

CHS Wildcats Win 6-Man Sub-State Championship

Friday's sub-state football matchup against the Waverly Bulldogs was a battle of the unbeatens on their territory due to the KSHAA East/West rule. The Wildcats didn't seem to mind the 3 hour trip northeast, mostly because of their sweet charter bus paid for by generous sponsors. Judging by the number of fans in the visiting bleachers, huddled in tents, and walking the entire sideline, the trip nor the 20° temperatures deterred the Wildcat faithful.

The Cats covered the opening onside kick attempt. They promptly marched down the field with Trey completing short passes until close to the endzone. The Cats stalled out on downs and switched to defense, holding the Bulldogs to three plays and a punt. Dagim Reed returned the punt 15 yards to set up great field position. The Cats did not mess around this series and scored on 2 plays with a Luke McGuire 15 yard run. Wildcats up 6-0. The Cats

held the Bulldogs to another 3 and out the next series. Luke M returned the Bulldog punt 53 yards for the score with a key block from Trey to seal the edge. Cats up 12-0. The Cat defense held again on the next drive for 3 downs and forced the home team to punt.

Turning the ball over on downs wasn't the most exciting way to begin the second quarter. A few plays later the Bulldogs got on the board but Lane Halderson intercepted the conversion throw. Cats up 12-6. The Cats recovered the onside kick attempt to get the ball back at midfield. After two unsuccessful plays and a third and long situation, Luke M completed a 16 yard pass to Luke Albers. On a 4th and short, Trey completed a 24 yard pass to Dagim for the score. The PAT kick was good by Dagim. Cats up 20 to 6. The defense held the Bulldogs to a 3 down and punt. The next drive took one play to score when Trey hit Lane for a 20 yard TD

pass. PAT was good again for 2 more. Cats up 28 to 6 and picking up speed. On the second play of the next series, Jack Ruckle stacked up the runner for Lane to strip the ball. Trey pounced on it before it rolled out of bounds. Jack scored on a 4 yard run. Wildcats in control, 34-6, and it took only 2 plays for the Cats to get the ball back. Luke M hit the receiver, the ball popped out, and Trent Schnittker covered it up. Trey then found Will Wegerer for a 13 yard completion. Luke hit Trey for a 12 yard pass, then Trey found Lane in the endzone for an 8 yard score. 40 to 6. The Bulldogs still had some fight, though. With time running out in the first half they scored with no time on the clock on a pretty well defended play. Score at the half 40 to 12.

The second half was short and all Wildcats. After the second half kick the Bulldogs tried a running play. Lane caused a fumble that was scooped up by

Jack. Trey hit Luke Albers for a 1 yard TD pass to complete the 4 play drive. The drive was highlighted by Trey hitting both Lane for a 15 yard pass and Luke M with a 13 yard pass. Score 46 to 12. The Cat defense held the Bulldogs again, then marched 7 plays to paydirt. Luke M had a 15 yard run. Trey hit Luke A with a 29 yard pass. Jack capped the drive with a 4 yard TD run. The kick was good so the score moved to 54 to 12. One more defensive stand after 4 downs and a two play drive ended the game with a 21 yard completion from Trey to Lane and a 1 yard toss to Dagim. Cunningham Wildcats with the 60-12 Sub-State win, punching their ticket to the first ever KSHSAA 6-Man State Championship!

by Coach Lance McGuire

(more photos on page 6)

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Above: Wildcats in their substate glory

Left and right: A Wildcat substate send off.

Molly Morgan photo



photo by Amy McGuire

Happy Thanksgiving

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Meanderings

I just this morning finished a novel for young adults titled "The Gardener". It is written by S.A. Bodeen and was recommended to me by a high school student several years ago. I've had on my shelf for just as long. It was an excellent story. Sci-fi that wasn't too sci-fi.

Even in this book, written 10 - 12 years ago, there is concern about climate change and the decreasing ability to grow foods. Famine and starvation looms on the horizon.

In the book, scientists are trying to adapt humans to living without the need for food or water. They would use the sun and other natural elements to produce the necessary nutrients to sustain their bodies. The scientists use their own children to conduct these experiments. Yeah, weird.

In the book we do meet one of these 'autotrophs'. She is still a teenager. She is quite strong and intelligent. And she survives without food.

In the first chapter of the book, a high school class is talking about never having to eat again. And one young man nailed the dilemna on the head.

"No, thanks. I like cheeseburgers too much."

While I don't like cheeseburgers, I do like other foods. Prime rib, hamburgers, corn, okra, the list is endless.

I do see some advantages. It would eliminate the slaughter of cows and pigs and chickens and other livestock and wild animals. But, then, what happens to these animals? They become pets? Are turned out into the wild?

It would cut back on the environmental impact that is caused by raising these animals. Huge impact, as agriculture is the leading industry for environmental impact.

We would have so much more time with which to DO. We wouldn't have to take coffee breaks or stop for meals or snacks. We wouldn't have to prepare meals. We'd have time to do other things. Like watch more TV. Sit on our bottoms thinking about things we could do.

We'd also save a great deal of money. A GREAT deal of money. No grocery shopping to do (time element there as well). No ovens and microwaves and refrigerators to run. What would we do with our kitchen space?

But I mostly see a great many negatives to this. I can't imagine the world without the wonderous smells of bacon and popcorn and cinnamon rolls. I can't imagine never tasting steak or too-sweet cotton candy again. And apple pie. And, oh, my. I don't want to imagine.

What jobs would people have if we had no food industry? None at all. Zip. Zilch. Nada. Nyet. What would they do? No one would wait tables. No chefs. No farmers. No grocery clerks... wow! What an impact on society.

Of course, as in any book, they need a villain. In this story, it is a nefarious scientist named Eve. She has sold out these children to the military (including her own Laila). After all, what army wouldn't want soldiers who didn't need to eat or drink? Yes, she is stopped, the children moved to safe places before the miliary shows up to grab them.

It was a good read. I read it in a couple of days. I found it difficult to put down.

A the COP27 conference in Egypt, the attend-

ees were fed lab-grown meats. Also referred to as cultivated meats, or cell-based meats. These meats are grown in a lab using living cells from animals. (Already approved by the FDA).

I see many plusses to this endeavor. It definitely would cut back on emissions from agricultural livestock systems. I would think there would be a job market in the development and production of these products. The meats wouldn't contain antibiotics and other drugs used in the ag business. I'd be willing to try it, as would 80% of the population. They are cheaper to 'raise'. A couple of sources I found said it cost \$1.70 to produce one chicken breast in 2021.

Meandering along. I am a huge fan of National Public Radio. This week I heard a story about how the cost of the typical Thanksgiving dinner is up 40%. (much like everything else). So, these reporters asked what substitutions can a cook make to lower the cost of the meal? Bring it back to the price it was in 2020.

There are some issues I took with some of these substitutions

substitutions.

First of all. Their substitute for mashed potatoes? You will NOT be-

slight grayish tint to the mashed beans. I would think that would be the least of the issues. Ugh. I don't like lima beans and I'm pretty sure they could NOT replace mashed potatoes even on a really bad day. I'll pay that extra bit for potatoes if I don't have to eat mashed butter beans, lima beans, whatever beans.

Cranberries have gone up significantly

lima beans. Mashed. One

person commented on the

Cranberries have gone up significantly in price as well. A reporter went on-line and googled 'tangy, tart, side dish, Thanksgiving, not cranberries." They came up with 'Secret Sauce' a Canadian side dish. Mix chopped pickles, mayonnaise, scallions, garlic and honey. Not working for me folks. One cannot replace cranberries with a pickle sauce. Can't. Not allowed.

Not the other two dishes weren't bad substitutions: Pumpkin pie can be substituted with sweet potato pie. Sweet potatoes, we found out is one of the few foods that have not been hit by inflation. I don't care for pumpkin, but I do like sweet potatoes. So, this substitution is a win for me

The best substituted food? That for turkey. Turkeys are up significantly, not just because of inflation, but also due

to avian flu and other bird diseases. The reporter who was in charge of turkey substitution shopped around. She said one meat that really hasn't had a price inflation was pork. She priced different cuts of pork but determined the best deal was bacon. YES! I would take bacon over turkey any day. Thanksgiving or Friday or Easter or Monday. Any day at all. BLTs for Thanksgiving? Works for me.

Whatever you eat this Thanksgiving. Just be sure to be thankful for it. And for those who share your day with you.

And currently reading.

"The Vendetta

Defense"

by Lisa Scottoline,

Roberta

Always reading

"In November, people are good to each other. They carry pies to each other's homes and talk by crackling woodstoves, sipping mellow cider. They travel very far on a special November day just to share a meal with one another and to give

on their tables and the babies in their arms." — Cynthia Rylant, In November

thanks for their many

blessings - for the food

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

The days of not even whispering the word Christmas until after the pumpkin pie was served are long gone. Cornucopias, pumpkins and other Thanksgiving décor may be front and center now, but Christmas trees and twinkly lights replaced Trick-Or-Treater's glow sticks in store aisles long before October 31st. The mingling of celebrations

rubs some traditionalists the wrong way but their resistance often dissipates when faced by good cheer. Or their naysaying is simply overrun by logistics, the game of TWISTER we all must play these days just dealing with "life", let alone celebrate a holiday.

I'm not one to celebrate Christmas year-round, but I enjoy gratitude so much that I can't imagine being thank-

ful only one day a year. Thanksgiving may be my favorite holiday and why not? I'm never asked to cook the turkey or bake a pie. My offers to provide side dishes are met with "We've got that covered," and a smile. Most Thanksgivings all there is for me to do is to say, Thank you. But good manners don't seem adequate considering the hours of thought, effort, coordination, and hard work that hosting a holiday gathering requires.

