saturday, February 3

- Traffic Stops 12
- Civil Papers 7
- Control Burn 700 Blk SW 40 St, Kingman
- Utility 200 Blk N Main St, Kingman
- Suspicious Person 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle NE 50 St and N Hwy 14 Area, Pretty Prairie
- 911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial 500 Blk W Main St, Pretty Prairie
- Traffic Violation 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman
- Traffic Violation 4000 Blk SE 70 St, Kingman
- Traffic Violation NE 10 St and NE 150 Ave Area, Cheney
- Traffic Violation 5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Miscellaneous 300 Blk E A Ave, Kingman
- Animal SW 70 St and SW 30 Ave Area, Spivey
- Lost or Found Property 9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock

How Business Owners Can Make Social Security Part of Their Retirement Planning

Most business owners are hyper-focused on growing their business and legacy. But at some point, they must consider a plan for retirement. That's why it's important

for business owners to begin thinking about how Social Security fits into their retirement planning. Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of almost every American worker – including business owners.

Since there are specific rules for business owners, they should speak with a financial advisor or accountant before applying. One of the biggest

mistakes business owners make – aside from starting retirement planning too late – is not having a plan at all. This is where an expert can give sound advice on how to navigate retirement.

Business owners can visit [www.ssa.gov/prepare/plan-retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/prepare/plan-retirement) to determine eligibility for retirement benefits as well as get a benefit estimate. Our publication, If

You Are Self-Employed, at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10022.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10022.pdf), provides important information about Social Security taxes for business owners as well as how to report earnings. Don't delay, start your retirement planning today!

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To learn more about Medicare, please visit

our Medicare Benefits page at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare). You may also read our publication at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf).

Please share this information with your friends and loved ones who may need it.



*"I think all of us are always five years old in the presence and absence of our parents."*

— Sherman Alexie, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

*"Age is not a particularly interesting subject. Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough."*

— Groucho Marx

ACROSS

- Zagreb native
- Not St. or Blvd.
- Tucked in
- Whatchamacallit
- Robert Redford's Sundance
- In a cold manner
- Tiny island
- Mad King George's number
- Hearing, e.g.
- \*Love's late Nirvana husband
- \*Star-\_\_\_\_\_
- \*Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at \_\_\_\_\_"
- Elementary particle
- Tire meas.
- Land of Israel
- \*Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we \_\_\_\_\_"
- Ladder crosspiece
- Frenzied
- London's Thames, e.g.
- \_\_\_\_\_-European language
- Call it quits
- Very bright star
- What procedural and epidural have in common
- Crosby's and Still's partner
- Mountain valley
- Final words
- Future J.D.'s hurdle
- Food scrap
- Tax
- Pen point
- \*"All You Need Is Love" band, with The
- \*Letters to Juliet destination

DOWN

- Computer-related imaging acronym
- CISC alternative
- Capital of Norway
- Single-cell protozoan
- Bottom lines
- Similar
- One of the Tudors
- Authoritative proclamation
- Single pip cards
- The Container Store purchase, pl.
- "What \_\_\_\_\_ can I say?"
- T-shirt, after tied
- Chemical cousin
- Homer's epic
- Actor Lowe
- Deviation from the norm
- \*U2's "In the Name of Love" song
- First light of day
- Lemur from Madagascar
- Damien's prediction
- Ding-a-\_\_\_\_\_
- Convex molding
- \*"Love means \_\_\_\_\_ having to say you're sorry"
- \*"Love Actually" star

36. Hockey score

- \*True Love's \_\_\_\_\_
- Feudal lord
- Loafed
- "Holy moly!"
- Rant
- "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
- Phony
- Teeth mark
- Children's writer Blyton
- Old, in Scottish
- Three pointer
- Heater outlet
- Wooden pegs
- Rigoletto's "La donna mobile," e.g.
- Pool tool
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**SCCF'S Innovative Learning Grant for USD 331 Now Available**

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) partnered with the Enrichment USD 331 Foundation to create the annual Innovative Learning Grant, available now and due February 29<sup>th</sup>. This grant opportunity is available to USD 331 teachers for any of the following criteria to be implemented in the 2024-2025 School Year. Increase innovative learning in the classroom, building, or district curriculum. Provide opportunities to students that otherwise are not economically feasible. Professional learning opportunities for staff that foster innovative learning. Provide exposure to arts & humanities, career opportunities, or leadership training to the students and staff. Provide innovative learning tools in the classroom that otherwise are not economically feasible. The guidelines and application can be viewed at [www.sccfks.org](http://www.sccfks.org) under the grant opportunities page. For questions about this process or help with your application, please contact SCCF at (620) 672.7929 or [hannah@sccfks.org](mailto:hannah@sccfks.org).

