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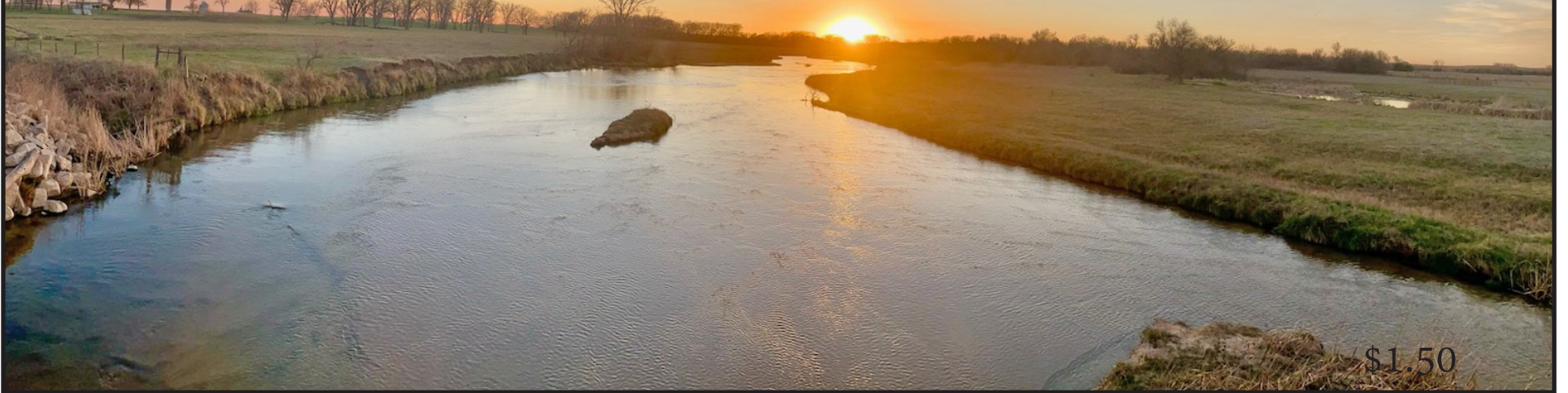
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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 23, 2026, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Julie Lyon, Chairwoman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Jeff Young, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier and Alan Albers.

Online Visitors: DH; AS; Carol; Caller 01; Mary Schwartz; Chief Brooks

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Wood; Undersheriff Sowers and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to present his Annual Noxious Weed Progress Report to the Commissioners for their approval and signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Progress Report for 2026. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Leroux discussed purchasing tires for his big truck from the same company that the Public Works uses as they are showing wear. Also, the Public Works Department will put the tires on when they have down time.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve purchasing the tires for the Noxious Weed Department's big truck for approximately \$2200.00 from the Noxious Weed Fund. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have an executive session for non-elect personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:43 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss non-elect personnel matters pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:48 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:48 a.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Ritcha discussed the District Coroner and that Dr. Joseph Gerber would be willing to be the District Coroner and Dr. Lickteig as Deputy District Coroner Resolution 2026-R11 presented for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2026-R11 for a County Coroner. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Amanda Stucky, Zoning Director presented the Commissioners Article III from the current zoning regulations Authority and Jurisdiction that would pertain to what Norwich would like to do.

Ms. Stucky reminded the Commissioners that a Planning/Zoning meeting is tonight at 7:00 p.m.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to go over the February financials with the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood and Undersheriff Sowers were in to open the vehicle lease quotes from the following:

Peoples Bank & Trust

4.5% fixed base 3yr

\$400 document fee

\$50.00 filing fee

Peoples Bank

5.57%

Citizens Bank of Kansas

3.98% fixed base 3yr

\$400 document fee

\$50.00 filing fee

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the lease quote from Citizens Bank of Kansas of 3.98% for 3yr fixed. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Alan Albers was in to let the Commissioners know he got a revised quote for water testing from \$55 per test to \$30.00 per test so the cost is lower and would like to know if the Commissioners would consider paying for the testing.

Mr. Albers said City wells are tested but rural wells don't get tested.

Chairwoman Lyon asked Mr. Albers if she can meet with him later as she may have an option for funding.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 16, 2026, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Stucky let the Commissioners know that April 8, 2026, there will be a meeting in the Commission room at 11:00 a.m. for flood plain information review. April 10, 2026, is the deadline for comments about the flood-plains in Kingman County.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a design contract for FAS 359 Hot Mix Overlay from Schwab Eaton for the Commissioners to consider.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the engineering design contract with Schwab Eaton for FAS 359 Hot Mix Overlay for \$58,600.00. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

CUNNINGHAM LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

FOLLOWED BY PICTURES WITH EASTER BUNNY

APRIL 4, 2026

AT FOOTBALL FIELD

Start At 1:00 PM

Bring your baskets



As I left the play Friday evening, I noticed "someone" watching me through the clouds.

SPRING OPEN House

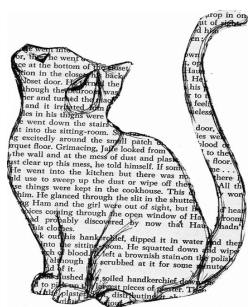
Senior Life Solutions

APRIL 14, 2026

11:00AM to 2:00PM (come & go)

760 West D Avenue, Kingman (behind the hospital)

Free Lunch Door Prizes Great Info



Meanderings

'Tis Monday morning and I am feeling refreshed after a good night's sleep. I went to bed about 9:30 last evening and slept like the dead until about 7 this a.m. (excepting the TWO times Quin woke

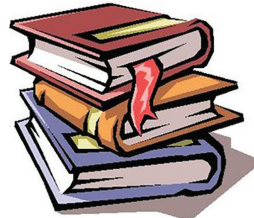
me for his potty breaks.) I decided to tackle the font issues in the paper that were left over from last week. Well, it's no-wonder I couldn't find the one character on the page that was in the wrong font. It turns out the wrong characters are spaces. Blank Spaces. So, I have fixed all I can find. It is still showing 13 errors. I suspect those may be under something else--like a space under an advertisement. OR they are in the marginal area or 'paste-board' of the newspaper.

I will continue to try and find them, it may be a lost cause. But I AM pretty proud of myself for figuring out the space issue. ** The Spring craft fair season is beginning. On Saturday, April 11, the Hot and Cold Market in Pratt will be open for your shopping needs. It is held at the Municipal Building and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft fairs would be a great place to find that special gift for Mothers' Day coming up in May. And Fathers' Day in

June, and maybe, even, graduation. One never knows what can be found at craft fairs. I will be there selling my cards and paper crafts. ** The following Saturday, (the 18th), I will be in Sharon at the Seed Exchange and Garden Fair that runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come to Sharon and check out the 2nd Seed Exchange and Garden Fair and the vendors who will be there with their arts and crafts. See more infor-

mation on page 3. ** The month of May rolls around and I plan on being at the Harper County Heart Homegrown Market Swap on the 9th. This will be my first time attending this event. I hope it turns out to be as successful as the others have been for me. I've not yet sent in my registration, but will be doing so this week. ** I just started another Flavia de Luce novel. It begins, "If you're anything like me, you adore

rot." I am going to miss Flavia when I finish this series in four more books. It's time to finish this paper up and get it sent to the printer's. Always reading, and currently reading, "As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust" by Alan Bradley, Roberta



