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Governor Kelly's First Year Rebuilding Kansas

With 2019 drawing to a close, Governor Laura Kelly reflected on her administration's accomplishments during her first year in office and addressed the work still to be done to keep Kansas on the path to prosperity.

"When I took office in January, I made a promise to the people of Kansas that I would do everything I could to rebuild our state and improve their quality of life," Kelly said. "That promise has guided me over the course of the past year, and today I am pleased to say we have instituted bipartisan, meaningful change in 2019 that will help strengthen families across Kansas.

"Our state is on the road to recovery. This summer, CNBC described Kansas as 'the comeback state of 2019,' improving our standing in their annual rankings of top states for business by 16 spots – the largest jump of any other state.

While the Governor has made meaningful progress in restoring fiscally responsible budget practices, she knows that she must keep fighting for and investing in key priorities such as Kansas' schools and infrastructure.

"I'm proud of this, and all we have accomplished," Kelly said. "But we still have so much to do. I promise to continue to work hard every day for every Kansan."

Among the successes of Governor Kelly's administration in 2019:

Education

From day one, Kelly ran on the promise of restoring school funding and becoming the "Education Governor." Kelly highlighted the importance of investing in the school system to build a future workforce pipeline and a brighter future for all Kansans.

On April 6, Kelly signed a bipartisan school funding bill that the Kansas Supreme Court ruled adequately funded Kansas schools. In a true victory for Kansas families, the ruling finally ended many years of costly litigation over school finance and put K-12 public schools on a stronger foundation for success.

Kelly also established the Governor's Council on Education, which is made up of stakeholders in education, child welfare, labor, advocacy and business communities across Kansas. The Council has already issued initial recommendations designed to improve education outcomes from early childhood through postsecondary attainment; enhance workforce development; and stimulate economic growth in Kansas.

Kelly also increased funding for higher education and challenged Kansas' Regents universities to ensure that the funding would protect Kansas college students from a tuition hike for the first time in years.

Labor

Current labor market data, for November 2019, shows Kansas maintained record low unemployment, marking its lowest rate in 40 years at 3.1%. Since November of 2018, Kansas has gained 16,800 non-farm jobs and 11,800 private-sector jobs. November estimates also indicate strong wage growth in the private sector.

Fiscal Responsibility

During her first weeks in office, Kelly submitted a balanced budget to the Kansas Legislature nearly three weeks ahead of schedule. The budget paid down debt, invested in key priorities like schools, highways and health care, and provided the state with the largest ending balance in a decade — all without a tax increase, as promised.

In September, Kelly established the bipartisan Governor's Council on Tax Reform. The Council is performing an in-depth study of the state's current tax system. In December, the Council produced a number of recommendations for a fair and sustainable tax structure.

In calling for a return to the balanced, three-legged stool approach to taxes — income, property and sales — it recommended a food sales tax rebate and return to a tax-reduction fund that would give local governments more ability to lower property taxes. Decreasing the burden placed on Kansas families by the food sales tax has always been one of the Governor's top priorities from the first day of her campaign.

In addition to balancing the budget, Kelly's administration began the process of thoroughly reviewing the state's "no-bid" contracts. The practice of "no-bid" contracts bypassed the official state bidding process designed to ensure that contracts are transparent and in the best interests of Kansans. New measures of transparency, accountability and fairness have been established within the state procurement process. Kelly has taken exhaustive steps to ensure that Kansas taxpayer dollars go toward the most qualified bidder.

Child Welfare

One of Kelly's top priorities after taking office was taking steps to rebuild Kansas' broken foster-care system.

She first appointed a nationally renowned leader to guide the Department for Children and Families. In January, Secretary Laura Howard took the lead at DCF and immediately improved transparency within the agency and efforts to locate children who were absent or had run away. Secretary Howard made meaningful progress by also hiring dozens of new social workers needed to improve response times and handle the existing caseload.

Kelly also signed a bill allowing Kansas to leverage millions of federal dollars to benefit programs that strengthen vulnerable children and families. The bill enables Kansas to meet the requirements of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act program, which uses funds to give Kansas families access to strong, evidence-based programs — from mental health services to substance use disorder treatment — designed to prevent the need for foster care.

Transportation

Kelly reduced more than \$160 million in sales tax transfers from the "Bank of KDOT," the money from the state's transportation program. Over the past several years, more than \$2 billion from this fund was used by the Legislature to pay for programs unrelated to transportation. By working toward closing the "Bank of KDOT," the state can finally use Kansas' infrastructure dollars to begin rebuilding deteriorated highways, complete five delayed T-WORKS proj-

ects, address critical safety needs, reinstate the local bridge repair program and create a partnership program for communities to address their infrastructure problems.

The Governor has directed KDOT to develop a new long-term transportation plan for the state. After meeting with more than 2,000 Kansans, the proposed new FORWARD transportation plan calls for completing all T-WORKS projects, fully funding highway preservation, modernizing all modes of transportation, and providing economic development opportunities across the state.

Health Care

Kelly has made it clear that her top priority in 2020 will be expanding KanCare, the state's Medicaid program, so that 150,000 more Kansans will have access to affordable, quality health care.

As part of Kelly's commitment to ensuring 2020 will finally be the year we bring expansion over the finish line, Kelly established the bipartisan Governor's Council on Medicaid Expansion.

"The group studied what worked elsewhere to help determine the best path for Kansas," Kelly said. "The Council will submit a final report to me in early January outlining several guideposts for responsible expansion in Kansas. I call on the Legislature to carefully consider these guideposts next session as a way to pass a clean, effective bill to help the many Kansans who currently don't have enough coverage."