This year as I've been trying once again to come up with a way to show my gratitude, I've been reflecting on why saying "Thank you" isn't lieve this. Butter beans or enough anymore. In part, I think age and experience changes one's perspective on manners and the words we use to express them. I don't remember being taught to say ""Please" and "Thank you" or "Excuse Me" and "You're Welcome" and it seems likely the use of all these phrases was ingrained in me before I grasped their meaning. And there's the proverbial rub—civility is the oil that keeps our social gears from grinding to halt, and therefore we all (hopefully) use the words of good manners daily whether we mean them or feel them or not, as we

I use the same two words with the friends and loved ones (and strangers occasionally) who enrich my life. We all do. It's more than good manners when we're thankful for the comfort, joy and laughter that comes our way, and I'm not the only one that frets that others can't tell the difference. Just the other day, a close friend began our conversation with, "I hope you know I don't take all you do for granted..." When I tried to cut him off because I do know by actions how much he appreciates me, he ignored my interruption and thanked me. That conversation led me

to the conclusion that we worry we don't show our gratitude enough either. There's nothing wrong with that if it keeps us trying every day to be better humans. And the good manners of saying it doesn't hurt either, to make sure folks know we appreciate the unearned sweetness they bestow in our lives. So to the preparer of my holiday feast, I say, "Thank you!" in advance, and to all my readers, "Thank you for reading!"

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

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Giving Thanks

Is the glass half empty or half full?

In my experience it's always been half full — and that's one of many things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving.

We lost my father this year, and that leaves a huge hole in our hearts — until we focus on the life he lived so well and the many wonderful, loving memories of him my family and I will always

I got to experience 59 Thanksgivings with my dad, give or take — 59 cheerful gatherings in which he recited Grace before 40 or more cheerful extended family members.

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I have random flashes of my dad throughout the days now — memories that come at me out of the blue.

I vividly remember one Saturday in December 1967, when I was 5.

It was uncharacteristically warm in Pittsburgh that year. My father was 34 then and his hair was black as coal. He stood nearly 6-foot-2, a powerful man.

As he lifted our Christmas tree off the roof of our white Ford station wagon, I marveled that his biceps and forearms were bigger than Popeye the Sailor Man's!

It wasn't too many years later that I – his only son — became his side-kick to complete multiple family tasks.

Every Thursday, after dinner, we boarded our Plymouth Fury III station wagon and headed to the Del Farm grocery store in a small suburban plaza one mile away.

well should.

I pushed the cart as I helped him work through the long shopping list my mother provided until the cart was packed to the ceiling.

When we finally pulled the loaded-down station wagon into our garage everyone in the house was alerted and the massive unloading process began. It was like a Red Cross relief operation!

And then the theme song for "The Walton's" would begin to play, just as we settled down for our snacks and a new episode of one of my favorite shows.

I didn't know then why I loved that wholesome family show so much, but I know now.

I loved it because my mother and father gave up so much to give so much to us and that still fills me with a profound sense of security. The stress of feeding us on one income took its toll on my mom and dad.

When I was 18 we thought my dad had suffered a heart attack. I couldn't stop the tears as I raced behind the ambulance taking him to the hospital.

But the doctor got his diagnosis wrong, and boy, was it wonderful to get my healthy, sturdy dad back home to celebrate the holidays that year

I got my first nice car when I was 24, a 1986 Pontiac Firebird with T-tops, and I can still see my dad laughing out loud as he revved the motor and smoked the wheels — payback for the damage his lead-footed son had done to several of his cars.

I wasn't thankful for his behavior that day, but it makes me laugh out loud now.

We are all lost in our

own ways without my dad. My mother, with him nearly 70 years, is especially suffering, and for me that's the most painful part.

But despite the grief, my glass is more than half full.

Thanksgiving for my family this year cannot in any way be the same without my dad there, but I'll do my best to recite Grace in his absence.

Happy Thanksgiving.
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Saturday, **November 26th**

HS FB State tournament at Dodge City

Sunday, November 27th 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Library Open House

6:00 p.m. Caroling at the Gazebo

Monday, November 28th

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting

Tuesday,

November 29th Scholars' Bowl at HOME

Wednesday, **November 30th**

school picture retakes ***

Book Club

Thursday, **December 1st**

JH BB vs Norwich at HOME

Friday, December 2nd HS BB vs Minneola at HOME

City Council Will Meet Monday Evening

Monday, November 28, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2022 special meeting
- 4) Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2022 special meeting
 - Public comments, concerns, & communications
- Leslie Schrag Kingman County Economic Development
- Fire Department Chief's Report; Runs & Meetings Report
 - **Council Meeting Dates**
 - Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - **Swimming Pool**
 - **Animal Control**
 - 10) Financial Report & payment of bills
 - 11) Adjourn

Zenda Parade Day is December 3rd

The Zenda Christmas activities will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. The meal will start at 10 in the community building. Chili and white chili and cinnamon rolls will be served. They will serve until the food runs out. Parade line up and judging will begin at 1:00 and the parade starts at 1:30.

Santa will arrive after the parade in the Community building. Come and enjoy the day.



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Caroling at the Gazebo on Sunday!



It's a busy day in Cunningham Sunday and one event not to be missed is the (mostly) annual Caroling at the Gazebo, starting at 6:00 and sponsored by PRIDE. Join your friends and neighbors as we kick off the season with a mix of carols celebrating Jesus and Santa! Following the singing, refreshments will be served at the Cunningham Public Library. Rumor has it a carol or two would be welcome at the library, so get ready to get your fal-la-la on! See you Sunday at the gazebo in Dafforn Park.

At the Library

By Kerri Steffen, librarian

Basket Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our Fall Basket Fundraiser. It was a wonderful success! Ingrid Ricke won the drawing on Sunday. We understand she took her winnings to school on Monday morning to share with the staff and faculty. That seems like an excellent way to start the Thanksgiving week. We're especially grateful to our good friend, Rogene Jarmer, who prepared the fall treats and created the beautiful baskets.

Open House/ Art Display

If you really had your heart set on winning those home-baked goodies, don't despair! Come to the library Open House on Sunday, Nov. 27. We'll be serving Rogene's (and Wayne's) homemade cinnamon rolls and other refreshments from 3-8 p.m. Enjoy a visit with local artist, Darren Parker from 3-5 p.m. Darren's retrospective art display continues at the library until December 1st.

Hosting PRIDE Christmas Carolers The Cunningham PRIDE tradition of caroling in Dafforn Park continues this year. Join the group at 6:00 p.m., Nov. 27, then warm up at the library. We'll have plenty of hot beverages and treats to go around.

And, why not browse the book collections while you're there? There are many new books at the library. If you haven't seen the new South Central Kansas Rotating collection, be sure to check it out.

There's something for everyone at your public library and especially next Sunday. Hope to see you then!

Libraries

November 15, 2022-

January 10th, 2023

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B-29 Museum

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the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-

2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Closed for Holidays 298-3163



Zenda Public Library

Monday 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 620-243-5791



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Pratt Public Library

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

THANK YOU for supporting the library's Fall Basket Fundraiser. It was an enormous success! Special thanks to our good friend, Rogene Jarmer, who created the baskets.

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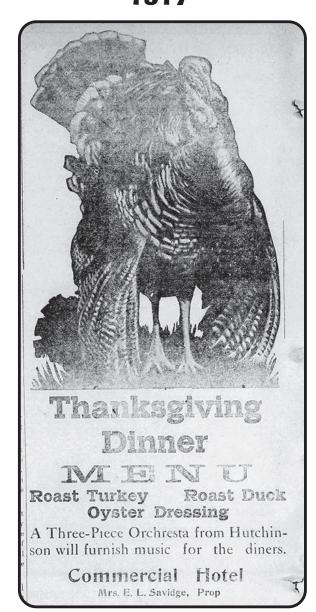
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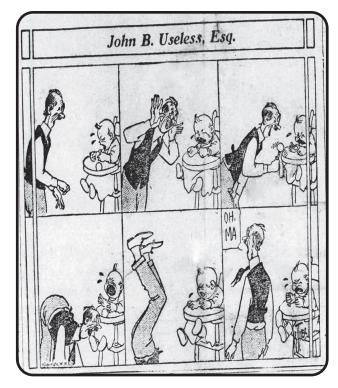
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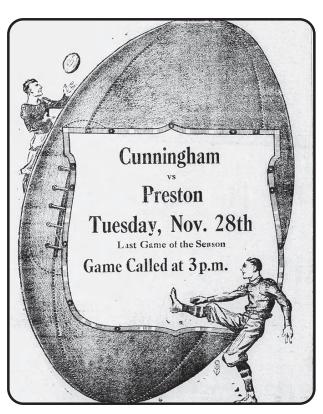
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1927

December 2

The Lakin Implement Company have moved in the old Hay Building, just north of Wetherall Bros. Store. Charles Lakin, owner of the company, says that the John Deere tractor for the coming year is much improved over previous models, and there is great interest being shown in them.

1932

December 2

Joseph Gillstrap, 91, passed away last Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Stanley northeast of Cunningham.

William Cooley announced the meeting of all those interested in the "Community Christmas Tree." The "Community Christmas Tree" has been a community proposition the past couple of years and apparently has been very successful. Two years ago they gave away 1,000 sacks of candy, and last year it required 1,100 sacks.

1937

December 3

Charley Franks disposed of his blacksmith shop this week to Ed Maxedon, after having owned and operated the shop for many years. Bill Petrie, a former Cunningham resident, will be in charge of the shop for Mr. Maxedon.