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Our weather keeps vacillating between hot and WINDY and cold and WINDY, and every-temperature-between-hot-and-cold and WINDY. It's springtime in Kansas. Which has me recalling spring afternoons yesteryear, of

Grade School recesses and High School track practices—all that time in the playground and track behind the Healy Elementary School. The slipper slide gleams in memory...OUCH! I wince at thought of its heat by mid-day And that ole dirt track, tamped down by years of generations of feet. These days I walk or stroll along a creek upon grass that's soft as a pillow but one never forgets hours pounding

the miles around a hard earthen track. I was never a sprinter. I dabbled with hurdles, high jump and long jump, but I lacked drive and ambition (and most of all the coordination) for those events. Distance running came as naturally to me as swimming and I particularly enjoyed the distance relays. It was not a matter of skill to be chosen for a relay team. My school was so small and coaches worked to

fill events depending on the day and who was healthy. For that reason, practices often opened with us trying our hand at EVERYTHING. I remember this because when it was my turn throw the discus, the rest of the team backed up... and ducked. After we'd made our hands, we'd practice relay handoffs before we all separated to practice for a specific event. A relay handoff is a thing of beauty when it's

done practiced until it's performed right. On a small team, where you might run any leg, relay runners must be proficient at BOTH handing off and receiving. The interesting thing in hindsight is how small a role SIGHT plays compared to those sports where I was taught to keep my eye "on the ball." In this critical moment of a relay race, performance comes down to practice: matching motion and pace repeatedly.

As memories washed over me, I reflected on how relays prepared me for those times when life tests the spirit and others share the burden of endurance. Training does not ensure perfection. But with mindful practice, we can stumble less whether we're passing the baton or holding on. Keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.



The Voices that Carry

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

During a recent trip to Nashville, I found myself thinking about the first time I landed at that very same airport. I was 19, headed to the RFD-TV studios to record a special with Orion Samuelson. At the time, it felt like a big moment — one of those early milestones that help shape a life. Orion was already a legend, though he never carried himself that way.

As a fellow Wisconsinite and someone shaped by FFA, we shared an instant bond. We talked about speaking contests and how they had given us confidence, direction and purpose. His voice — deep, distinctive, unmistakable — was one I had heard before, but sitting across from him, it became something more personal. It carried warmth, humor and a quiet steadiness that reflected a generation rooted in resilience and humility. That wasn't the first or last time Orion would interview me, but it was never routine with him, always sincere and memorable. Earlier this month, when he passed away, I found myself reflecting on the role he and others like him

played in my life — and in the lives of so many across rural communities. The first farm broadcaster I met was Bob Meyer from Loyal, Wis.. I will never forget the feeling of walking into a studio for the first time — equal parts excited and awe-struck. Bob had a way of making conversation feel easy. Over the years of my FFA career he was a friend, a cheerleader, someone who believed in what I could accomplish. We always laughed about my first state FFA officer interview. In Wisconsin, new officers are on the radio show at five the morning after their election. I had inside knowledge: the interview was held in a conference room without an

audience; it didn't matter what you wore. My new teammates showed up in full official dress, eager to make a polished impression, I walked in wearing leopard pajama pants. Bob loved that story — not because of the outfit, but because it reflected authenticity. Be yourself. The rest will follow. A few years ago, I spoke at an event Bob was emceeing. He introduced me in his deep rumbling voice, and it felt like I was back in my youth running across the stage at FFA convention. We laughed and reminisced. It was a moment I was glad to have as it was the last time I would see Bob. Earlier this year, he passed away unexpectedly. Farm broadcasters

occupy a unique place in American life. They all build relationships with their audiences, but farm broadcasters are something more. They are part of the daily rhythm — voices heard in tractors, kitchens and pickup trucks at dawn. They deliver markets and weather, but also perspective, reassurance and hope. They tell the truth in hard times and celebrate in good times. Farm broadcasters are neighbors. Digital noise and endless information dominate our world today and farm broadcasters are a dwindling group. The profession is changing, evolving, and in some places, fading. That reality makes me feel especially fortunate to have grown up in a time when

those voices were constant companions. Because for me, they were never just voices on the radio. They were mentors, encouragers, examples of integrity, kindness and a deep love for agriculture and the farmers and ranchers who make it possible. They may no longer fill the airwaves, but I like to believe those voices don't really disappear. They echo — in memories, in values passed down and in the lives they helped shape. Somewhere, in the wide-open spaces they loved, the steady, trusted tones of Bob and Orion still carry on. Copyright © 2026 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved.



Golfing with Bees - The Perils of Manhood

"Golf is a good walk spoiled." Mark Twain

The modern game of golf, as we know it, originated in 15th century Scotland. And despite the opinion of Mark Twain, it is a fine sport. From its earliest days, golf has been characterized as a somewhat addictive game. James II of Scotland, in a fit of hysteria banned the

sport in 1457, declaring it an unwelcome distraction for men who should be learning the skills of archery instead. Later, James IV lifted the ban in 1502 when he took up the sport with frenzied enthusiasm. In 1764, the standard 18-hole course was created at the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland (the oldest golf course in the world) and the game took off. Today golf is an insanely popular sport enjoyed by millions around the world. Count me as a fan, though my golf skills are seriously subpar. I dabbled with golf more during my young years. In college, I took a golf class, making for one of the most pleasurable semesters of my academic career.

Whacking away with a bucket of balls at the driving range became a favored activity. The biggest issue plaguing my golf game was a serious slice. With every stroke, my ball would curve far to the right. I remember playing with a buddy one afternoon where we had a few bystanders lurking along the course. With my ball stuck in a small grove of trees, I used my 7 iron for a punch shot out of the woods. As I watched my ball slice far to the right, flying majestically around the trees in my way, I noticed one of these bystanders crouched behind a tree in front of me for safety. He seemed to marvel at my ability to hit the ball around him, oohing and aahing as my ball sailed past his head. I think he was very lucky that I didn't drill him in the temple by accident and serve up a serious concussion. In recent years, other than rare outings with some of my slew foot friends, I have not golfed. Maybe I should start again. Pondering the game recently, I was reminded of a strange incident in my twisted

and storied past. This happened not long after I was out of college. As a newly minted public-school teacher, I was adjusting to labor in the classroom and enjoying my new career. I was still single at the time. This happened before I met my beautiful, effervescent wife. At my new school, one of the first teachers I met was Luane Rice. Miss Rice, as she was known to her second-grade students, was lovely — think Christy Brinkley with brown hair. My six-grade classroom was just across the playground from her room at the back of the campus. Luane and I would often hang out and talk after school. One afternoon, the topic of golf came up. Learning that I had some interest in the game, Luane eagerly suggested that we play after school one day. I thought that she was inviting me on a golf "date." I was excited. I later learned that Luane had a serious boyfriend. He was a plastic surgeon and wore a bowtie to work. This golf date turned out to be a scouting mission. Luane was interested in