Economic Development

Kelly, in conjunction with Secretary of Commerce David Toland, established the Kansas "Framework for Growth" — a comprehensive strategy for economic growth in the state. A team of stakeholders, business leaders and economic development professionals from across the state will implement three phases: assessment and benchmarking; recommendations and best practices; and implementation planning. Key priorities of the Framework for Growth include business and workforce development, industry promotion and job creation.

The Department of Commerce also re-launched the Main Street program, which is critical to the growth and revitalization of our rural communities. Prior to 2012, when Main Street was discontinued, the program had a 27-year history of building stronger communities and strengthening businesses by preserving historic commercial districts around the state.

Rural Prosperity

Kelly appointed Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers to lead the newly-established Office of Rural Prosperity, which will develop statewide policies and initiatives for improving life in rural communities that have been neglected for far too long.

This summer, Rogers visited 54 Kansas counties on his Office of Rural Prosperity listening tour. On the tour, he learned that key needs in rural communities include developing rural housing, investing in infrastructure and supporting hospitals.

Kelly, along with Lt. Governor Rogers, urged Kansas' congressio-

nal delegation to support the pending United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), due to its importance to Kansas trade and exports — and the state's economy.

Additionally, the Kansas Department of Agriculture recently unveiled a new website to assist Kansas farmers and ranchers who are dealing with ag-related stress. The website contains resources and support to assist Kansas farmers, including help with stress management, financial and legal challenges and mental health services.

State Employees and Cabinet

This year, Kelly increased pay for state workers by 2.5%, without a tax increase. And after years of health insurance premium hikes, this year Kelly's administration was able to decrease costs by 6% for families and spouses.

In addition, one of Kelly's first priorities was to appoint a highly-qualified, bipartisan Cabinet focused on rebuilding state agencies that had been hollowed out over the course of the past several years.

The Cabinet has taken great strides to serve more Kansans and restore transparency and accountability in state government.

Corrections

When Kelly took office in January, the state's corrections system was in dire straits due to overcrowding and other problems. To address the crisis in state prisons and enhance public safety, Kelly increased pay for corrections workers by 15.9%.

She also appointed several members to the new, bipartisan Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, which will address systemic problems in our criminal justice system and make suggestions for change that should help ease prison crowding and reduce recidivism rates.

Inclusion and Equality

On her first day in office, Kelly signed Executive Order 19-02, reinstating protections to state employees who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

She also agreed to a court order allowing transgender Kansans to update the gender listed on their birth certificate, so it accurately reflects their identity.

When Kelly took office, the state boards and commissions to which the governor makes appointments were composed of 37% women and 63% men. Governor Kelly's first year's appointments — 51% women and 49% men — illustrate her intention to more accurately reflect the state and represent her commitment in general that the state government should reflect and serve the full diversity of Kansas residents, communities, and talent.

2020 Priorities

"There is still so much to do," Kelly said. "I will continue traveling across the state to hear from Kansans about what is working in their communities — and what is not. Hearing from Kansans directly is how I've always operated. It's the only way to get things done, and get things done right."

"I am proud of what we accomplished, and I look forward to continuing this hard work next year."

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Sunday, January 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sunday, January 5, 2020
8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday, January 4, 2020
5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturday, January 4, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa**

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
620-532-2684

**CHRISTIAN
Cunningham**

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201
620-770-9507

**LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville**

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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

**Trinity
Medicine Lodge**
Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship
8:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis
Fangmeyer
620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

**UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa**
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann
620-298-2090
Office Hours:
Tuesdays:
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
Zenda**
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each
month breakfast fellow-
ship at: 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist
Women meet the 1st
Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Monday, January 6th School classes resume	Friday, January 10th HS BB at Kinsley
Monday, January 6th JH BB at Pretty Prairie	Saturday, January 11 HS BB Boys B Team Tourney at home
Tuesday, January 7th HS BB vs. Mullinville at home	Monday, January 13th HS BB Boys B Team Tourney at home
Wednesday, January 8th 7:00 p.m. Board of Education meets	Tuesday, January 14th HS BB vs Attica at Home
Thursday, January 9th 8:30 a.m NHS visit food bank	Thursday, January 16th JH BB at Attica
Thursday, January 9th JH BB vs Burrton at home	Monday, January 20th Teacher Inservice NO SCHOOL

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**January 3rd - 5th
Special Holiday Matinee:
Spies in Disguise**

Rated PG
Showtimes are Friday and Saturday
at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

- WANTED -
Old Photos for *Our Community Album*
Call (620) 298-2659 or email
cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.com or send
to PO Box 38, Cunningham, KS 67035

To Donate or Loan items to the
Cunningham Museum,
please contact Donna Glenn

Library Recycling!
Please keep batteries, CDs/CD cases, ink pens
and markers out of the landfill. Bring those un-
wanted items to Cunningham Public Library to be
recycled. The program will continue until the zero
waste boxes are full.

**Fundraisers & Charitable
Opportunities in our Community**

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com
(Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774)

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any
church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

William E. Bradley, Editor

1970

January 1 - A group of young people from the St. Leo - Cunningham community, will leave Wichita by chartered Continental Trailways bus, Wednesday morning, for Dallas, Tex., where they will attend the Cotton Bowl football game on New Year's Day between the University of Notre Dame and the University of Texas.

In the group are Jerry Reif, Kenny Kerschen, John Holcomb, J. C. Kerschen, Ruth Eck, Jim McCune, Fred Holcomb, Chuck Holcomb, John Adelhardt, Elmer Adelhardt, Ned Albers, Bonnie Albers, John Eck, Alan Albers, Tom Strohl, Wayne Jarmer, and Ron Albers.