Dale Cooley suffered the loss of his left foot in a hunting accident last Friday afternoon on the Devere Doty farm south east of Cunningham.

1942

December 4

– Twenty-eight men, including five from Cunningham, will leave from Kingman County next Monday for Fort Leavenworth to take their physical examinations under the Selective Service Act for military service. Those from Cunningham are Alva Hellar, Nelson Waters, Keith Copenhaver, Lawrence Petz, and Bill Evans.

The first war-time license plates, little metal tabs with the number '43 on them, went on sale at the First National Bank last Monday morning.

1947

December 5

- At Hauser's Market:
Grapefruit, 3 lb. for 19c
Altex Grapefruit Juice, 46 oz., 19c;
Del Monte Apricots, No. 2 ½ can, 38c
Wheaties, large pkg., 23c
Seedless Raisins, 2 lb. pkg., 29c
Taylor Sweet Potatoes, can, 19c
Marshall Hominy, No. 2 can, 10c
Yellow Dymite Pop Corn, 2 lbs., 39c

1952

December 5

– Saturday is a most important day in the lives of the youngsters of Cunningham and trade community, because it's the day Santa Claus pays his annual visit to Cunningham. First... there's the big parade starting at 12:30 o'clock, featuring floats, horses and riders, bicycles, pets and costumes, and the school band. Prizes will be awarded in each division of the parade, after which Santa Claus will arrive and greet everyone and pass out free treats to all youngsters of school age... but that isn't all, then there's the miniature train for the children to ride, starting at 2:00 o'clock and running until 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

1957

December 5

Mrs. Viola McCool, 47, wife of Frank McCool of this city, and a resident here throughout her life, passed away early Sunday morning at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, following a ten days illness.

Marvin Swingle, a 27-year-old Zenda man, was instantly killed when his car smashed into the rear of a butane truck at the railroad crossing a half-mile west of town last Saturday evening at 6:57 o'clock.

The high school basketball team opened the 1957-58 season here, Tuesday evening, by losing a 49-38 decision to Hazelton.

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1962

December 6

– Plans have been completed to give a royal welcome to Santa Claus when he comes to Cunningham, Saturday, Dec. 8. An afternoon of fine entertainment is in the offing, starting with the parade at 1:30 o'clock, climaxed with the arrival of Santa Claus and the distribution of treats to everyone. There will be free rides on a covered wagon pulled by a team of Shetland ponies; and Odd Fellows ham and bean feed at the Lodge Hall, and a Lions Club Elephant Sale at the corner of First and Main Streets.

The Cunningham Wildcats got the local 1962-1963 basketball season off to a flying start last Friday evening as they rolled over an inept Arlington team, 72 to 49, in a Ninnescah League game played at Arlington. The Wildcats had four players scoring in double figures – Joe Young and Mickey Miles had 20 apiece, Eugene Huston 18, and Robert Leiter 10.

1967

December 7

The City of Cunningham and the Western Power and Gas Company of Medicine Lodge will cosponsor a Christmas Lighting and Scene Contest in Cunningham. First, second, and third prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 will be award ed the winners. The contest will be limited to the residential area, with no business firms being eligible for competition.

C. D. (Dave) Stewart, 63, a life-long resident of the Nashville community and owner of the Stewart Motor Company in Nashville since 1923, died at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Plans are "shaping up" for the big welcome to be accorded Santa Claus when he comes to Cunningham, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9. An afternoon of fine entertainment is in the offing, starting with the parade at 2:00 o'clock, followed with the arrival of Santa Claus and the distribution of treats to everyone, and climaxed by several special events, including pancake races, egg-spoon races, and three-legged races.

Sixteen players have already registered for the horseshoe tournament on Santa Claus Day, including last year's cham pion Harold DeWeese.

The Cunningham Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges will hold a ham n' bean feed in the Lodge Hall, Saturday. They will also serve vegetable soup, pie, milk, and coffee from 11:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

All boys and girls of the community are urged to begin making plans to enter the Santa Claus Day Parade. Parade divisions are pets, horses, bicycles, dolls and doll buggies, tricycles, wagons, and floats.

Twenty Bibles have been donated to be awarded to lucky treat holders on Santa Claus day, according to Mrs. Albert McGovney. Special recognition will again be accorded Cunningham's senior citizens on Santa Claus Day. If you are 75 years of age, you are invited to be special guests, including a ride in the parade.

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1977

December 1

In a rather quiet, unobtrusive way, something very important is happening just west of Cunningham. A casual observer would note only the presence of several rigs, off in the distance, south of Highway 54. He might not even note that .

But this area is the construction site of Northern Natural Gas Company's largest underground gas storage area. According to Project Manager Ed Bittner, the total volume which will be injected and withdrawn annually will amount to 40 billion cubic feet (bcf), with a total storage space of 71 bcf.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeroy Ford of Wichita announce the birth of Jay Michael on November 24 at 10:50 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs 1 oz. and has two sisters at home, Tonnia 4 ½ and Stacie 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hageman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crick, Brenda and Debbie had Sunday dinner with Alice Johnson.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kitson and Gregg were Don Kitson of Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Kitson of Hays and Betty Kitson and Donice.

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

— Michael Crichton

"History does not always repeat itself. Sometimes it just yells, 'Can't you remember anything I told you?' and lets fly with a club." — John W. Campbell Jr.

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Focus-Pocus

Discovering a group of kids gathered into a tight circle on hands and knees usually means adventure is in the air. Walking nearby, my height revealed what the kids were jockeying so eagerly to see. One of the boys was holding a magnifying glass, pinpointing the sun's light so sharply on the leaf that it was about to burst into flames.

Grinning in memory, I could still feel the weight of that magnifying glass in my then ten-year-old hand. Gazing through it, a hidden world of forests of grass and colonies of giant ants came magically into focus. By adjusting the focus, I too, had magnified pinpoints of sunlight so tightly they had burned holes right into wood.

Our minds hold similar power. Whatever we mentally focus on expands in our life, creating feelings and emotions to match our interpretation of it. Whether the object of our focus is a person, a job or a problem, once

held before the lens of our mind, it can't help but grow larger than it currently is.

The secret that escapes many is that we are in control of what we choose to focus on. Despite appearances to the contrary, we have a choice - we can choose to focus on what is wrong in our lives, creating growing feelings and emotions of unhappiness -- or we can focus on what is right within our lives, creating feelings and emotions that give us increasing levels of joy.

Most people never realize they have a choice, they merely allow their mind to run on auto-pilot, letting their focus fall where it will. They then wonder why their best plans go up in smoke, their moods abruptly change with the winds, and problems seem to loom ever larger.

By retaking control, we can direct our mind's magnifying glass to intensely focus on things of our choice - successes, talents, loved ones, spiritual aspirations -- that create positive feelings and emotions, igniting our own constant flames of happiness within.

By first placing our

attention on what gets our attention, we begin to see the true cause of unhappiness. We learn that the only reason we are unhappy is because we unwarily focused on something unhappy! Realizing that we CAN decide where to place our mental magnifying glass is the first step to becoming the driver of our lives, rather than remaining a powerless passenger.

Like the roundness of the magnifying glass, the magic of focus is circular as well. The quality of our life is based on our own perception of it. Our perception is created by what we focus on. What we focus on creates the feelings and emotions that create our perceptions.

While the kids in that circle were enchanted witnessing the magnifying glass burning leaves, I grinned realizing a lesson far more powerful was subtlety burning itself into their subconscious minds. And one day too, they'd be able to boil the importance of mental focus into six

Whatever gets your attention, gets YOU.

Lions Club Gifts to Hands of Hope



Lions Club President Diane Albers presents Tammy Beat with a check for the local food bank, Hands of Hope. The Lions Club raised the money through the annual birthday calendar sales. Next year, remember to support the Lions Club and the birthday calendars and support our coummunity.



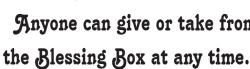
A Note of Thanks

Thank you to the Cunningham Community for the generous donations of canned goods at the Thanksgiving Service. Your spirit of giving has restocked our shelves. Thank you, as well, for the very, very generous monetary donations to this cause. -Hands of Hope

Free Bread & **Baked Goods** at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays



Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from





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



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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.

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

> Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911 **† † † † †** †



Church of Christ

Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201





United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m. Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor J L Nichols

620-491-0680



Christian Humor: Jokes You Can Tell in Church

Which minor prophet is well-known thanks to cookies?

Famous Amos.

What do you call a prophet who's also a chef?

Habakkuk.

What did Adam say to Eve when handing her something to wear? Take it or leaf it."

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? "We Noah guy."

What did Zachariah do when he and Elizabeth had disagreements? He gave the silent treatment.

How did Paul greet his friend?\ Give me Phi-lemon!"

What did the lawyer ask when someone started talking about God's will?

"Was it notarized?"

What size was the lumber that was made to build the ark? 2x2.

How would you rate Jael's camping skills?

Tent out of tent.

How do pastors like their orange

With pulpit.

When preparing for the Feast of Weeks, what did some disciples wonder? "

How much is this going to (Pente) cost?"