fixing me up with one of her girlfriends and was simply sizing up my athletic ability. Evidently this was important. On the appointed day, I met Luane at our local public course. Aside from the large dirt patches in various sections on some of the fairways, the course was fine. I did notice however, a large number of bees swarming in the many eucalyptus trees nearby. We decided to play nine holes, and all was good up until about midway through our play. Not clear about Luane's intentions, and foolishly thinking she might fancy me, I was a bit nervous. A golf date with a Christy Brinkley lookalike will do that to a guy. But I was holding up well. I was still consistently slicing my shots, but I was hanging in there. And then it happened... Since it was a hot day, I'd decided to wear shorts. Not girly Richard Simmons style shorts, but a sturdy pair of manly khaki cargo shorts with pockets on the side, so you can carry a knife. I think we were on the sixth hole. Luane teed up and with her driver smashed the ball

into orbit farther than I could see. She was magnificent. Then it was my turn. As I stooped to place my ball atop the tee, I was met with sudden and extreme pain... in my nether regions. Confused at first, and frozen in place, I soon realized that a bee had flown up my leg into my shorts and was vigorously assaulting me. He took his stinger to a very bad place, and I was in serious pain. Inwardly I was in agony. Outwardly, I was too embarrassed to cry out. If lacking modesty, I could have shucked my shorts, ripped the bee from my bleeding skin, and perhaps gained some small relief. But the embarrassment was too much to bear. The said bee was locked in and holding on for dear life. Grinding my teeth, I played on. Never. Saying. A word. Despite haltingly slow play, and a distinct and fevered limp, I think my wound went unnoticed. We finished the game and with a grimace I bid Luane goodbye. I never told her that I'd been playing with a bee in my shorts. © 2025 Jody Dyer

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, April 2 JH Track at Skyline (Green Sports Complex)	Saturday, April 11 Regional Solo and Ensemble at Tabor College
Friday, April 3 Good Friday *** No School	Monday, April 13 JH Scholars Bowl at South Barber
Sunday April 5 Easter	Tuesday, April 14 HS Track at South Barber
Monday, April 6 NO school Professional Development *** 5:30 p.m. BOE Meeting	Wednesday, April 15 FFA Livestock Evaluation *** School pictures for individuals portraits, class and spring sports pictures *** Shop Guild
Tuesday, April 7 HS HOPL Forensics at Skyline *** Lions Club	Thursday, April 16 State League Group Ensembles at Pratt *** JH Track at South Barber
Wednesday, April 8 JH League Music at Home NO School	Friday, April 17 Juniors decorate for Prom
Thursday, April 9 3:00 p.m. JH Track at Pretty Prairie	Saturday, April 18 KEMFA State Powerlifting *** Prom
Friday, April 10 HS Tract at Pretty Prairie	



BOE Will Meet Monday Night

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026 5:30 p.m.
104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. B&G—Final construction Documents Review
- V. Approval of the minutes of the March 9th, 2026 regular meeting and March 26th special meeting (AI)
- VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report – Kelly Arnberger
 - b. Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
 - c. Special Education Report
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Executive session for personnel
 - b. Executive session for Negotiations
 - c. Accept resignation(AI)
 - d. Approve position (AI)
- IX. Adjournment



Visit Sharon's Seed Exchange and Garden Fair!

The Seed Exchange and Garden Fair in Sharon, Kansas, is a delightful community event that brings together gardening enthusiasts, local farmers, and curious visitors. This annual gathering offers a unique opportunity for participants to exchange seeds, share gardening tips, and learn about sustainable practices. Attendees can browse a variety of heirloom seeds, native plants, and organic gardening supplies, fostering a spirit of collaboration and environmental stewardship. Workshops and demonstrations by local experts provide valuable insights into topics such as soil health, pest management, and water conservation. The fair not only promotes biodiversity and local agriculture but also strengthens community bonds, making it a cherished tradition for those passionate about gardening and sustainability.

This April 18, 2026 will be the second year the fair will be at the Sharon School. From 10 am to 4pm featuring vendors and their home made crafts and projects. This year we will have a food vendor with delicious home made items on their menu. We are always looking for more vendors – call the Sharon city office at 620-294-5432 or email, sharoncityclerk@outlook.com to request a vendor application. Booth fees are only \$10.

Bring your seeds, bulbs, plants, etc. and exchange them for some that you don't have. If you are an avid gardener, and would like to share your gardening tips, we welcome you to speak to small groups in a seminar type setting. Come join us for an exciting day of sharing, gathering and learning!

Volunteers NEEDED!!!



The Cunningham Historical Musuem Needs YOU!

Join us Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to learn how YOU can volunteer. Snacks provided! For more information call Mike McGovney 620-720-9507

Thank you for Supporting The Courier

We ALWAYS need photos for the paper!!

Libraries

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



Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



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

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Cunningham KS 67035



121 E. First Street
Cunningham, Kansas
Hours:
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Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed Thursday and Sunday
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115 N. Main
Cunningham, KS 67035
620-298-7000
Hours:
Tues., Wed., & Thurs.
- 11:00 to 7:30
Friday and
Saturday - 11:00 to 8:00
Closed Sunday and Monday

Upcoming Auctions

Consignment Auction:
Sat. April 4, 2026 – 9:30 AM
Hamm Auction Center

Wed. April 8, 2026 – 1:00 PM
From BTI: 2 Miles West, 1 Mile North,
½ Mile West on NW 40th St. (½ Mile
West of Pratt Feeders)
Owner: Gary Watson: 620-770-0312
For more information and a complete list
of auctions, visit our website at
www.hammauction.com



107 NE State Road 61,
Pratt, Kansas, 67124
620-672-6996

“Love is like a brick. You can build a house, or you can sink a dead body.”
— Lady Gaga

Kingman Historic Theatre

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(620) 532-1253
http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

**April 3rd and 4th
Super Mario Galaxy**

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Showtimes
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Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Closed on Easter Sunday

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Kingman Historic Theatre

**April 8th
Be Like Blippi
Live**

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Jean Lillieqvist

Rosa Jean Lillieqvist, 92, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Parkwood Village. She was born on August 1, 1933 near Hazel, Oklahoma to Howard Henry and Noma Belle (Fisher) Tate. Jean married Lucky Edward Lillieqvist on June 18, 1961 in Medicine Lodge. He preceded her in death on August 8, 2012.



Jean graduated from Alden High School. She was a past member of Cullison Community Church, Richland EHU, Medicine Lodge Mother's Club, Skyline Family and was a 4-H Volunteer. She enjoyed sewing, reading, traveling, shopping, watching KU basketball and K-State football, watching westerns and movies, collecting rocks and being with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Debbie (Larry) Howell of Garden Plain, Lisa (Cliff) Kenworthy of Pratt and Miya (Bob) Macken of Parkville, Missouri; sister, Loretta Richmond of Cache, Oklahoma; sister in-law, Vera Hanneken of Palm Desert, California; grandchildren, Travis (Teniah) Howell of Renwick, New Zealand, Tyler (Brittany) Howell of Paola, Justin (Kari) Howell of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, Cody Kenworthy of Pratt, Kyle Kenworthy of Irvine, California, Clay (Yana) Kenworthy of Cypress, California, Terra (Jose) Macken-Zayas of Kansas City, Missouri, Jade Macken of Kansas City, Missouri and Sean Macken of Gladstone, Missouri; great-grandchildren, Kayla Howell, Jackson Howell, Jacob Howell, Kimberlynn Howell, Jenson Howell, Kenna Howell, Nolan Kenworthy, Mason Kenworthy, Sophia Kenworthy and Liam Kenworthy.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Kenneth Tate.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 2, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2026 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. For those unable to attend, the service will be livecast at www.larrison-mortuary.com.