The Cunningham Grade School basketball teams started out December 4 on a winning note by defeating St. Leo in three games. The "B" boys defeated the St. Leo "B" boys team, 6 to 5. The Cunningham girls defeated the St. Leo girls, 27-12. The top scorers were Delores Mertens with 12, Reta Ratcliff with 8, and Bonnie Hamlett with 7. The Cunningham "A" boys defeated the St. Leo "A" boys, 19 to 15. Kent Scripsick was the high point man with 5 points, followed by Mike Oller, Bob Kampling, and Steve Jones, who scored 4 points each.

Bonnie Hamlett and Debbie Cain, reporters.

Hilltop House Nursing Home News by Olin S. Northrup

John Mertens visited Sam McMichael, Wednesday evening, Friday Morning, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Fr. Eugene Robl visited the home Sunday morning.

The UFO group of carolers visited the home Sunday evening, and brought boxes of candy and cookies to the residents. In the group were Albert, Wava, Bill, Bob, and Mike McGovney, David, Suzanne, and Mark Steffen, Nancy and Larry Nolte, Teresa Long, Kris Sheldon, Sheryl Dunn, Mark Dafforn, Kathy McCune, Kandi Bradley, Linda Jo Cain, Monte Rose, Edna Bishop, and Elaine Webster.

Fourteen years ago, January 1, 1956, the Hilltop House was opened under the management of Mrs. Virginia Gray and the Douglas J. Millers.

1964

December 31 - Happy New Year from these advertisers - The First

Thanks for
recycling
The Courier on
January 13th



National Bank, Creamer's TV and Radio, Knotty Pine Motel, Baber's Sundries, Gano Grain, Em's Beauty Shop, Ace Cleaners, B&H Electric, Virginia's Cafe, DeWeese Hardware and Variety, Scripsick Standard Service, Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange, Reno Telephone, The Cunningham Clipper, Vern's Mobil Station - Arnold Heeke, Bob's Repair Shop, Kingman Savings and Loan, Hauser's AG Market, Patton's Skelly Station, Kincheloe Impl. Co., Cozy Cafe, Cunningham Repair Shop, Dafforn Appliances, Rose Garage, Mary's Fantasy Salon, Raney's Truck Service, McCool Radio and TV, Hilltop House, and Ellis Derby Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Frances, to Cadet First Class William A. Swick III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Swick Jr. of Spenard, Alaska.

Cunningham IGA

Winchester Stick Chili, lb. 49¢
Sunshine Crackers, lb. 29¢
Choice Round Steak, lb. 79¢
Choice Sirloin Steak, lb., 89¢
Choice T-Bone Steak, lb., 89¢
Arizona Head Lettuce, 2 heads 29¢
California Sunkist Navel Oranges, 20 for \$1
California Sunkist Lemons, 6 for 29¢
Avacados, 2 for 25¢
Steffen's Cottage Cheese, 2-lb. ctn., 39¢
TV Ice Cream, 1/2 gal., 59¢
Kraft Sliced American or Pimento Cheese, 12-oz. pkg, 49¢
SnoPeak Corn, Mixed Vegetables, or Peas, 1 3/4 lb. pkg., 29¢
Armour Chili, 15-oz. can, 29¢
Flavorkist Saltines, lb. 23¢
Hawaiian Punch, 3 46-oz. cans, \$1
IGA Tomato Juice, 46-oz. can, 25¢
Rainbow Cut Green Beans, 303 can, 10¢
Van Camp Pork 'n Beans, 3 303 cans, 39¢
Good Value Whole Kernel Corn, 3 303 cans, 39¢

1959

December 31 - Quick action by neighbors and the volunteer fire department save the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Burr and family about 7:30 o'clock Christmas morning (Friday). Fire from an undetermined source broke out in the wall of the residence while the family was away. Damage was confined to one room. The house is owned by Everett Hauser.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Graves, Janet and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman, Kenton, Keith, and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swander and Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Alferd Helmers and sons of Scott City, were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Shelman and family in Wichita.

Mrs. Anna Steffen had as her Christmas Day guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Link and family of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Low and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clair McElwain and family of Mullinville, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steffen and family, and Herman Steffen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long, Terry and Steve, entertained with a Christmas Day dinner. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis and Vicki, and Mr. and Mrs. James Luce.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker had as their Christmas Day company, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schnittker and son of Dodge City, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schnittker and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ellis announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, December 22, at the Pratt County Hospital.

She weighed eight pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dunn, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis, all of Cunningham. (editor's note: Teresa, if this is you...Happy Birthday!).

100% Pure Mountain-Grown Fleming's Flavor-Rich Coffee, pound can, 59¢ at Cunningham IGA. "Right on the Highway - Right on the Price"

1954

December 30, 1954

- Cars driven by George McCarty of Wichita, and Ed Pelzl of Cunningham, collided at the top of the hill in front of the Catholic Parsonage, Christmas Eve. Occupants of neither car were seriously hurt, but all suffered cuts and bruises. Each car was extensively damaged on the right front fender. The accident occurred as Mr. Pelzl, driving east, attempted to turn into McNamar's Standard Station, as the McCarty car, traveling west, came over the hill.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Bernice Crow were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hellar and family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow of Fort Worth, Tex., Mr. and Mrs.

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Museum Hours
During the winter months look for Donna's red car or her golf cart in front of the museum. OR you can call her at 620-388-5602

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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

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Bob Crow and family of Hoisington, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Eaken and family of Larned, Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Boen and children of Russell, and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Crow and family of Hoisington.