**Minutes from the Pratt County Commission**

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were Present: Thomas W Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Heather Morgan, economic development/ Covid consultant, reported she received permission to disclose the company coming to Pratt. It is a full cycle waste solutions. They take recycled items, break them down

for other uses. KDOT has not announced what the next round of projects will be. The governor vetoed the tax plan. The parties are working on other plans. Jon Roach, noxious weed, presented receipts on the Purple Wave Auctions. For the 2003 Chevrolet c4500 sprayer truck Pratt County received \$25,500 and for the 2024 Chevrolet truck bed Pratt County received \$11,150. Jimmy White, sheriff and Devon Willard, deputy, reported that Cameron Quick was awarded the Medal of Valor for his part in the recent car chase. Devon Willard presented quotes on drones. He went over each quote. Tyson questioned about using a grant. Devon stated the grant would not include certain items.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to proceed with the process of contacting Heather Morgan about using ARPA funds. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. A pay slip for Ricky Wittig part-time road department for \$18.00 per hour was presented. Commissioner Adams made that motion. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, presented a water well usage report for the well around Coats. He reported he had gone over budget by around \$1750.00. The 606 truck has been repaired. Oil leak on rescue 1, it is at Main Street Auto and will give them a quote. He reported 63 calls last year. He gave an update on equipment he would like to replace in the future.

City of Pratt would like to schedule a joint meeting sometime in February or March. It was decided March 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the public safety building. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:51 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:10 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:10 p.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matter concerning HIPPA, Mark Graber, IT director was asked to stay. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:18 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the vouchers for January 29, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mark Graber, IT director reported he got third and fourth floor on the security cameras. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Clerk Voss stated the

**Public Notice**

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**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION**

**NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and will remain closed until the day after the Presidential Preference Primary Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. Books will reopen on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of January, 2024.

(SEAL)  
Carol D. Noblit  
Kingman County Election Officer

**Public Notice**

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**IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GOLYA L. STERLING, deceased.**

CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-000004

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Michael L. Sterling, heir of Golya L. Sterling, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

*Lots Fourteen (14), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18), and Twenty (20) on Bridge Street in Jett and Reeds Refrontage of Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27 on Sixth Street, and Lots 10, 12,*

*14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 on Seventh Street, in south Addition to the Town of Kingman, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.*

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before February 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kingman County District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Michael L. Sterling, Petitioner  
MANDI J. STEPHENSON, #24694  
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The front of the high school classroom addition as seen from Main and 4th Streets.



4H Club Learns About Heartland Soil



The Cunningham 4-H Club met on January 7th, 2024, at the community center. The roll call was "How old are you?" After the roll call, we sang Frosty the Snowman as our song, led by Adam Sterneker. We invited a guest speaker to educate us about his job. Landon Oldham came and talked about his job as the owner of Heartland Soil Services and how he started it. He also talked about what they do for farmers and crops. Afterward, Nate Sterneker presented us with our 4-H budget and spending. We also had several project talks during the meeting. Wyatt Neywick talked about the Tiger Tank. Adam

Sterneker talked about the footstool he made in woodworking class. Jessica Dittmer demonstrated how to make a Banana Cream Parfait. Leah Rogers demonstrated how to make a pizza. Kendall Rogers talked about the Architecture career path. The meeting concluded with trail mix and game called 4 Corners.

The Cunningham 4-H members also worked at the concession stand on January 26th for the Girls 54 Classic. We sold walking tacos, pizza, pretzels, and homemade desserts.

-reported by Kendall Rogers

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