Memorials may be made to Pratt County Fair Association or Tunnels to Towers.

KANSAS LIFELINE PROGRAM

The Lifeline Program helps low-income families and individuals stay connected so they can access healthcare, find jobs, attend classes, stay in touch with family, and call for help in an emergency.

Eligible Services:

- Residential phone service
- Broadband Internet

You may be eligible for Lifeline if you receive any of the following benefits or your income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FHPA)
- Veterans Pension & Survivors Pension Benefit
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start Tribal Programs (only those meeting its income qualifying standard)
- The Food Distribution Program on Tribal Lands

For more information about Kansas Lifeline,
visit <https://www.lifelinesupport.org>
visit <https://kcc.ks.gov/telecommunications/lifeline> or call
the Kansas Corporation Commission 800.662.0027

*The Kansas portion of the discount may only be applied to phone service.
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Cleo's Flower Shop

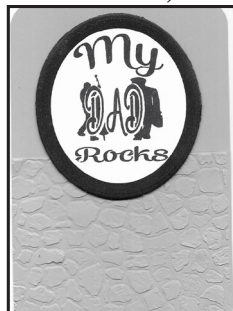
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Sheila Jayne,
Owner/Operator

Cards by Roberta Kobbe

Handmade Greeting Cards for sale.
Shop for cards at Country Girl Bakery and Market in Harper, N'Cahoots in Pratt, Cleo's in Kingman, Ye Olde General Store in Norwich, and Treasures Three Fabrics in Pratt or contact me.



Will mail or deliver.
Cards and stamps make nice gifts for shut-ins.
620-298-2659

Holy Week & Easter Schedule for Catholic Churches

Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart
Good Friday – 7:00 pm at St. John
Holy Saturday – 8:30 pm at St. Leo
Easter Sunday – 8:30 am at St. Peter,
10:00 am at Sacred Heart



Giving Opportunities in our Community

- 4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.
- West Kingman County Education Foundation Use your Dillon's Card! OR to donate contact Shawna Sterneker
- Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund (send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
- Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)
- Lions' Club
- Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)
- Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Debi Dunlap)
- Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them; for then do not know what they are doing."

submitted by Alan Albers

Free Groceries at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

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

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Father Daryl Befort 316-706-1627 620-246-5370

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Lutheran Churches

First Sunday of the month service is at St. John; third Sunday of the month service is at Trinity

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
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Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

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Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 p.m. Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-770-9507

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

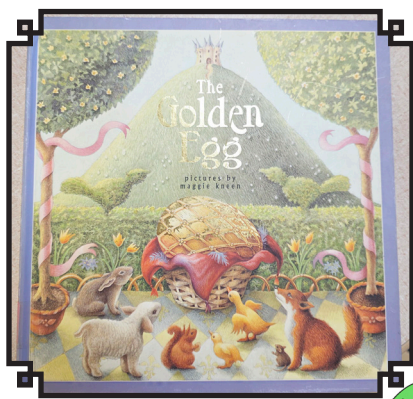
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Zenda Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols 620-243-6953

It's was all Fun and Eggs at the Zenda Public Library



Darlene Oeding and Kerry Thieme hosted a Leprechaun and Easter-themed story time at Zenda Public Library.

The young library users in the Zenda area meet at the Community Center each month for a story and craft project.

This month they read "The Golden Egg" by Maggie Kneen, and then they created craft projects with Shrinky-Dinks and did some wood painting. photos by Katie Hellman



A Column by Dean Marple

Mutt

The frown on her face matched the upward tilt of her nose as she gingerly stepped out of an \$80,000 Mercedes and reached in the back seat, retrieving a ball of fur with a protruding tail and an annoyingly shrill yap. With four long strides, she reached the dog park and grimaced as her gloved hand opened the rusty gate. Stepping inside, she scanned the area with a look of resignation, then approached a plainly dressed lady sitting on the only bench

in the park.

"Excuse me, madam, is this seat taken?"
"See anybody sitting there?"

"I take it then it's all right if Prinny and I sit?"
"Sure, take a load off."

The two women made quite a contrast. One rail thin, tall and expensively dressed, while the other could best be described as plain and stout. One wore a contrived smile that bordered on a sneer, and the other simply looked content. While driving, the taller lady's trip was interrupted by an urgent and incessant yapping that announced an immediate need for a potty break. While that stop was unplanned, the shorter woman consid-

ered the park a part of her daily routine.

"That your dog's name, Prinny?"

"Actually, her AKC registered name is Princess Willamina III. She's a purebred Pomeranian."

"What's AKC?"

"One has to be careful to keep the blood lines pure, so we make sure any dog we have is registered with the American Kennel Club. You know, for breeding purposes and showmanship. The sire and dam must also be registered. If I may ask, what breed is your dog?"

"He's that big mutt over by the west fence."

"I'm sorry, what breed is that again?"

"He's a mutt, walked up our driveway one

day, I threw out some old food, and he's been with us ever since."

"Oh, so you don't know his breeding. Aren't you worried about what genetic inclinations he might have?"

"Nope."

"I suppose, with the proper veterinarian care and diet, you could keep a careful watch on him. Even though she's pure, I am extremely careful about what I give my little Princess. All of her food is prepared by a qualified dietitian. What does your dog eat?"

"Whatever he can stick his nose in."

"It's unfortunate you don't control his diet more carefully like I do, but surely you give him proper medical supervi-

sion. I'm constantly observing Prinny to detect any signs of atlantoaxial subluxation."

"What the heck is that?"

"Atlantoaxial subluxation is excessive movement of the vertebrae in Prinny's spine. It can lead to immobility if not treated, and it's a tendency of small dogs especially those with pure blood lines like my dog. When was the last time your dog saw a medical professional?"

"Far as I know, he never has."

"But what if some medical condition was developing and you weren't aware of it?"

"Lady, here's what I am aware of. When I come home at night, that

mutt acts like I'm the most important person in the world. He flops over on his back, lets his tongue hang out and wiggles all over when I rub his tummy. I don't know anything about bloodlines or the AKC or fancy diets. All I know is that my kids love him and he makes me smile."

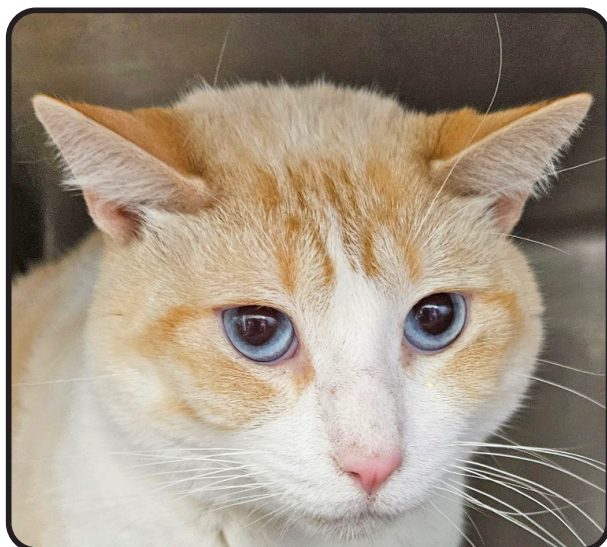
Having spoken her mind, she stood, called for her mutt and left. It only seemed fitting when her mutt lifted his left hind leg next to the Mercedes' tire and did his business as they walked away.