Christmas Day guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hauser and Ann were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shafer, Mrs. Edith Haynes, and Miss Lizzie Millhauser. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Don Dunn and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley and daughters, and Glen Cooley were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wise and family of Augusta. Dale Cooley of Wichita was an additional guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter, Mary Frances and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten were Christmas holiday weekend guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten Jr. and family in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halderson and children of Glasco, were Christmas holiday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raney and family were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hageman and Rex of Isabel.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mrs. Elsie Simonson and Bessie were Bob Osborn and children of Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreck and Mike, and Mrs. and Mrs. Burnard Simonson.

NOTICE - Ten percent discount on all tractor and combine parts January, and thereafter until it rains or snows. Fee Hardware Company Phone 73 Cunningham, Kansas

1949

December 30- A large crowd welcomed Santa Claus to Cunningham and community last Friday afternoon. The community's first attempt with a parade met with enthusiastic approval and featured floats depicting the Nativity scene, the Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club, the school band, the marching Pep Club, the Boy Scouts, and, of course, Santa Clause, who passed out almost 1,000 treats to youngsters and oldsters.

Lee Kabler of Kingman, introduced by Mayor Dr. D. E. Thompson, gave the dedicatory address commemorating the evergreen tree as a permanent living tribute to the

late William Cooley. The younger generation enjoyed a free show following festivities.

A new show repair shop will be opened in Cunningham about January 5, and will be located in the former White Eagle filling station on U. S. highway 54. J. E. DeGraffenreid, who has had experience in shoe repair work in Denver, Colorado, is the proprietor. Mr. DeGraffenreid says his shop will be equipped with modern shoe repairing equipment and welcomes your patronage. Cunningham has been without a shoe repair shop for about two weeks, since E. A. Pond moved to Burleson, Texas.

Cunningham Theatre Show Starts at 7:30 P.M. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 30 and 31, Gene Autry and Patricia White in "Rider of the Whispering Pines"

Sunday and Monday, Happy New Year! Jan. 1 and 2, Yvonne De Carlo and Howard Duff in "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass" Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 4 and 5, Maureen O'Hara and Melvyn Douglas in "A Woman's Secret" Cartoon Every Night

1939

December 29-

Among those who gathered at the home of Wm. Cooley and enjoyed Christmas dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baber, Jean Baber and Anita Kay; Mr. Glenn Cooley, Dale, Mary Elizabeth, and Eugenia; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kailer; Mr. and Mrs. Ora Anderson, Mary Louise, Jo Anne, and Norma; Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeLair; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, June and Johanna; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooley and Larry; John German, Dempsey Liebl, and Mr. Cooley. Those who came in the afternoon were Eleanor and Vera Shelman and Eleanor Irene Shelman.

A large dinner was enjoyed by all and everyone received many nice gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton entertained the following relatives for Christmas Day dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gibbens, Henry Gibbens, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Stanley and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hoagland and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McKay and daughter of Croft. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lash, Winton and Maxine, entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vermillion and Martha Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Vermillion, Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Grisier of Macksville, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Moynihan and daughter of Kingman, Rolla Vermillion, Marlyn and Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion and son, Miss Florence Atchison of Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lash, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCleary of Santa Anna, Calif.

Guests of the Editor's family on Christmas Day were the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Amick, Betty, Bonnie, and Beverly; Mrs. Jessie Nossaman, Calvin and James; Mrs. Phoebe Gage; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Washburn and Nancy Carol and Dewey Cooley, of Garden Plain; and Patty Naanes of Independence.

December 28, 1934 - Santa Claus arrived in town last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock as scheduled, and with the assistance of the Boy Scouts of the city, delivered treats to everyone, both old and young. A large crowd was on hand to greet the famous old man, and all seemed to get a thrill out of the occasion. Santa came into town astride the radiator of a car, and received lusty cheers from the many children line along the street ready to greet him. No program was attempted this year, but the Chairman of the Christmas Tree Organization, Wm. Cooley, gave a short talk, until Santa was seen approaching from the north end of town.

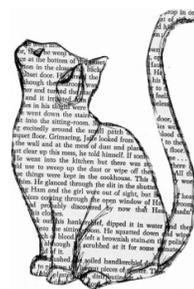
This is an annual Community affair, and brings hundreds of people together each year in a friendly and

neighborly manner, and much enjoyment is derived from the meeting of old friends at this holiday season.

The Young People Society of St. Leo is presenting "Little Miss Jack" on December 30th and January 1st. Everybody come to see it. Lots of Comedy and yet it will bring a tear to your eye. You can't imagine it—you must see it.

Cast of Characters
Maggie..... Virginia Eck
Jimmie..... Albert Dick
Julia Trevars.....Mrs. Elmer Fiegel
Jacqueline.....Alma Kampling
Dr. Carlyle.....Elmer Fiegel
Paul Sandborn.. Mike Schnittker
Neena.....Dorothy Schnittker
Aunt Katie..... Blanche Fiegel
Rider.....Raymond Fiegel
Drake.....Walter Heimerman

Curtain will rise promptly at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Admission only 10c & 25c. Special music begins at 7:15 P.M.



Meanderings

The new year is here. 2020. I am 58 years old and time is hurtling by. I have been getting subscription renewals that will allow folks to read the Cunningham Courier into 2021! Wow! Isn't it hard to believe? Remember when we waited for the 2000 ball to drop? Wasn't that yesterday?