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com

(to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717) **Hands of Hope** (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school dis-

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours? Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

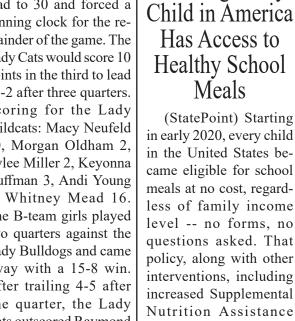


JH Girls Cruise Past Raymond

On Monday, November 21, 2022 the Cunningham Jr. High Lady Wildcats traveled to Chase to take on the Raymond Lady Bulldogs in a non-league match up and came away with a 37-4 victory to move their season record to 2-1. The Lady Bulldogs were able to get on the score board first with a free-throw, but the Lady Cats would score the next 27 points of the first half, 14 in the first and 13 in the second, to take a 27-1 lead into the half. Cunningham would quickly score two baskets

lead to 30 and forced a running clock for the remainder of the game. The Lady Cats would score 10 points in the third to lead 37-2 after three quarters. Scoring for the Lady Wildcats: Macy Neufeld 10, Morgan Oldham 2, Rylee Miller 2, Keyonna Huffman 3, Andi Young 4, Whitney Mead 16. The B-team girls played two quarters against the Lady Bulldogs and came away with a 15-8 win. After trailing 4-5 after one quarter, the Lady Cats outscored Raymond 11-3 in the second to secure the win. Score for the B-team Cats: Kaylee Mertens 1, Keyonna Huffman 2, Andi Young 7, Kourtni Fischer 5. The Lady Wildcats will be back in action after Thanksgiving when they begin HOPL action at Home vs. Norwich on Thursday, December 1st.

in the third to stretch their



in early 2020, every child in the United States became eligible for school meals at no cost, regardless of family income level -- no forms, no questions asked. That policy, along with other interventions, including increased Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants, Children Program benefits, kept millions of children and families from going hungry during the pandemic. But support for school meals ended this September, putting healthy school meals increasingly out of reach for children who rely on them for nearly half their daily calories and a consistent

Ensuring Every

Amid soaring food prices, rising rates of nutrition and food insecurity, and families having a harder time accessing nutritious foods in their communities, advocates at the American Heart Association say that Congress's failure

source of good nutrition.



to extend healthy school meals is already having profound consequences.

For more than two years, the country has seen food insecurity rates stay relatively stagnant. Pandemic-era assistance helped ensure that already high rates of families struggling to feed their kids did not worsen. However, with these policies ending and food costs skyrocketing, early data from 2022 suggest that food insecurity is quickly on the rise. Food insecurity disproportionately affects households with children (14.8%), Hispanic households (17%), Black households (21%) and households living at or below the federal poverty line (35%). This crisis also comes at a time when households across America are facing delayed health care, barriers to affordable housing, and a general financial squeeze caused by rising prices on consumer

"Providing healthy school meals for students at no charge is a

goods.

recipe for success that reduces food insecurity, improves children's diets and academic performance, generates critical revenue for schools and decreases stigma," according to Nancy Brown, CEO, American Heart Association. "Action by the federal government is long overdue. It is a necessity for families and schools to feed children the healthy meals they

need for success." Kids who eat well perform better in school. However, access to food is just part of the issue. The American Heart Association points out that with pre-pandemic numbers of more than 15 million school breakfasts and 30 million school lunches served every day, what children put on their plates has a significant impact on their overall health and well-being.

"Federal programs including SNAP and the Summer Food Service program have been integral to addressing hunger, but many policies focus on improving access to sufficient quantities of food," says Brown. "While this goal is critically important, especially in mitigating the effects of poverty, we must modernize these policies and programs to also focus on food quality, so people have access to enough nutritious food."

There are opportunities for the federal government to change course and ensure that every child across the country has access to free, nutritious foods at school. The White House recently released a national strategy to end nutrition and food insecurity and mitigate the effects of diet-related chronic diseases in the United States by 2030, making the recommendation for healthy school meals for all and strong nutrition standards. Additionally, a key committee in the House of Representatives has passed a child nutrition reauthorization bill that would protect and strengthen nutrition standards for school meals and help millions of children gain access to healthy school meals, among other updates to child nutrition programs. Advocates at the American Heart Association say that the Senate now needs to do its part to give children the best chance to succeed. To learn more, visit https://act.yourethecure. org/tqmwpbx.

better player, you have to prepare, prepare, and prepare some more." - Kobe Bryant,

"If you want to be a

The Mamba Mentality: How I Play

Public Notice

by Coach Bart Ricke

(Published in the official City of Cunningham newspaper on November 24, 2022)

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE THREE OF CHAPTER XII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, **ENTITLED COMMUNITY** CENTER BOARD AND 301, 12-302, 12-303, 12-304, 12-305, 12-306, 12-307, AND 12-308 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD AS WELL AS THE TERMS OF OFFICE, DUTIES, RECOMMENDATIONS,

MEETINGS, ANNUAL REPORTS, BUDGET, AND GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DONATIONS, AND FUNDRAISING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER **BOARD**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

Section 1: Chapter XII, Article 3 of the Code of the City of Cunningham shall be created and titled "Community Center Board."

Section 2: Section 12-301 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-301. **COMMUNITY** CENTER BOARD; **ESTABLISHMENT.** There

is established a Community Center Board of this City, which will consist of five (5) members who shall serve without compensation. Those five (5) members shall be resident taxpayers of this City or Kingman County. The members of the Community Center Board shall elect a secretary and a chairperson from its membership each for a term of one (1) year. The members shall also create bylaws and policies for the operation of the Community Center Board and such bylaws and policies shall be approved by the governing body. Of the five (5) members, one such member shall be a member of the governing body.'

Section 3: Section 12-302 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-302. SAME; TERMS

OF OFFICE. The Mayor, with the consent of the governing body, shall appoint members to the Community Center Board. Terms of members shall be for three (3) years, but the initial membership terms shall be staggered with two (2) of the first members serving a full three (3) year term, two (2) serving a two (2) year term, and one (1) serving a one (1) year term. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the

Section 4: Section 12-303 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

unexpired term.

"12-303. **SAME**; **DUTIES** OF THE BOARD. The Community Center Board shall make recommendations for the care, improvement, use, and enhancement of the Community Center. All recommendations shall be made subject to the approval of the governing body of the City. The Community Center Board shall operate the Community Center and coordinate activities and functions held there. The Community Center Board shall follow all guidelines and requirements established by the governing body for use of the Community Center."

Section 5: Section 12-304 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-304. **SAME**; RECOMMENDATION.

The governing body of the City may refer all major proposals and propositions for use of the of the Community Center to the Community Center Board. The Community Center Board shall make reports and recommendations to the governing body of all matters referred to it and any further recommendation as deemed advisable."

Section 6: Section 12-305 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-305. **SAME**;

MEETINGS. The Community Center Board shall meet at least four (4) times per year. Special meetings may also be held if necessary and at such other times as the board may determine. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

Section 7: Section 12-306 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-306. SAME; ANNUAL **REPORTS.** The Community Center Board shall make an annual report of all its proceedings, activities, income, expenditures, and the condition of the Community Center to the governing body in the month of February of each year."

Section 8: Section 12-307 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall

"12-307. **SAME; BUDGET.** On or before the first Monday in May of each year, the Community Center Board shall submit to the governing body a budget of estimated expenditures for the next fiscal year. Thereupon, the governing body shall consider the plans, recommendations, and budget and shall make such allowance therefore as it may deem proper."

Section 9: Section 12-308 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"12-308. **SAME**; GIFTS, BEQUESTS, DONATIONS, AND FUNDRAISING.

The Community Center Board, by and with the consent of the governing body, may solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property or any donation to be applied, principal or income, to assist the board in carrying out its duties.

The Community Center Board may also host fund raising events to enhance funding for its projects, subject to approval from the governing body.

All monies or property received from any source by the Community Center Board or generated through activities of the Community Center Board shall be accounted and submitted to the City Clerk as soon as is practicable after receipt."

Section 10: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city paper.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, this 10th day of November, 2022.

Governing Body of the City of Cunningham /s/ Aaron Murphy

ATTEST:

/s/ Molly Morgan



Peggy Halderson and grandson, Will Halderson were at the Wildcat sendoff to sub-state.



photos by Molly Morgan

Sub-State Game in Snapshots



Luke McGuire and Lane Halderson



Luke Albers



Jack Ruckle and an unidentified Wildcat



Wildcats on defense



Trey DeWeese



CHS Scholars' Bowl Team Finishes Third at South Barber.



Pictured: Coach Sebastian Huelskamp, Grace Hageman, Ava Bock, Alice Huelskamp (who also place 2nd in individual scoring), Taylor Schultz, and Emily Ogg.

"If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. If anything goes really good, then you did it. That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you." — Paul W. Bryant, Bear Bryant

on Winning Football



How 5G Fixed Wireless Access is Bridging the Digital Divide

(Statepoint) When working from home and attending school virtually became part of everyday life during the COVID-19 pandemic, it taught us how vital home broadband internet is.

A recent OpenVault report found broadband usage spiked nearly 50% year over year during the first quarter of the pandemic, and that usage has sustained today. Those with a stable internet connection were able to keep up with school, work and various tasks. However, because ISPs have continued to underserve certain customers for years, many families were left behind. In fact, more than 42 million Americans lack broadband access, according to BroadbandNow.com.

The Digital Divide

refers to the gap between those who have access to high-speed internet and those who do not due to various demographic factors. Even many with internet access struggle with unreliable internet, low broadband speeds and poor overall performance. Options like fiber, which are known to be incredibly reliable, are difficult to build out across communities. Older options like DSL and satellite lack the reliability and speeds to keep up with today's typical broadband usage. So, for decades, many in this country have been without a stable internet connection, and competition everywhere has remained limited.

In 2021, Congress created the Affordable Connectivity Program, a long-term \$14 billion program to combat the Digital Divide. This program offers a discount toward internet service for eligible households.

However, many communities, especially those in rural America, still face infrastructure hurdles. In a recent White House speech, President Joe Biden stated that more than 30 million Americans are living in rural areas that still do not have access to high-speed internet.