Yep, she thought, he does make me smile.

KCHS Pets Ready for Adoption

Sage

Sponsored by Kathy and Alan Albers



It's so unusual to find a blue-eyed orange and white cat. Meet Sage, not just a blue-eyed orange and white cat, but a handsome one as well. He's about 1 1/2 years old and would love to go home with a person who has a soft lap and lots of treats and kibble and toys for him to enjoy.

He's been at the shelter since February 27, and his adoption fee is \$40.00.

Opal

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



The eyes get me every time. Okay, sometimes the ears do. In this case, it's those eyes of Opal's. They make her look sad and confused about her situation in life. I want to adopt her. Quin does not.

Opal is a Catahoula Leopard Dog and Black Lab mix. She's about 2 years old and has been at the shelter since February 2. She does love people and children.

She's not a large dog, weighing only about 30 pounds. Her adoption fee is \$180.00.

From the KCHS website "Awww...you can't say "no" to those soft brown eyes, can you? We certainly can't. And we're pretty sure she will have you wrapped around her little paw in no time at all. She was mostly kept outdoors, she's crate trained but is not housetrained. Give her some love, attention, time and training and she can become the dog you have been waiting for. She's been waiting too so let's not wait any longer. She wants a home!"



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CHS Drive Your Farm Equipment to School Day

drone photo by Carson Strohl



CJH Scholar's Bowl Team Earns Second Place

CJH Scholars Bowl traveled to Norwich yesterday where the varsity team placed 2nd and JV placed 3rd.

photo and comment courtesy of USD 332



Above: Leah Rogers, Casyn Miller, Brody Halderson, Lucas Theis, Ethan Kostner, and Grady Smyth.



Above: Avery Kinsler, Ty Schultz, Bentley Strohl, Brody Henning, Jax Thimesch, and Colton Zwierzychowski.

CJH Performs "13 Signs You Should Stop Being a Pirate"

Written by A. M. Dittman

Directed by Rebecca Huelskamp

Carly McGuire – Jaime

Vaughn Preisser – Jane

Lucas Theis – Captain Bones

Ethan Kostner – 1st Mate Bloody Baron

AnnMarie Kerschen – Sea Salt Sally

Avery Kinsler – One-Eye Sally

Willow Preisser – Monkey Puncher

Jalynn McGuire – Agatha Skull Crusher

Parker Miller – Patchy D'Planks

Jessica Dittmer – Anne Bonny

Amarey Sickles – Lisa McGee

Bryer Barber – Dead Crow Steve

Bailey Theis – Betty Tuna

Ty Schultz - Toothless Pete

Blaze Kamstra – Max Dark Skull

Stage Crew: Mackley Glenn, Paisley Westerman, Lux Thimesch, Elsie Ruckle, Leah Rogers, Jax Barber



Pirate ships should have a ghost or two.

Another great show put on by the CJH drama department under the direction of Mrs. Huelskamp.

Top photo: Cast and crew pose for the audience after the show.

Above: What's a pirate show without sword fights?

Right: And every trip on a pirate ship must have a fight between a parrot and a cat.



YEARS AGO IN

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1956

The cast has been chosen for the Senior Class play, "My Little Oscar," to be presented next Friday evening, April 13, in the new high school gym auditorium. Members of the cast, five boys and seven girls, are Nancy Ewing, Allan Schnittker, Jeanne Seacat, Donald Hoagland, Virgil Sallee, Caren Fitzsimmons, Dick Logsdon, Beverly Kitson, Betty Willinger, Mary Helen Rohling, Eva Pearl Ridge, and Jack Vermillion.

Play practice will begin next Monday morning. As has been the custom during the past seven years, only one week is taken in which to learn the play. These 12 class members will be excused from their regular classes and practice on the play throughout every day next week.

1961

April 6- At their regular meeting, Monday evening, the Cunningham City Council approved a new code of city ordinances authorized by a state law enacted by the Kansas Legislature in 1959.

This code includes ordinances dealing with all the offenses classified as misdemeanors, and provides for punishment for each offense. The code covers the Police Court and Police Department; Public offenses; Offenses against property; Offenses affecting the administration of justice; Miscellaneous offenses; Green River ordinance; Noise nuisances; Traffic; Obedience to traffic regulations; Accidents; Speed regulations; Stopping, standing and parking; Permitting unauthorized minors to drive; Driving rules; Pedestrians; Wanton offenses; Vehicle equipment; Dangerous structures; Miscellaneous regulations; Bicycles; Animals; General regulations; Fire Department, and providing penalties for the violation of any of these ordinances.

Cunningham is one of the first cities in Kansas to comply with this new law and adopt a complete set of ordinances dealing with misdemeanors.

The Cunningham 4-H Club met in the High School Recreation Room Monday Evening. The meeting opened with the club pledge, after which the members answered roll call with a Kansas flower.

Blue ribbon winners at Kingman County 4-H Club Day plan to attend Blue Ribbon Night at Kingman, Friday evening, April 7. During the business meeting, the members selected the numbers they plan to enter in the Cunningham Lions Club Talent Show, Saturday evening, April 22.

Randy Sheldon played a record from "South Pacific" for music, after which Rollin Dillinger gave a project talk about cooking. Bobby Witt gave a demonstration showing how to prepare wheat to show at the county fair, and the club chorus practiced for the Regional 4-H Club Day to be held in Pratt, Saturday, April 15. Don Hellar gave a talk about soil conservation practices in Kansas during the past 100 years, and Joel Pelzl concluded the

meeting explaining the parliamentary procedure to adjourn the meeting. Sydney Boyd had charge of the recreation period, after which Carolyn and Bobby Witt served refreshments to 19 members, seven leaders, and three guests, Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Dillinger, and Margene Millsap.

1966

April 7-The high school vocal and instrumental students participated in the State Class B Music Contest at Buhler last Friday and Saturday, and received fine ratings. Mary Cusenbary received a I rating in girl's medium voice. II ratings were received by the band, Charles Ridge (boy's medium voice), mixed quartet (Jean Brady, Carolyn Witt, Charles Ridge, Duane Schnittker), Joyce Brooks (baritone horn), Rex Dunn (boy's medium voice), Mary Cusenbary (flute), Charles Huslig (boy's low voice), and Susan Lindemann (girl's medium voice).

III ratings were received by the boy's ensemble (Eddie Crosley, Wayne Jarmer, Lloyd Gridley, Geronimo Kaster, Bill McGovney, Charles Ridge, Layne Harris, Monte Rose, Norman Patton, Don Hellar, Rex Dunn), girl's glee club, Rhonda DeArmond (girl's medium voice), boy's quartet (Lloyd Gridley, Bill McGovney, Rex Dunn, Norman Patton), triple trio (Mary Cusenbary, Shirley Lubbers, Pat Baber, Teresa Rose, Dee Ann Scripsick, Shirley Neises, Mary Thimesch, Ann Eck, Debby Sheldon), and the mixed chorus.