Do you remember all the hoop-la around the dawning of the new century? I watched the 2000 celebration happening in Australia (I was home here in Kansas but watched it on the television.) When the world didn't implode or explode, and the TV didn't go blank and the computer still turned on, I went to bed. All would be well with the world.

I remember once my Uncle Gary (Thimesch) saying he remembered going to the Indian Peace Treaty re-enactment in Medicine Lodge when he was in grade school. He grinned and said, "THAT was 20 years ago! I can't believe I can remember 20 years ago! That makes me feel old." Gary couldn't have been but maybe 30? I thought it sounded old as well. I was maybe 22 or 23. I certainly couldn't remember 20 years ago.

And here it is 2020, and I remember 20 years ago. I remember 50 years ago! Wow!

I know some of my readers can remember a lot more years than 50... and someday I will also.

Time does streak by. We think we have all the time in the world and then a friend passes away and you realize you really don't have "all the time in the world".

Kevin Stillwell passed away this past week. He was a year ahead of me in school. I can remember when he was "new". My older sister (who was in his class) pointed him out to me on the playground said, "That's a new kid. His name is Kevin. He came from Penalosa." I just nodded and watched him run around on the playground. I had no idea what Penalosa was, but I was impressed. (For those readers who aren't familiar with our area, Penalosa is small town six miles east and five miles north of Cunningham. The school closed in 1968 and some of the students transferred to Cunningham and some went to Kingman schools. In the 2010 census, there were 17 folks living in

Penalosa).

Fast forward 8 or 9 years to high school. My dad was running the Hiway Café and Kevin came to work for us. He was a cook, but mostly he was a lot of fun.

Two memories come to mind.

It was a Sunday; which means we were BUSY. Sunday dinner was a biig doin's. Dad always served two types of meats, potatoes, cooked vegetables, salad, rolls (usually homemade) and a dessert.

Shifts changed over at 2:00, but sometimes the work never slowed down. Kevin and I, and Nancy Albers were working the Sunday evening of my memory. I was waiting tables, and Nancy was washing dishes, and Kevin was cooking.

We finally were able to close the doors and sit down and have a bite to eat. It was probably 8 or somewhere around there. We were tired because we'd been so busy, and we still had to get the place cleaned up. OHHHH! There were so many dishes. The early crew didn't get all the pots and pans done from the dinner preparation. We had plates and saucers and cups and cutlery piled high from our frantic run that afternoon and evening. We divvied up the chores. Nancy would wash the plates and such, Kevin would sweep the floors and clean the grill and get of the prep work done for the next day, and I would tackle the pots and pans.

The three sinks for the pots and pans were full. We had one of those large stainless sinks with three compartments. I piled what I could in the first sink, I ran soapy water in the middle one, put clean rinse water in the third, and started scrubbing. Keep in mind this is a restaurant. The pots and pans are larger than your 'average bear.' Nancy and I are talking across the way. I don't remember what we were talking about, maybe school things; maybe the dwindling pile of dirty dishes and the growing mass of clean ones. I was thinking there were too many dishes and Dad should have made someone stay and clean them up earlier. I changed out the dishwasher a couple of times.

I was almost done. Then Nancy pointed to a couple of pans on the shelf above my head. I pulled off one that had been used to cook green beans in, it cleaned up pretty easily. One more to go. I reached up for the probably-50-gallon meat roaster (maybe I AM exaggerating; it could have been only 5 gallons), I pulled it down.

I am not sure what brought Kevin running. Maybe it was my yell "WAAAAH!" or Nancy's yelp of surprise. But there he was, and he started laughing, which got Nancy to laughing and watching those two have a doubled-over, leaning on the table laugh at my expense was too much. I had to join them. It was funny.

Earlier in the day, Kevin decided to soak

the roaster before cleaning it. He filled it with soapy water and set it up on the shelf; and now I was covered head to toe in cold, soapy, greasy water with bits of roast pork and onion and whatever mixed in. It would have been nice if he's have just told me it was full of water. (He claimed he forgot about it)

Fast forward 20ish years. I walk into Joann's Fabrics on South Hydraulic in Wichita, and Kevin is standing behind the fabric counter. I stopped in surprise. He looked surprised. Then he said something about a roasting pan and we started laughing. He said the look on my face after the dumping was priceless. I'll just bet.

Second memory: Back "in the day" the radio station in Pratt would have a contest in the summer. I can't remember the ins and outs, but names were drawn and prizes were given out over the radio. Many merchants in the area had the entry blanks and a box by their registers. The Hiway Café, of course, had the necessary forms and box so their customers could enter the drawings.

I think Nancy and Kevin and I had way too much time on our hands one evening; we certainly couldn't have had busy day. We sat down for a bite to eat and started filling out the entry forms. No. Not with our names. With other names. You know. Names like: Ima Pigg 1414 Barnyard Drive; Frank N. Stein 1515 Creepy Vale Road; Doris Shutt 23 Window Way; Shirley E. Nuff 1218 Red Stop Blvd.... Well, you get the idea. The names and addresses got more and more creative the more we wrote and laughed. We must have filled out 50 or more of those slips. We came up with some doozies. I know, we should have been working... but we had a lot of fun doing goofing off. I hope the folks at the radio station had a good sense of humor. Some of the names were pretty clever. We laughed so hard our stomachs hurt, and I wasn't sure how me managed to stay on the barstools. I now it's sounds juvenile, and it was, but we were pretty proud of our cleverness. It is a fun memory.