The good news is that 5G is helping to bring new hope to the highspeed home internet industry. 5G wireless networks have massive capacity, more than 4G LTE networks ever did. According to industry experts, it means 5G can deliver capacity and speeds fast enough to offer home internet service directly to millions of homes across the United States, without the expensive builds or complicated installation common with Big Internet companies.

With 5G comes Fixed Wireless Access (FWA), a new service that will help bridge the Digital Divide. FWA is a costeffective method of delivering high-speed internet to areas with limited fixed (wireline) broadband infrastructure. FWA works like any other home internet service, but instead of connecting through a cable, it does so through a wireless network using a router. It leverages the extra capacity of wireless networks, making it easy to deliver a reliable highspeed internet experience to homes in traditionally underserved areas. FWA doesn't require drilling

holes and setup is easy. Simply plug in a dedicated router, place it in an area with an optimal signal and you're connected.

Wondering whether 5G FWA is here to stay? ABI Research forecasts that in 2026, the FWA market will exceed 180 million subscriptions and generate \$70 billion in revenue. The 5G FWA market will then account for 40% of the total FWA market.

Two companies are leading the FWA market. One of them, T-Mobile,

launched 5G Home Internet in 2021 and already has over 1.5 million customers.

At a time when connectivity has never been more important, 5G FWA will help millions access dependable, affordable home internet. Bridging the Digital Divide is not only crucial for those without access, but is good for the entire country. With 5G, there's a powerful opportunity to change the high-speed internet industry for good.



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Turkey Riddles

Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at dinner? Because he will gobble it up!

If you call a big turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one? A goblet.

What is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach gobbler!

Why did the farmer report the turkey to the police? He sensed fowl play.

Why do turkeys gobble? Because they never learned table manners.

What sound does a limping turkey make? Wobble, wobble!

What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, google!

What type of glass does a turkey drink from? A goblet.



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Family and Feast

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Even as Thanksgiving draws near, it's easy have a pessimistic perspective about the current state of the world. If you're feeding a gathering of 10 people, a traditional turkey dinner will cost 20 percent more this year, according to an American Farm Bureau Federation survey.

To be fair, wages are rising but at a much slower pace so while the survey's results are real, 20 percent is a bit of an overstatement. Nonetheless, that pinch in your pocketbook is real, and it's easy to let it spoil Thanksgiving.

Our inclination to selfcenteredness is partly to blame. We know exactly which rung on the ladder we occupy, and it's all too easy to look up, see everyone a step or two higher and think we're at the bottom. Our aspirations for tomorrow can easily lead to resentment today if we spend too much time looking up. We avoid looking down, not out of a feeling of superiority, but fear.

Fear our footing isn't solid enough to prevent

material in nature. Worry our worth is based on ascending. These are universal causes of anxiety and alarm even if they're only true in our minds.

Just as our value isn't set by a bank account, a meal's quality isn't dependent on its price. While accounting can make things look simple and tidy, it's a poor approach to confine one's life to a spreadsheet or the balance of a retirement account, especially this year.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reflect on just how much we take gratitude for granted and how skewed our perspective can become. A day to be grateful, but it's worth acknowledging there's value in recognizing the obvious and near rather than waiting for some special, unexpected good luck to express appreciation.

Is it not worth celebrating the mere fact we're alive right now? When counting blessings isn't that the logical place to begin? While not everyone has the opportunity to give thanks for the laughter of cousins playing while the adults cook or have those close conversations around the table after the meal is finished, the fact we're here at all is notable.

The funny thing about

is it has a way of changing your outlook. A week or two from now, no one will recall if the turkey was dry, the mashed potatoes were a little lumpy, who brought what pie or even what everything

That's the hope at least. It's possible a curmudgeon or two will find their way to a few dinner tables, bringing with them dour assessments of the world and wanting to talk about unseemly topics like politics. Being thankful for life doesn't mean we're free from challenges.

However, we get to choose how we approach those challeng-

J. fruits, vegetables in jars

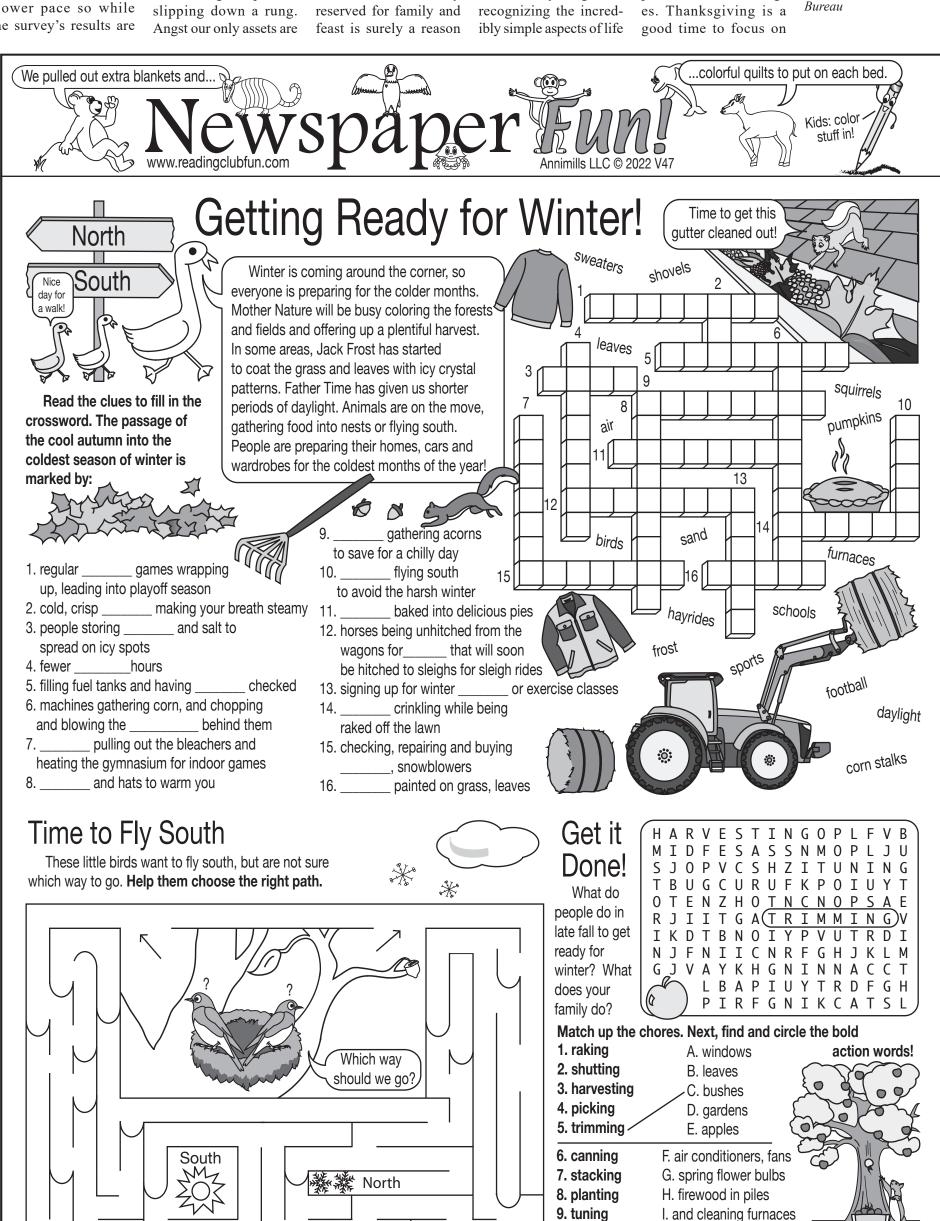
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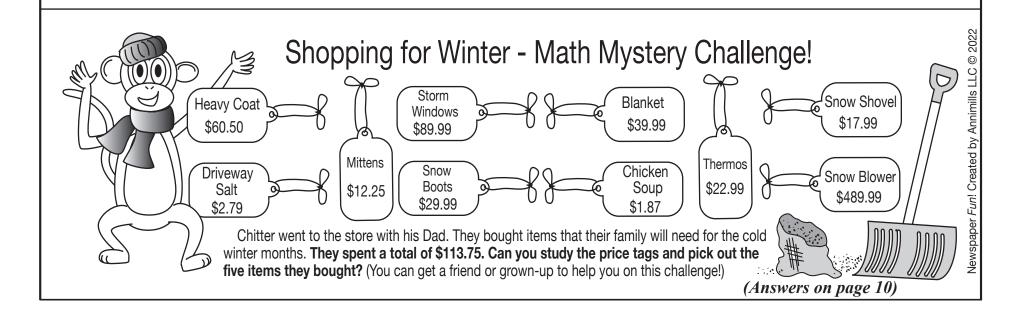
all the things big and small we're grateful for. It should also serve as a reminder to take stock of our gratitude throughout the year. If you start with the simple fact you're grateful to be alive, you can probably continue counting your blessings until your family's next

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News from Kansas Farm







Note: This column is an excerpt from Tom Purcell's new book, "Tips from a New Dog Dad." Read more chapters at ThurbersTail. com.

How My Dog Brought Joy to My Elderly Dad

My Lab puppy, Thurber, was born on Christmas Day, 2020 the best Christmas blessing I ever received.

But he bestowed even greater blessings on my mother and father.

In his 87th year, my father was facing a series of health challenges.

Waiting for the other shoe to drop — waiting for a middle-of-the night call to help pick him up from a fall — had become the norm.

Visits to my parents' house were becoming less joyful and more stressful as my dad, with limited mobility, needed help getting in and out of his chair and had to ask his kids to assist with the many daily tasks he used to do himself so effortlessly.