Norman Patton received a IV rating for his piano solo.

Completing his series of pre-Easter messages at the First Baptist Church, Rev. J. P. Cragar will speak on the topic, "He is Risen Indeed", at the Easter Sunday morning services, and his theme at the evening ser-

vices will be "Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us As He Talked With Us Along the Road?"

In a business transaction last week, Vern Hendrixson, Mobil Service Station operator, leased the Ellis Derby Station from Roy and Sherman Ellis. Mr. Hendrixson has moved the Mobil station to the Derby station location at the west edge of town, and is now open for business.

The Ellis families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ellis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis and family, are preparing to begin their custom wheat harvesting operation.

The American Petrofina Company has purchased the site of the former Mobil station, according to Harold Stark, local Fina bulk agent and station operator.

1971

April 1- The bi-annual Cunningham City Election will be held next Tuesday, April 6. A full slate of candidates, and then some, will face city voters this election instead of a blank ballot which has appeared in several previous elections.

Ivan Cain is the only candidate for Mayor, but seven candidates are vying for five Councilman seats—G. L. Hergert, K. C. Jones, Donna McCune, Larry Ruckle, George Urban, Gary Wegerer, and Kent Williamson.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Urban are incumbent Councilmen. City voters living north of US-Highway 54 will vote at the City Hall; city voters living south of the highway will vote at Cunningham area vote at the Farmers Co-op. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cunningham area voters will cast ballots for candidates in the School Board General Election of USD No. 332 next Tuesday, April 6. The candidates are D. J. Mantooth of Cunningham, Board Member District 1; Jack V. Crick of Cunningham, and Robert L. Stillwell Jr. of Penalosa, Board Member Position 2; John Albers and Allan Schnittker, both of St. Leo, Board Member District 3, and Leonard Liebl of Nashville, Board Member At Large.

Because this is a School Board General Election for USD No. 332, all eligible voters within the boundaries of the school district may cast ballots at their regular township voting places, with the exception of the parts of the district which are in Pratt County and Harper County. Maps outlining the voting area and places are posted at several business firms in Cunningham—also a legal publication on Page Four of this week's issue of the Clipper, defines the candidates, voting places and area served.

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1976

April 1, 1976 – Steve Schreck placed 5th in the State Indoor Class 1A High Jump at Manhattan last Saturday at the State Indoor Track Meet. Steve cleared 6'1" for a personal best in this high school career. He hopes to be jumping 6'5" by the time the state outdoor meet comes along in May. This the first time in four years that Cunningham has scored in the indoor. Greg Kerschen also qualified for the state indoor in the 60 yd. dash, but failed to qualify for the finals.

Janel Rohr was the only girl athlete to compete in the Girls State Indoor Track Meet held at Kansas University in Lawrence. Janel placed seventh in the long jump competition which included 33 girls from across the state in the 1-A classification. The qualifying distance for competition as 15 feet 10 inches, with Janel jumping 16 feet 2 3/4 inches. Points were given for the top six places. The competition was outstanding with the winner of the event jumping 18 feet 1 inch.

Lori Marie Panek, 9, died Saturday afternoon, March 27, as a result of a tractor accident. Lori was a fourth grade student in the Cunningham Grade School. She was a member of the St. Leo Catholic Church.

Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Panek; four brothers, Gene, Dale, Duane and Roger, all at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spade, Nashville, Kansas.

The girls basketball team and boys football team, Coach Stephan and Coach Randle would like to thank Cairo Co-op, First National Bank, and Mary's Café for the steak supper at Mary's Café Monday night. The girls basketball tournament team would also like to thank Dean Dyche and Delbert Fischer for the \$4.00 they have each of us for a steak supper.

Remember the Seniors of Nashville-Zenda High School are presenting the play "All Because of Agatha" this Friday evening, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Zenda gym. There will be exciting witchy moments throughout the play. Come and see a real genuine, "BURNED AT THE STAKE witch!"

Sixth Grade: We are currently working with decimals in math and the class has been working in pairs to invent decimal games. Our favorite so far is Mathywood Squares played with the rules of Hollywood Squares on TV only using Decimal problems instead of questions.

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1981

April 2, 1981 – The Cunningham Lions Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary on May 2 with a program and catered dinner. Paul DeWeese, formerly of Cunningham, will present the program. He is currently the ag director for KSAC and announces for KSU ball games.

Throughout its history, the Lions Club has been a community minded organization. A large portion of the funds it raises stays in the community. Some of the projects undertaken have been the athletic field, Lions Club park, Easter Egg hunt, junior high athletic banquet, Boys State, Lions State Band, broom sale for the blind and various other community services. The primary purpose of the Lions Club is to serve the community.

Finley C. McClellan, 72, Cunningham, died March 25 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Born Jan. 8, 1909, at Kinsley, he married Mary Hasenyager April 29, 1936, at Wichita. He was a farmer and was a resident of the area for 66 years.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Cunningham.

Survivors: widow of the home; daughters: Virginia Lagree, Burrton; Ruth Gee, Peculiar, Mo.; brothers: George McClellan, and Lloyd McClellan, both of Cunningham; sister; Edith Gillen, Irving, Texas, 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

The Cunningham Wildcats placed three players n the GGPL All-League team for the 1980-1981 season. Those receiving All-League from Cunningham were seniors Wade Ruckle and Scott Huhman and junior Terry Elliot.

The CYO members held a bike-a-thon, Sunday, March 28 to raise money for missions. Due to high winds, the bikers loaded their bikes into a truck and headed for St. Leo where they began their journey. They rode from St. Leo to the Bob Sterneker residence, loaded up again into the truck and then from Bob Kerschen's residence (north of town) east to Penalosa.

Eight bikers participated with Shawn Rohr and Barb Harbert riding the longest distance, 32 miles. Approximately \$75 was raised by the bikers.

Hilltop Manor: Monday afternoon the third and fourth graders from St. Leo, Gary Albers, Neil and Rhonda Freund, Brian Huelskamp, Mark Neises, Travis and Dana Rakestraw, Tommy Simon, Candy Thieme, Kevin Wegerer, Kenny Youngers, their teacher, Brenda Mark and Kathy Albers, Rita Goetz, and Geneva Albers were here to visit the residents and recite some poetry. They left us some pretty St. Patrick's decorations and decorated cups.

Building permits were reviewed for Larry Ruckle to tear down two houses and for Sam Henderson to tear down present garage and build a new one.

1986

April 3, 1986 – The Cunningham High School Science Club sponsored a space science program in the C.H.S. gymnasium Tuesday, March 25. The space program was presented by Barry Schartz, one of the finalists of NASA's Teacher in Space. Mr. Schartz emphasized the advancement of science due to the space program. He also mentioned the opportunities available to both young men and women in the space industry. The science club was pleased with an attendance of 96 patrons attending the program.

Dana, Barbie, and Toni Seiwert of Pretty Prairie, were Thursday to Sunday houseguests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling. Friday, Dana and Toni visited with Kyle Kampling and Kathy Koster, and the family group joined Mary Parsons, Lindsay and Brent and visited with Bob and Joy Kampling and David at Pratt.