Bless you, Kevin, for those memories.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Cats of Roxville Station"

by Jean Craighead George,

and because I misplaced the book for a few hours, I am also reading, "Baltimore Blues"

by Laura Lippman, Roberta

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AGENDA

7:00 p.m. at 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 11, 2019, regular meeting. (AI)
- VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report – Mr. Reed
 - b. Special Education Report – Joyce
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Executive Session – Personnel
 - b. 2020-21 Calendar
 - c. Board retreat
 - d. Approve Superintendent Contract
 - e. Policy updates
- IX. Adjournment

Kingman County Humane Society Wins Holiday Contest



The Kingman County Humane Society is the winner in this year's Holiday contest sponsored by Eck Electric. The non-profit with the most Facebook tags by their supporters won \$1,000.00! KCHS plans to use the funds for continued operations, spaying and neutering and veterinary care for animals in the shelter. KCHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to prevent cruelty, abuse and negligence of animals, provide shelter to lost and homeless animals and promote pet adoption.

Receiving the check from Eck Electric is CJ Jergenson and "Hunter".

Why KDOT Uses Beet Juice, How It Works

When KDOT crews treat highways for ice, especially when it is the coldest, motorists might notice darker trails on the pavement instead of the usual white trails left by brine.

It's beet juice. It tends to leave a brownish or

grayish residue.

Here's why KDOT sometimes mixes beet juice with brine (saltwater) that it applies to roadways to melt ice or to slow its formation.

--The properties of beet juice, when mixed with brine, allow the melting agent to be effective at lower temperatures. Based on the level of concentration, beet juice mixed with brine can help control

ice when it is as cold as around 0 degrees.

Beet juice also allows brine and salt to adhere to pavement longer.

On bridges, which tend to get icy, beet juice bonds to the salt crystals in brine and helps the brine stick to a bridge deck longer, says Jim Frye, Field Maintenance Manager/Emergency Coordinator with KDOT.

Another beet-juice

benefit, says District Five District Engineer Brent Terstriep, is that when beet juice is added to brine, the combination makes ice-fighting more efficient because crews don't have to drive out as often to apply brine.

Frye gave this additional explanation of how beet juice works and how it has been used:

--As moisture on pavement starts to freeze, the

juice slows the process so that the liquid remains slushy longer. That gives crews more time to clear highways before the liquid turns to solid ice.

--One problem with spreading salt or spraying salt brine on a highway is that it will bounce away or scatter with traffic or the wind. "When the beet juice is added to the salt or salt brine, with its sticky texture, it will hold the

salt or salt crystals on the highway longer, allowing it to work in our favor," Frye said.

KDOT began experimenting with the beet juice it uses now during the winter of 2015 in northwestern Kansas. Since then, KDOT has made beet juice available at more than 20 locations across Kansas.

Kansas Commodity Classic to be held on January 24 in Manhattan

All Kansas farmers are invited to the Kansas Commodity Classic on Friday, January 24, 2020.

The Kansas Commodity Classic is the annual convention of Kansas' top crops - corn, wheat, grain sorghum and soybeans, and will take place at the K-State Alumni Center, Manhattan, Kan., with registration and breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. Thanks to the generous

support of the Kansas corn, wheat, grain sorghum and soybean associations and our sponsors, registration is free for farmers and friends.

The Kansas Commodity Classic will be emceed by Greg Akagi, farm director for WIBW. The morning session will open at 8:30 a.m. with welcome remarks.

Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers will kick off the event with an update from the Kansas Governor's office.

John Feldt, Founder and President of Blue Water Outlook, will provide a weather outlook. Blue Water Outlook pro-

vides a wide variety of information to help provide informed decisions for farm management. Blue Water Outlook is focused along two primary areas of emphasis: Water Resources Insight and Intelligence and Decision Support Services.

Elected officials have been invited to give updates from Washington, including the Senate Ag Committee, a trade outlook, Farm Bill update and other pertinent issues affecting Kansas farmers.

Dr. Allan Gray, Director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue University, will end the

day with a presentation on "Capitalizing on the Greatest Sustainability Story in History." He currently holds the position of Land O'Lakes Chair in Food and Agribusiness. Gray works with food and agribusiness managers in the center's professional development seminars and workshops, while also continuing to teach. Gray's research interests are agribusiness management, strategic planning, decision making in uncertain environments and simulation. He also works on the Large Commercial Producer Survey, conducted every five years by the center, which explores

the attitudes and buying behaviors of large commercial producers.

The Kansas Commodity Classic is hosted by the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Kansas Soybean Association. Signature sponsors are Kansas Corn Commission, Kansas Soybean Commission and Kansas Wheat Commission. Industry sponsors at the platinum level are Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and Kansas Department of Agriculture. Sponsors at

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Thanks to these generous sponsors, the January 24 event is free to attend and includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch; however pre-registration is requested for food count purposes.

Visit www.kansas-commodityclassic.com to register.

Things to Do in the Pratt Area

B-29 Museum is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road

Visit their website at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Bingo
Will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020
Pratt Elks Lodge - 1103 W. Third Street

Everything you need to know about brewing beer workshop

Saturday, January 4 – 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Saturday, February 1 – 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Pratt County 4-H Building – 81 Lake Road
Sign up to learn how to brew, ferment, and bottle your own beer at this two-day workshop. Each participant will have the opportunity to help with each step of the beer-making process, as well as take home bottles of the finished product. Registration is \$10 and due by December 20th, 2019. Call 620.672.6121 or email vsimonsen2@ksu.edu to register. Must be 21 to register.

Ascension

Lutheran Adult Trivia Night!