We gave my father endless support as his needs grew but his decline brought sadness, and the sadness began permeating my parents' home, hitting us hard every time we entered the front door.

That all changed the day I brought my puppy Thurber home.

Thurber's first visit

The day I picked Thurber up in Punxsutawney, Pa., my plan was to drive directly to my mom and dad's house.

I slipped into their house quietly through the garage and sneaked up the back steps.

I knew they'd be in the family room watching an old movie. That's what they often did in the afternoons — and, sure enough, that is what they were doing.

In I walked, a soft cuddly puppy in my arms
— and the room lit up like a Christmas tree.

The joy was immediate and, just like that, my mom and dad were transformed from their late 80s into giddy, 10-year-old children.

I set Thurber on my father's lap and the puppy was in his glory, his tail wagging wildly. Dogs always loved my father and sensed instantly, and correctly, that he was the alpha male in the room.

The two played and cuddled a good long while as Thurber climbed all over my dad and found an especially comfortable spot between him and the arm of his recliner.

I brought Thurber over to my mom and she too was thrust into instant joy and affection. We never think of our parents as being children, but with a puppy in her arms my mother became a happy little girl.

It was as if her father, who died when she was only 19, was watching over her again — providing her with the warmth and security he did so well in her childhood.

After a time, my mother set Thurber on the floor, where I lay enticing him to play with me.

I laughed aloud as he jumped on me and showered me with his affection, but it was more than just puppy affection that brought me so much joy.

It was wonderful to feel the undivided love and playfulness my puppy directed solely at me.

Better yet, it made my mother and father happy

to see their middle-aged son being made so happy by the puppy who would now be an integral part of his world.

An angel of joy

I stayed a few hours that Friday afternoon, the first time in months we were able to forget about my dad's health woes—the first time we laughed in I don't recall how long.

The power of a puppy is transformative, and my transformation was just beginning then, and continues still.

There is a saying I came across in which God is talking to a puppy and he says, "I removed your wings so they won't know you are an angel."

Well, on the day I

brought Thurber home, he became an angel of joy to my father and mother.

I didn't know that for the next year and a half I'd be able to bring him to my parents' house for multiple visits that inevitably resulted in childlike happiness for us all — sadness left their home instantly every time Thurber visited.

And when Thurber celebrated his first birthday on Christmas Day of 2021, we had the celebration in my parents' home, and it was a grand event full of laughter and joy.

I didn't know last Christmas that my father would leave us nine months later — he'd leave us a few days after we'd celebrate his 89th birthday.

But I will treasure forever the many joyful visits Thurber and I made to my parents' home, in which their difficult days were made so much brighter by a furry angel with hidden wings!

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Tom Purcell is creator of Thurbers Tail.com, which shares helpful pet-care tips and funny stories and videos featuring Tom's beloved Labrador, Thurber. Email Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

"On the other hand, I think cats have Asperger's. Like me, they're very smart. And like me, sometimes they simply need to be left alone."

— Jodi Picoult, House Rules

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!



KCHS Donation Wish List

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

13-gal. kitchen trash bags dry cat and kitten food clumping cat litter canned dog food Purina Puppy Chow long-lasting chews stainless steel flat-sided

water buckets paper towels bleach liquid laundry detergent poop bag rolls disposable gloves (large) The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Dude

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Male Domestic Shorthair 6.5 pounds 9 months + \$50.00 adoption fee Intake Date: July 23, 2022

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

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J. fruits, vegetables in jars

Blanket

9. tuning

10. storing

Snow

Boots

\$29.99

Howie

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Male Retriever, Labrador / Chinese Shar-Pei Weight: 52 lbs Age 5 Years, 7 months Adoption Fee: \$150.00 Intake Date: November 19, 2022

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Life hasn't been easy for this sweet boy. He might
not be the prettiest dog we have but he is well behaved
around people. He's kinda picky about which dogs he
wants to be around and the scars on his face tell us a
little bit about what his former life might have been
like, but he's hoping for a better life now. He's sweet
and gentle but might be too strong for younger kids.
We recommend a fence yard for this guy. Does not
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Hammy

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Here they are:

Surrounding Communities

Pratt County Commission Minutes for November 7th, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director, Rick Shriver was not present due to personal reasons.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported Pratt Area Economic Development will be meeting Wednesday. They will be reviewing an application that is changing their business. There is still funding for façade grants, they need to be in by noon tomorrow. She had been asked if economic development gives loans, they do not give loans. SBA loans can be attained through Great Plains Development, Dodge City or local banks. Stacy Hanson is having a child care task force meeting at the city building. Kansas Department of Labor released data on the top private industries in Kansas. 19-27% are health care related then retail, hotel, and agriculture in that order.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from October 31, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Susan Pixler as election deputy at \$150.00 bi-weekly. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Tyson gave an update on the tax sale. Twentyone tracts were fully redeemed for a total of \$134317.43 plus court costs. Seventeen trats sold last Thursday for a total of \$125,458 plus court costs. He needs motions from district court to finalize the sales.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers

for November 7, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Tammy Smith, CEO and Alan Waites CFO, PRMC, Alan presented the financials for October 2022. Auditors are on site at this time. Tammy reported they are working with a new recruiter, to help with staffing shortages. Urgent care has had a problem with staffing. They are getting credentials to get staff available. They have increased entry level wages.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, showed pictures of Medic 3 that has been remounted.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:21 p.m. for ten

Tim also visited with

minutes to discuss nonelected personnel regarding rescue. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:31 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented a pay increase for Casey Ziehr for his six-month raise. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the raise for Casey Ziehr in the amount of .50. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. He asked to change hours to 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was approved.

Doug Freund, road

supervisor, requested an executive session. Commissioner Jones made a motion to access into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel concerning attendance at 2:35 p.m. for fifteen minutes. Chairman Adams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:43 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for November 14th, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse with the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Sherry Wenrich, register of deeds and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported that the Pratt Area Economic Development met last Wednesday. There is an application in progress from a business in Sawyer that is relocating out into the county.

Heather also reported that there is a retail overstock business wanting to move Into Pratt. She updated that Braum's does own land in Pratt County but is not planning on building in the near future. There is also one business that is wrapping up their façade grant. Heather reported that there was an invoice presented for the rural opportunities program. Pratt County is not participating in this program and therefore she will get ahold of them and resolve this. Heather also said with Laura Kelly being re-elected KDOT will move forward with the plans in place and therefore the bypass around Pratt will not happen any time soon.

Tim Branscom and BJ Hayes, emergency management/zoning, reported that BJ is currently taking courses and getting familiar with the emergency management operations plans. Tim reported that himself and BJ will be attending the upcoming IWT meeting on November 15th, 2022 in Ellsworth. There will also be a disaster training class on Orion next month in Barber County. December 1, 2022 there will be an emergency management meeting at the new public safety building. Tim reported that Johnson controls came and did an inspection. A back flow valve is still needed. Tim also reported that a couple of the outlets do not work in the EMS bunker room and two of the bay doors are missing antennas.

Taylor Printing and is getting a quote on a metal sign to attach to the brick for the public safety building. Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks to be signed. Tara reported that her grant application is due on Friday. She presented her budgeted amounts fy24 grant totals along with letters of commitment for local matching funds for general public transportation and a letter of support for the 5311 grant to be signed. The grant money will be

> available in July 2023. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer,

county counselor, presented an agreement from Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. to survey one unit south of the new public safety building for the sum of \$2400.00. Upon completion of this an application with the city for a lot split can be completed. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to accept and sign the agreement for engineering services between Pratt County and Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for \$2400.00 to be paid out of the capital improvement fund for survey of land south of the public safety building. Commissioner Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, requested a fifteen-minute executive session to discuss an attorney/client HIPPA related matter. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 2:45 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Chairman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive

Session at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 14, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Gwen Brown Given FSA Achievement Award

Kansas Farm Service Agency is proud to announce Gwen Brown as a recipient of the Farm Service Agency Lifetime Achievement Award. This national level award recognizes individuals who have more than 30 years of service in FSA and have demonstrated and contributed to the improvement of the quality and service of FSA.

Gwen Brown is the epitome of the dedicated and diligent FSA County Employee. She started her career with the agency in Reno County, Kansas January 1987. Throughout the last thirty-six years, Gwen has been critical to the daily operations in the office.

She is a staple in the lives of the farmers and ranchers of Reno County. She has been there from the first day many producers became a part of the agriculture community. She's been there when they introduced their children to the world, and now she's helping their grandchildren.

She is the genealogy tree of Reno County. Off the top of her head, Gwen can tell you with just a producer's name, who they are married to, and their children's name, spouse, and grandchildren. Her institutional knowledge of how a program started, what it has grown into and how even the technology of the agency has changed is irreplaceable. For her office she is the lead program technician for all reconstitutions and farm changes. So not only

does she know our clients on a personal level, but she has watched the agricultural community in Reno County eb and flow from family to family. She has made every change along the way.

Gwen has outlasted seven administrations, six farm bills, and multiple life changing events; the birth of her children, the Challenger exploding, the Oklahoma City Bombing and September 11th. Through every life changing, world tilting event, she remained a constant in her part of the world. Never wavering, always helpful, unphased by the markets or mother nature, she was always there for the farmers and ranchers of Reno County. When her own world was shifting under her feet, threatening her health and existence, coming back to work was a focus of her rehabilitation. Even now, she puts the producer first. The day she decides to leave us, is a day that a legend will leave, and many will shed a tear because of the friendships she has built, the community she has aided, and the impression she has left on so many hearts and lives.