Mrs. Charles Hasenyager also visited with the Bob Kamplings and helped to care for their new son.

The Cunningham fifth grade celebrated Easter with a fun-filled party on Thursday, March 27. The party began with an Easter egg hunt in the classroom followed by a rousing game of musical chairs. While everyone feasted on refreshments of cookies, chips and pop, the group played "Pin the Tail on the Bunny" and "Put the Shell on the Easter Egg." Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Serving on the committee for the festivities were Jeremy Betzen, Dawn Adelhardt, Bill Holcomb, Barbara FitzSimmons, Kevin Harbert and Rebecca Huffman.

Building permits were reviewed for Marvin Thomas to renovate the old Ellis Service Station; Dale Ratcliff to build two 21' round grain bins; Norman Schnittker and Ruth Weir to install fences.

The council voted to have a community picnic July 4 weekend. This will be a joint venture of the Centennial Committee and Lions Club and will probably be a free hamburger fry.

Museum Winter Hours

Saturday:

Morning 10:00 - 12:00

Afternoon 1:00 - 3:00

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 22
 Miscellaneous 300 Blk S Hinton St, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 1400 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich
 Non-Injury Accident SE 20 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock

Monday, March 23
 Traffic Stops 6
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Court/Inmate 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SW 70 St & SW 60 Ave, Spivey
 Agency Assist/KHP 13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Tuesday, March 24
 Traffic Stop 3
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Disabled Vehicle S Hwy 14 & SE 40 St, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SW 70 St & SW 10 Ave, Kingman
 Theft 300 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock
 Court/Inmate 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 2600 SE Viney Ave, Murdock
 Suspicious Person 100 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint S Main St & 5th Ave, Norwich
 Check Welfare 1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, March 25
 Traffic Stops 1
 Civil Paper Service 2
 Non-Injury Accident 2600 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 3700 Blk NE 170 Ave, Cheney
 Transport Inmate 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Follow Up 300 Blk S Hinton St, Kingman

Miscellaneous 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Agency Assist/Medical 300 Blk N Main St, Kingman
 Fire/Grass SW 30 St & SW 90 Ave, Cunningham
 Theft 15000 Blk SE 10 St, Cheney
 Disturbance/Arrest 400 Blk N Ninnescah St, Kingman

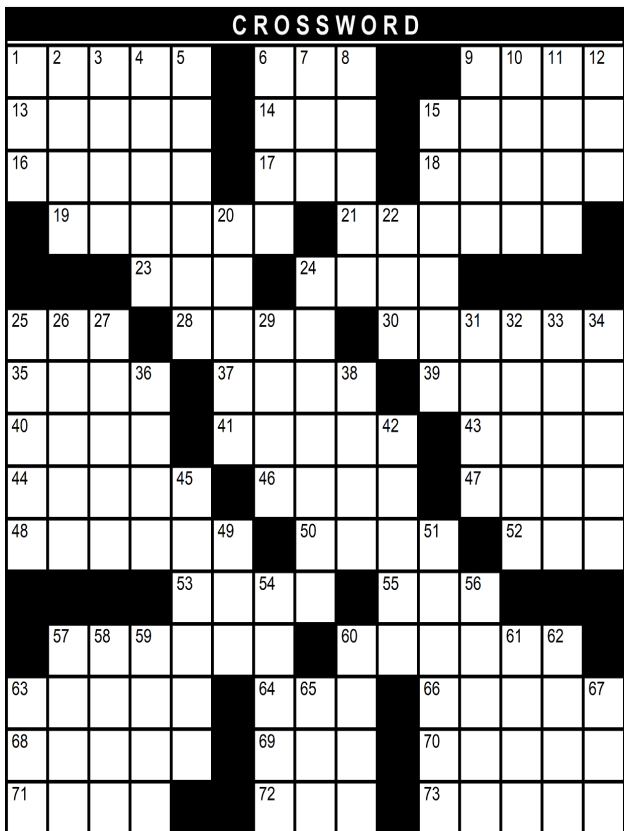
Thursday, March 26
 Traffic Stops 3
 Non-Injury Accident SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Accidental 911 Dial 700 Blk SW 60 Street, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SW 70 St & SW 10 Ave, Kingman
 Agency Assist/Reno Co 5000 Blk N Hwy 14, Murdock
 Court/Inmate 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Agency Assist/Medical 300 Blk S Main St, Nashville
 Miscellaneous 300 Blk SE 170 Ave, Cheney

Friday, March 27
 Traffic Stops 5
 Miscellaneous 3700 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman
 Walk Through School 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk N Dresden St, Cunningham

Saturday, March 28
 Traffic stops 1
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Non-Injury Accident 2100 Blk SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
 Fire/Grass 12000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago
 Traffic Complaint 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident NW 130 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Sudoku Puzzle can be found on page 9

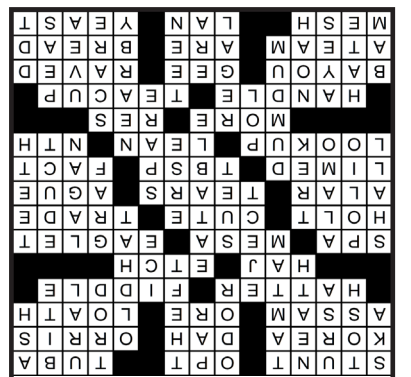
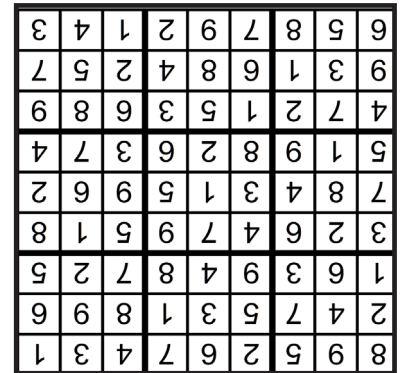
Statepoint Crossword
 Theme: Fill-in-the-Blanks



- ACROSS
- Double's trick
 - Pick
 - Marching band member
 - North one or South one, in Asia
 - Morse Code dash
 - Root of iris
 - Indian black tea
 - Mother lode stuff
 - Disinclined
 - *Mad as a ____
 - *Fit as a ____
 - Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - * ____ A Sketch
 - R&R destination
 - Table, in Mexico
 - Aerie baby
 - Otter's den
 - * ____ as a button
 - Type of union
 - Axillary, in biology
 - *Bored to ____
 - Fit of shivering
 - Treated with calcium hydroxide
 - Recipe amt.
 - Not fiction
 - *Lawrence and DiCaprio movie "Don't ____"
 - Like some hard times
 - *To the ____ degree
 - Not less
 - *Hi-____ graphics
 - *Fly off the ____
 - *Storm in a ____
 - Louisiana swamp
 - *" ____ whiz!"
 - Did like a lunatic

- Mr. T and friends
 - *Am is to I a ____ is to we
 - Certain pudding ingredient
 - Mosquito net, e.g.
 - Local area network
 - Leavening agent
- DOWN
- Reggae's cousin
 - Silly talk
 - Minor one in the sky
 - Not o'er
 - Type of gong instrument
 - * ____ -Eaters
 - * ____ for the course
 - *"Grand ____ Auto"
 - Walked on
 - Caspian Sea feeder
 - *"Take a ____ Out of Crime"
 - Type of tree
 - Idiom for outdated or trite (2 words)
 - Tape deck button
 - *Break the ____
 - Palatable
 - * ____ we dance?
 - President Franklin Roosevelt's diagnosis
 - *"Remember the ____!"
 - Cooking grease
 - Tennis' Steffi
 - Flotsam and jetsam alternative
 - Something educed
 - *By the skin of your ____
 - Hiker's journey
 - Gaelic language
 - * ____ tire

- Lollipop brand
- D.C. mover and shaker
- Not very far
- Fit for a king
- Go "Boo!"
- *A ____-hate relationship
- Pirates' affirmatives
- Famous flood survivor
- *Nirvana's "Smells Like ____ Spirit"
- Iris holder
- *Three ____ in a pod
- "Kapow!"
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Trash and recycling schedules are available at City Hall.