Saturday, February 8 – 7:00 pm; Doors open at 6:30 pm

Pratt Area 4-H Center
\$200 entry fee per table of 8, fee includes soda, popcorn and other snacks. Outside food and beverages are welcome and encouraged. There will be prizes for the first place team, best decorated table, bonus questions and raffle drawings! Contact Emma Chrismer at emmapchrismer@gmail.com for more information or to get your team signed up! Sponsorships are also available! To get a registration pack for trivia night please click this link linktr.ee/ascension_pratt

Optimist Club Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 19 - 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Pratt Community College Cafeteria
Join the Optimist for all you can eat pancakes and sausage! Tickets are \$4 each or business special 10 for \$35. Contact Steve Blankenship at steve.blankenship@usd382.com or stop by the Chamber and pick your tickets today!

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For more information about Young Professionals of Pratt, contact Brian Moore at brian@prattlawyers.com or visit www.facebook.com/YPPKansas/

January 15 – 5:30 pm
Exploring the History and Function of BTI in Pratt

Pratt Community Concert Association

Concerts are held in Carpenter Auditorium at Pratt Community College

Shows begin at 7:00 pm unless noted
Delano Jazz Orchestra
Sunday, February 9*
Show begins at 3:00 pm
Sultans of String
Saturday, March 28
The Everly Set
Thursday, April 23

Season tickets are now on sale by contacting Misty Beck at mistyb@prattcc.edu

Family Season Pass – \$80.00

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Pratt Community

College Club 62+

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What's Happening @ Your Library – January 2020

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K-4 Fun @ Your Library: Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

January 9 – Craft – Braided Bead Bracelet
January 16 – LEGO Day

January 23 – Build Day

January 30 – Special Guest Jodi Drake, K-State Research & Extension Office

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Getting to Know You with Jamie Jellison

Thursday, January 9 – 3:30 pm

Teen Zone

Tutoring: Library Director, Eric Scott Killough, is available to tutor elementary, high school and college aged students.

Adult Activities
Books & Dames Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 28 – 6:00 pm

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We will have flu shots available at these clinics.

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Health Care

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Please call the Kingman County Health Department at 620-532-2221 for more information or to schedule an appointment!

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Tom Bohrer

Thomas "Tom" Joseph Bohrer, 79, of Waynesville, MO, passed away the morning of Monday, December 9, 2019 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville.

Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 13, 2019 in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of St. Robert, MO. Burial followed in the Resurrection Cemetery of St. Robert, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tom is survived by his wife: Midge Bohrer of the home; Creg Bohrer (Flo) of Steamboat Springs, CO, Travis Bohrer (Chrystal) of Waynesville, MO, and Christy Rogers (Tom) of Arlington, VA; six grandchildren: Ashley Bohrer of St. Robert, MO, Brittany Bohrer (Mike Kozar) of Kansas City, MO, Taryn Bohrer of Steamboat Springs, CO, Faith Bohrer of Waynesville, MO, Nicole Neyman of Arlington, VA and Thomas Neyman of Arlington, VA; one brother: Bill Bohrer (Peggy) of Gastonia, NC; two sisters: Joan Melzer (Bob) of Wichita, KS and Becky Hart (Bruce) of Nashville, KS; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tom Bohrer to Genesis "A Place of New Beginnings", Janet's Wish or Good Samaritan Boys Ranch of Brighton, MO and may be left at the funeral home.

Larry Fischer

Larry Lee Fischer, 83, of Coffeyville, KS passed away Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.

Larry was born in Nashville, Kansas on May 25, 1936 to Catherine (Schnittker) and Albert Fischer. The family moved to Kingman, KS in 1938 and resided there until 1941 when they moved to Pratt, KS. Larry attended Sacred Heart School through the eighth grade and Pratt High School.

He was active in sports during grade school and high school, participating in city league and American Legion baseball as a youth; and football, basketball and track in high school. During his senior year, he was All State in football and basketball and nominated to play in the National All Star basketball game. He was also selected to the Scholastic magazines' All American football team.

Following his high school, Larry received a four-year scholarship in basketball from Kansas State University. He was a member of the K-State Final Four team in 1958 and a letterman 1955 thru 1958.

Following graduation from Kansas State with a degree in accounting, Larry fought forest fires in Alaska before entering the work force and fulfilling his military obligation. Larry was active in the ROTC program while at K-State and completed an active duty stretch in Fort Benning, Georgia and Fort Riley, Kansas. He retired as a first Lieutenant from the U.S. Army after serving eight years in a control group.

Larry joined the work force in 1958 at C. Robert Belt CPA firm and obtained his Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1962. In 1966, he joined the Coffeyville Packing Company as Treasurer until 1969. In 1969, he joined Medicalodges, Inc. as treasurer and retired from the company as President and Chairman of the Board in 2007.

On April 22, 1961 Larry married Mary Kathleen McCarter of Coffeyville, KS and the couple was blessed with two boys and three girls: Steven (Kayla) Fischer currently of Wichita, KS; Angela (Laurel) Davis of Andover, Kansas; Cindy Shields of Overland Park, KS; Julie (Matt) Filby of Denver, CO; and Daniel (Melissa) Fischer of Lenexa, KS. In addition to their five children, the couple has ten grandchildren and three great granddaughters. Larry is also survived by four sisters, Vanita McGoffin, Eula McKedy, Lyola Hatfield, and Carol Malashchuk.