Without her dedicating her life to this agency and our producers her county office office would not be what it is today. She has set the standard of excellence for all of us who have come after her. She guides us through the daily struggles of handbook clarification. She is the person to provide guidance when we don't know where to go in a unique or unknown situation because she has seen it and dealt with it before.

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier, Thursday, November 24, 2022.

> IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ARLENE M. ZERGER,

Deceased Case No. KM 2022 PR 61

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE OF HEARING AND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL

PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on November 17th, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Charlene S. Childs, Linn A. Zerger, and Darrin L. Zerger, the Co-Executors

named in the "Last Will and Testament of Arlene M. Zerger," deceased, dated January 29, 2020, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners be appointed as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

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

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

Charlene S. Childs, Linn A. Zerger, & Darrin L. Zerger, Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioners

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 13th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint Traffic / Disabled Vehicle

Traffic / Disabled Vehicle Agency Assist Suspicious Activity

Suspicious Vehicle

Monday, November 14th Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Animal Complaint 911 Accidental Dial

Tuesday, November 15th Traffic Stop

Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint Suspicious Activity Suspicious Person

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16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney 6367 SE 140 Ave, Norwich 624 SW 150 St, Spivey

NE 35 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman 4392 NE 40 Ave, Kingman 15541 NE 50 St, Cheney 14463 NE t0 St, Cheney

Wednesday, November 16th

Traffic Stop **Animal Complaint** Disturbance

Thursday, November 17th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint **Animal Complaint Animal Complaint**

Friday, November 18th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Traffic / Disabled Vehicle

Saturday, November 19th

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint Theft Harassment

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Wheat Scoop: Congratulations to the Kansas Winners in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest

While triple-digit yields may have seemed impossible during this year's drought, Kansas wheat producers exemplified how the right combination of genetics, management and luck pay off with the winning entries in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest. National and state winners were recently released by the National Wheat Foundation, which has organized the competition for the past seven

"The National Wheat Yield Contest offers producers a chance to learn from counterparts from across the country how to maximize their management to improve yields and quality," said Justin Gilpin, Kansas Wheat CEO. "Kansas wheat producers continually demonstrate they are up to the challenge by adopting new practices that utilize the full potential of top-of-the-line wheat genetics."

The national contest was split into winter wheat and spring wheat and then divided into dryland and irrigated production. Contestants had to prove their wheat would grade at levels 1 or

2 to compete.

In the dryland winter wheat category, Brett Oelke from Hoxie took the top Kansas spot with an entry of WestBred Grainfield that yielded 106.34 bushels per acre. The entry also earned Oelke fifth place nationally for percentage increase over the county average.

As one of the 24 national winners, Oelke is shipping in a grain sample that will be analyzed for additional quality parameters. If the winning samples meet all the specified "customerdesired" quality targets, producers will receive a \$500 award. In addition, national winners receive a trip to the Commodity Classic in Orlando,

Florida, in March 2023 and will be recognized at the National Wheat Foundation's Winner's Reception.

Hays producers John and Matt Grabbe took second and third place in Kansas with entries of WestBredWB4422 which yielded 103.24 bushels per acre, and WestBred WB4792 which yielded 97.88 bushels per acre, respectively.

In the irrigated winter wheat category, David Leonard from Goodland placed first in the state with an entry of PlainsGold Langin that yielded 119.57 bushels per acre. Matt Brack from Hutchinson earned second with an entry of WestBred WB4401 that yielded 103.44 bushels

per acre.

"We know that genetics, environment and management all need to be just right for wheat to thrive, and we are proud to see so many wheat growers continue to reach for higher and better yields, while also growing wheat that customers desire," said Joe Kejr, National Wheat Foundation Chair and Kansas producer, in a national release.

The 2022 sponsors for the National Wheat Yield Contest included WestBred, John Deere, BASF, The McGregor Company, U.S. Wheat Associates, AgriMaXX, Limagrain Cereal Seeds, CoAxium, UPL, Ardent Mills, Plains Gold, Mennel, Dyna-Gro,

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Genetics, Northern Crops Institute, and the North Dakota Mill and Elevator. The official publication of the contest is DTN/Progressive Farmer.

Follow Kansas Wheat in the coming weeks to learn more about the Kansas winners and their tips and tricks for success this year. Learn more about the National Wheat Yield Contest at http://yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org/.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Kansas Profiles

Daniel Coughlin, Coughlin Law Firm

Posted on November 16, 2022 by Pat Melgares

Three people standing, Stuart Aller, Daniel Couglin, Tamra Coughlin

From left: Stuart Aller, Daniel Coughlin, Tamra Coughlin

Patent pending. We frequently see those words on a label but may not think about the process required to gain such a designation.

Today we'll meet a small town Kansas law firm that specializes in helping clients across the nation protect their intellectual property.

Attorney Daniel Coughlin is founder and principal of the Coughlin Law Office LLC in Sabetha. Stuart Aller is the patent agent in the law firm.

Coughlin is a Michigan native. While earning a doctorate in biochemistry at the University of Michigan, he researched a product that was thought to be patentable. "I was intrigued by the patent process," he said.

Coughlin earned a law degree at the University of Toledo. Through a church youth group, he met and later married Tamra who was born in Sabetha. While working his way through law school, Coughlin built and programmed control panels at a Sabetha manufacturing company. He recognized that patents help encourage inventors by protecting their innovative ideas

In 2012, he opened the Coughlin Law Office in Sabetha. Over time, he found a niche in developing and filing patents for his clients.

In 2020, Hiawatha native Stuart Aller joined the firm. Aller graduated from K-State with life science degrees and worked as a scientist for the State of Kansas before moving back to his hometown to teach. Aller met Coughlin and started doing technical writing for the firm during the summers. Aller became interested in the patent work that supports innovation.

"I've always been interested in science and technology," Aller said. He sat for the patent bar exam, which is a specialized form of legal certification. "There's something like a 40% pass rate," he said. "It was definitely the hardest exam I've ever taken."

Aller passed and, in 2020, became certified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a

registered patent agent. He joined the Coughlin firm in offering their KanPat® intellectual property services.

"An inventor will come in with some idea and we will work though it to identify the key factors that make it new and unique," Coughlin said. Then they develop a proposed filing complete with technical drawings and explanations. Ultimately this is filed with the U.S. Patent Office.

"It is not necessarily a quick process," Coughlin said. Filings are subject to in-depth review by patent examiners. "Depending on various factors, it can take 2-3 years at the fastest or up to 5-6 years for a patent to issue. However, 'patent pending' can usually be achieved in just a few days or weeks."

"(Working with clients) is one of the best

parts of the job," he said.

Coughlin Law Office recently worked with a K-State student to patent an improved hitch pin. In another case, they worked with an inventor who had been turned away by a big city law firm, but Coughlin and Aller ultimately obtained a patent for him.

Sabetha is a fruitful home base for the company due to the multiple innovative manufacturers found in the community. However, the firm's reputation has grown far beyond the region.

Coughlin Law Office has done patent work for clients across the nation, from Florida to Washington state. They have also done international work on intellectual property protection in such places as Japan, Brazil, Australia and South Africa.

That's remarkable for

a law firm located in a rural community such as Sabetha, population 2,545 people. Now, that's rural.

"We get lots of referrals through our loyal clients who appreciate a rural small town law practice with this capability," Coughlin said. As the law firm's website states: "We strive to provide professional services with small town warmth and integrity."

For more information, see www.kanpat.com.

Patent pending. Those simple words reflect a complex process, led in this case by a law office in rural Kansas. We commend Daniel Coughlin and Stuart Aller of the Coughlin Law Office for making a difference by encouraging innovation and protecting intellectual property in a small town setting. The benefit to rural Kansas should be patently obvious.

Budgeting for the Winter Holidays

From

Thanksgiving to New Years, winter holidays can be stressful mentally and financially

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan.

— The beginning of the winter holiday season has begun, filled with food, family, friends and fun.

Kansas State University personal financial planning specialist Elizabeth Kiss says that as celebrations are planned, it is important to consider the mental and financial stresses of the holiday season.

"One way to approach holidays is managing our time, energy and money," Kiss said. "Things to think about are what's important to us as individuals and what is it that our family most enjoys about the holidays and really focus on those things, which for many families, is being together."

Food

Kiss said food is a large part of the holiday budget, including traditional meals such as turkey on Thanksgiving as well as serving food during parties or open houses, baking and eating out.

"Some things that people don't think about when budgeting is the family pictures or having your home cleaned by a service, or getting the carpet cleaned this time of year," Kiss said. "Also adding in services you get on a regular basis, (such as) your hair person or your nail person. This is a time of year when we often make a charitable donation, (which is) another thing to think about in terms of your holiday budget."

Kiss added that holiday decorations -- such as plates, napkins and wrapping paper -- are important to budget in, but urges consumers to be cautious of the environmental impact of excessive paper products.

"I think we sometimes have unrealistic expectations of the holidays, and that can not only be stressful from a financial standpoint, but a mental

standpoint as well," Kiss

She adds: "The perfectionism and high standards that we place on ourselves, especially when it comes to food, can be draining. It is more about being together and less about all of the decorations, all of those

things being perfect." Activities and routines

Kiss said there is a need to keep a normal routine between celebrations, especially for children.

"This is a lot of stimulation for children, and they may be eating differently -- maybe more sweets than usual -- so keeping mealtimes at a regular time and keeping bedtime fairly regular is important," Kiss said. "Also consider how much they can handle in terms of events and stimulation, what they're interested in doing or what they most enjoy."

Keeping children physically active helps them stay engaged. Being outdoors or in an indoor atmosphere where it's okay for kids to run around can help, she added. Board games and outdoor activities don't cost a lot of money, she said.