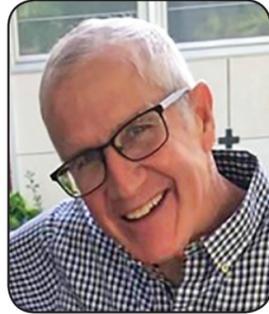
He was preceded in death by his parents, and four sisters, Darlene Fischer, Geraldine Spicer, Georgetta Paskoff and Charlene Rinke.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, December 23rd at Holy Name Catholic Church with Father Daniel Lorimer officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Calvary Cemetery in Coffeyville.

The family suggests memorials to Holy Name Catholic School or Holy Name Catholic Church; contributions may be left with the funeral home or mailed in care of David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 306 North Cline Road, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

Jeff DeGarmo

Jeffrey Lawrence DeGarmo, 64, Koch-Glitsch, LP Pilot Plant Manager, passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2019. He was born in Larned, KS on September 17th, 1955. He grew up and attended school in Macksville, KS



He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lynanne Therese (Rohلمان) DeGarmo; his children: daughter Erica DeGarmo (Michael Matthews) grandson Milo, and grandson due in February of Santa Cruz, CA; daughter Nicki Vossman (Ashley Cervantes) grandson Corbin, granddaughter Maren of Kechi, KS; son Andrew DeGarmo (Caitlin) granddaughter Adeline, and grandson due in April of San Diego, CA; daughter Lydia DeGarmo Hampton (Conner) grandson Crew of Kechi, KS; daughter Meredith DeGarmo Mertins (Seth) grandson due in February of Bel Aire, KS; son Jason DeGarmo (girlfriend, Emily) of Wichita, KS; his mother Betty Lutz of Lenexa, KS; sisters Chrissy (Gary) Pippin, Debbie (Kelly) Kephart, Julie (Don) Burkhardt; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his father Robert DeGarmo and step-father Eldon Lutz.

He was a devoted husband, and Lynanne was clearly the love of his life. They created an outstanding team, and along with the kids - an exemplary example of a strong and loving family unit. As a loving father, he could be counted on to support and rally around any endeavor his children undertook and could always be relied on to assist in their next "home" project. The "littles" will miss the loving arms of their Pappy. He absolutely adored each and every one of them and so looked forward to meeting the next three grandsons scheduled to arrive February through April.

He was a devout member of Kechi United Methodist Church, served on various committees over the years. He enjoyed attending service with his family, and more recently with the arrival of grandchildren, he enjoyed being distracted by the littles during service.

As a runner, Jeff kept track of his mileage, the pairs on running shoes he went through and could tell you the shoe's mileage before a new pair arrived. Several years ago, he had stated his mileage had exceeded running around the equator at least twice. He repeatedly qualified for the Boston Marathon and participated twice. He participated in the annual River Run and went on to run the Prairie Fire Marathon year after year. For his 50th birthday, he ran 50 miles. Non-stop. For his 60th birthday, he ran 60. Non-stop. He loved running with his Koch buddies during "recess" each working day. His devotion to running influenced many people to start running.

Jeff graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. Chemical Engineering and in 1981 started with Koch. An avid KU fan, Jeff could be counted on to display his loyalty at any opportunity. This included never ever wearing purple even though Valley Center's school colors were purple and gold. He loved his job and looked forward to work each day. When asked about retiring, he said maybe when he turned 70.

Jeff was a past Board Member of Kansas Grown Farmer's Market. He managed his North 4 Acres vendor booth for 24 years. Each January, he started his yearly tomato crop from seed, then planting approx 2,500 tomato plants, yielding tons of tomatoes that he sold June through October. He loved to visit with customers and built enduring relationships with his loyal clientele. He loved his garden and Lynanne teased him about being a chemical engineer by day and an organic-practice farmer by night.

He was a Grant Township Representative and while he loved working on township projects, he clearly loved taking mini-dog Ted to the monthly meeting. The community will miss the leadership, the involvement, and the reliability of Jeff, who could always be counted on to pitch in, lend a hand, in any project.

Jeff will be dearly missed. Service was Tuesday, December 31st at Calvary United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established at Kechi United Methodist Church for a Green Space Children's Playground.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.bakerfhvc.com

Kevin Stillwell

Kevin Rex Stillwell, 60, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019. Memorial Service 1:30pm, Saturday, January 4, 2020, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2258 Marigold Lane, Wichita, Ks



Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Robert Stillwell and brother, Orin Stillwell.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Robin; his mother, Joan Stillwell; brothers, Jim and Sheila Brady, John and June Brady, Nathan and Rhonda Stillwell, Mark and Suzy Stillwell and Lee and Karla Stillwell and his sister, Janice and Glen Jorgenson. Many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews also survive him.

Wally Hartley



Wallace Eugene Hartley, 69, passed away peacefully at his home on December 30th, 2019.

He was born August 10, 1950 in Kingman, Kansas. Wallace was owner and operator of Wallace Hartley Fish Hatchery in Cunningham, Kansas until his retirement in 2013. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to hunt, trap and was one heck of a fisherman. He never knew a stranger and will be missed by many friends and family.

He is survived by his wife Kelly Hartley, brothers Billy (Kathy), Jerry (Kay); sister Janet Hartley; step-children Brandon Welch, Teea (Tony) Wilson, Cody Mills, Colton Mills, and Donice (Kurtis) Koenigsmann; his first wife Mona Broomfield; 8 step grandchildren; many nieces & nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents W.E "Bus" and Irene Hartley, wife Betty Hartley, dog Zappa Ron Hartley and one hell of a lot of fish.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made with the Wallace Hartley Memorial Fund in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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Grandparents are Dean and Deb Simon, Pratt, Bill and Lynn Simon of Wichita and Chris Farrell of Prairie Village.

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