Gifts

"I think having a (shopping) list and having a conversation with your family members about what isn't appropriate for the dollar

amount can be really helpful (in saving money)," Kiss said Kiss recommends making lists for all gifts and browsing before purchasing to be able to take advantage of good prices

and not overspending or

not following a plan.

"Research has reported already that more than half of shoppers have already started gift shopping so they can recognize the deals, and so they spread (expenses) out a little bit in their budget," Kiss said.

Different financing plans are popular this year, Kiss said, and, "I think we need to understand what the repayment expectations are. It may mean that you make one payment in six months or you will be making payments along the way."

"So, you really must understand the terms and conditions when they say zero percent interest for six months or 12 months or 18 months, because you don't pay interest, but you still have to pay for the gift," she said.

Kiss suggests paying more upfront and financing less to minimize debt in January; pay cash when available. Keeping receipts and minimizing credit card use can help shoppers stick to a budget.

"Have conversations with your co-worker groups about how you would like to celebrate as a group, and maybe not everyone wants to do the gift giving. Maybe people would like to have a potluck or a cookie exchange, go out for dessert, or go out after work," Kiss said. "Just enjoy the time together."

She also advocates for shopping locally and supporting the community.

"Make the holidays what you want the holidays to be and be comfortable with what you decide. Try and keep that stress level -- both mentally and financially -- as low as possible," Kiss said.



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First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, November 10,

> IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE **ESTATE OF:**

DONALD R. MERTENS, Deceased.

> Case No. 2022 PR 21 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mary B. Mertens, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Mertens, leceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the

Court find the allowances re quested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Mertens, deceased and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 29, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Marleen Fairchild

Marleen Fairchild, 75, died November 17, 2022 at Wheatlands Health Care Center, Kingman.

She was born November 11, 1947, at Kingman, the daughter of Lawrence Dean and Etta Mae Harrison Cooley. A lifelong resident of Kingman County, she was a retired Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse



and Paramedic. She was a Diploma Nurse graduating from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in 1969. She was the first female EMS Director for Kingman County and served as a Member of the Board of the Kansas EMS. She was a Physician Assistant under Dr. Victoria Moots and practiced at the Cunningham Clinic and Donley Clinic.

She was a member of Kingman Christian Church. On June 9, 1973, she married Duane Fairchild at Kingman, he died January 3, 2010. Survivors include daughters, Kim Fairchild (Bob Moorokian), Kristy Sourk (Bob), Lora Johnston (Brad), Kerri Hageman-Smith (Kam); Daughter-In-Law Jenny Fairchild; sisters, LaDean Bailey (Jack), Rogene Jarmer (Wayne); 24 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, David Fairchild and Robert Holland; and parents Dean and Etta Mae Cooley.

Services were held Tuesday, November 22, 2022 with pastors Josh Bell, Kelly Jayne and Robert Roswurm at Kingman Christian Church, Kingman. Burial was in the Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made with Kingman EMS and Kingman Humane Society, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to our loving family, friends, neighbors, and this awesome community for your support, prayers and concern before, during and after my surgeries; cards sent and meals delivered, and the many kindnesses you've shown us.

My healing and recovery are going

My healing and recovery are going well because of you and our awesome God. May He continue to bless us all!

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Red Cross Response in 2022:

Donations Help Most Vulnerable Facing Disasters and Blood Crisis

This holiday season, donate financially or give blood to help those facing future crises

[KANSAS, NOV. 22, 2022] — 2022 has been a year of crisis for families in Kansas and around the world — from extreme climate disasters to global emergencies like the conflict in Ukraine to the first-ever national American Red Cross blood crisis.

"Whether a crisis is felt by an entire community or a single person, it turns lives upside down—especially for the most vulnerable," Alice Townsend, Regional CEO for the Red Cross Kansas-Oklahoma

Region said. "This holiday season, join us to provide help and hope for people in need during future emergencies by making a financial donation or by giving blood or platelets."

On Giving Tuesday and during the holidays, visit redcross.org to make a financial donation or an appointment to give blood or platelets for patients in the U.S. Individuals can also register for volunteer opportunities in their area.

RESPONDING TO DISASTERS OF ALL SIZES This year's extreme disasters in the U.S. are clear examples of the increasing frequency and intensity of the climate crisis. So far in 2022, 15 billion-dollar disasters have upended lives across the country — more than twice the number of billion-dollar disasters that struck annually two decades ago.

For these and tens of thousands of other disasters in Kansas and across the country, Red Cross volunteers have worked 24/7 to provide shelter, food and care — including for a 12,000-acre wildfire in March and for the tornado that hit Andover in April.

In Kansas, Red Cross volunteers have also provided relief and comfort after home fires and other local disasters to help ensure no one faces a crisis of any size alone.

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Internationally, the conflict in Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee for their lives. With such vast needs, the American Red Cross has provided financial donations and international crisis responders to support the global Red Cross network's response on the ground, which spans more than a dozen neighboring countries to deliver food, shelter, medical care, emotional support and other critical aid for displaced families.

Meanwhile, the American Red Cross has also provided financial support to the ongoing hunger crisis in Africa. Overall this year, as part of the world's largest humanitarian network, the American Red Cross provided humanitarian aid in more than 108 countries.

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PERSONAL

EMERGENCIES In Kansas, Red Cross workers have helped people through personal emergencies too, whether it was connecting a loved one with a deployed service member during a family crisis or training people to provide CPR for those suffering from cardiac arrest. Through October 2022, the Red Cross provided services to nearly 2,000 members of the military, family members, veterans and caregivers. The Red Cross has also trained more than 15,000 Kansans in first aid, CPR or how to use an automated external defibrillator.

OVERCOMING THE FIRST-EVER RED **CROSS BLOOD CRISIS** In January 2022, the Red Cross experienced its worst national blood shortage in over a decade due to ongoing collection challenges and varied hospital demand during the pandemic. Patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions relied on an outpouring of support from hundreds of thousands of generous blood donors to overcome the crisis.

Beyond national headlines, the need for blood is constant. One in 7 patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion. As seasonal illness and the threat of winter weather ramp up this holiday season, make a donation appointment and be a lifeline for car accident victims, parents with complicated childbirths, individuals battling cancer and people with sickle cell disease.

Give thanks and give back — now is the time to make and keep blood and platelet donation appointments. Book a time to give at RedCrossBlood. org. As a thank-you, all those that come to give Nov. 23-27 will get an exclusive Red Cross beanie, while supplies last. Thanks to our partners at Amazon, all donors who come to give blood Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Gift card by email.*

Visit redcrossblood. org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment at a blood drive or at a donor center in Wichita, Hays, or Salina.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana. org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Happy Birthday, Acotas McGinnis!





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Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce's 29th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade Day Schedule Saturday, December 3rd, 2022



7 am-1 pm : Lions Club Community Breakfast at KES Cafeteria. Adults \$5, Kids \$3

8 am: 2023 Discount Movie & Concession Passes go on sale at the Kingman Historic Theatre box office window

8-10 am: Pictures with Santa. Sponsored by Whispering Willow 4-H at KES Cafeteria.

8 am-1 pm: Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair at KES Gym

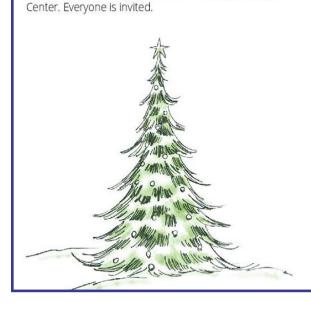
9 am-5 pm: Retail Holiday Open House on Main

9-10:40 am: FREE Movie - 'Abominable' at Kingman Historic Theatre. Sponsored by Livingston Funeral

9:15 am: Toddler Story Time with Santa at Kingman Methodist Church. Ages Newborn to Pre-K. Hosted by Kingman Carnegie Library.

11 am-4 pm: Caramel Apple Nacho Bar concessions at Kingman Historic Theatre. \$5 per apple with 3 choice of toppings.

12 pm: FFA Goat Roping Fundraiser at Kingman Expo



1:15 pm: Story Time with Santa at KES Cafeteria

1:30 pm: Sugar Cookle Decorating at KES Cafeteria. Donated by Kingman Healthcare Center. Hosted by FCCLA. Limited supplies - first come, first serve.

2 pm: Kids BINGO Special at KES Cafeteria. All children 10 years of age and under can play! Lots of prizes to be won! Hosted by City's Park Board.

2-4:30 pm: Horse Drawn Buggy Rides at Kingman Armory. Sign up at Armory. Sponsored by Newberry Family Motors.

2:45 pm: Kids Bicycle Giveaway at KES Cafeteria. *One entry per person. Must attend one of three events: movie, cookie decorating, or bingo. Do not need to be present to win.* Bikes donated by Dixon's Hardware.

3:30 pm: Reindeer Fun Run at 360 Total Fitness. Registration begins at 2:45 pm. Sponsored by Kingman Rec Commission & 360 Total Fitness.

3:30-7:30 pm: Christmas Toy Run. Donations can be taken to either Kingman Christian Church or Livingston Funeral Home. Refreshments provided.

4-5:30 pm: Katie Ziegler in Concert at Kingman Historic Theatre. Free will donation.

4-6 pm: Soup Supper at Kingman Christian Church

5 pm: Parade Float Lineup

6 pm: Christmas Lights Countdown & Parade

After Parade: FREE Movie - The Grinch' showing at Kingman Historic Theatre. Santa, the Grinch, and Friends will be available after the movie...and it may snow!

After Parade: Gather around the gazebo in Depot Park for community caroling led by 'Graces Notes.'