If you have large, bulky items for pick up (i.e. appliances or furniture) please call Nisly at 620-662-6561. They pick up bulky items once a month. This service is included in your trash bill with the city! No extra charge!

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for March 23

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 23, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner Room, 1st floor of the Courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W Jones III, Rick Shriver, Morgan Trinkle, Tyson Eisenhower, County Counselor, Cescha Hoffman, County Clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director.

Economic Development Update – Heather Morgan

Neighborhood Revitalization House Bill 2470

Heather reported the bill has successfully passed both legislative chambers and is pending delivery to the Governor's desk. The Governor is expecting to sign the bill and the anticipated effective date is July 1. The Commission was advised to begin developing a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in preparation for implementation. Coordination is underway with Tyson, who will consult with the Attorney General's Office to ensure the plan meets all legal and procedural requirements prior to submis-

sion to taxing entities. Heather emphasized the significance of the bill's passage and the effort required to achieve it. The commission expressed appreciation to Heather and Tyson for their efforts in advancing the bill

PAEDC Housing Incentive Program

The PAEDC has delayed opening its housing incentive grant application. The delay is due to the pending Neighborhood Revitalization Bill.

Fire & Rescue Truck Proposal and Firework Sales Regulation Discussion

Clayton Kessler, Fire & Rescue Interim Chief and Terry Williamson presented a proposal to purchase a used 2006 medium duty rescue truck to replace the department's current unit, which has ongoing mechanical issues. The truck is located in Pennsylvania. The estimated total cost for the truck is a \$95,000. The truck tools are estimated to be \$45,100. A comparable new rescue truck was previously quoted at \$434,000 two years ago. Clayton emphasized that purchasing used equipment is a more cost-effective use of taxpayer funds. Trade in of the current truck was dis-

cussed. Trade in would require driving or shipping the truck to Pennsylvania which would risk breakdowns and not be cost effective. Alternative options discussed included retaining the current truck as a backup unit or selling the unit through auction.

Motion to authorize Clayton Kessler to spend up to \$95,000 on the purchase of a used rescue truck, contingent upon satisfactory in person inspection made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Clayton also raised a recent inquiry regarding changes to state legislation affecting fireworks sales date ranges. The State has extended allowable sales dates. The county has historically followed state guidelines. County Clerk will locate any existing County resolutions governing fireworks sales dates and report back.

Insurance Renewal Option

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance provided a review of the County's health insurance renewal, claims and funding options. The County received a 14.07% increase in medical insurance premiums. Compared to the entities, the 14% increase was described as relatively moderate. The

Commission will review with a decision on renewal expected within the next few weeks.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss PRMC Leases with Jack Galle and David Prella Eron for 45 minutes at 3:00 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Grounds Maintenance Contract Discussion – Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center

The Commission discussed revisions to Exhibit A, Scope of Services, for a grounds maintenance contract to be put out for bid. Agreed Service Period will be April 1 through October 31. Tyson will draft a formal bid notice incorporating the updated scope of services and timeframe and present the notice at the next meeting for review and approval.

Consideration of Miss Kansas Donation

Motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Miss Kansas Foundation

This week's Life Celebrations can be found on page 4

made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Boiler Room Repairs

Motion to approve the bid from InteGreen Services in the amount of \$67,407 to repipe the Boiler Room to repair ongoing leaks and maintenance issues to be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Road Personnel Request

Motion to hire Timothy Thomason at for the Road Department at \$17/hour made by Commissioner Shriver' motion carried 3-0.

Road Crossing Permit

Motion to approve the road crossing application for SC Telcom, crossing NE 50th and NE 40th St made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session – Attorney-Client

Motion to move to executive session under

the Attorney-Client exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss potential sale of the PRRC Building and PRMC lease matters for 25 minutes at 4:02 p.m. made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners came out of executive session at 4:19 p.m. with no action taken.

UMB Bond Administration Fee

Motion to approve payment of \$625 to UMB Bank for PRMC Bond administration services made by Commissioner Shriver; motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting.

Commissioners unanimously approved the vouchers for March 23, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

When Should Farmers Retire?

By Wyatt Fraas, associate director of farm and community, Center for Rural Affairs

Retirement from a farm business may not mean moving away or giving up on mentoring the next generation, but it does entail transferring management deci-

sions to someone else. It can be a gradual or sudden process. It may be driven by long-term goals, by sudden health issues, or events outside your family.

When should farmers retire? The answer is related to choices and goals and can happen at any time. While many can't imagine doing anything else except farm-

ing, their families may have other ideas and want to share more time with them. Discussions with your family can help design the retirement process.

Allan Nation, late editor of Stockman Grassfarmer magazine, observed that a farmer or rancher is at his peak combination of labor, innovation, and manage-

ment skills at age 50.

To maintain or grow the farm business after 50 can require an additional infusion of labor and maybe of innovation. That often means a young partner with energy and new ideas. Such a partnership process can greatly improve the income of the business, which may be the means to fund retirement sav-

ings after a lifetime of investing in farm assets.

A farm or ranch owner can look for someone to work into the business at any time, but a planned process will take several years of testing the relationship, training to the uniqueness of the business, and a gradual shifting of management.

Add ample time for readying the business

framework for this transition and for selecting the best candidate. A descriptive timeline, of perhaps five years, and a written agreement can reassure both parties of a smooth transition and steady progress toward their goals.

Tax Time Guide: Steps Taxpayers Can Take Now to Resolve Tax Issues and Stay on Track

WASHINGTON — Taxpayers who owe taxes or have not yet filed can benefit from acting early. Taking the steps outlined below can help limit penalties and interest, prevent delays, and make it easier to resolve tax issues.

This Tax Time Guide focuses on what to do now.

Step 1: Prepare to file your return

Before filing, taxpayers should review their return to ensure all income is reported and deductions are claimed correctly, including any deductions reported on Schedule 1-A.

Taxpayers should keep records that support the amounts on their returns, such as pay statements or other documentation.

Step 2: Review your return before filing

Taxpayers who have not yet filed required returns should file as soon as possible, even if they cannot pay the full amount they owe. Filing allows taxpayers to:

- Claim available deductions and credits
- Reduce failure-to-file penalties
- Access payment and resolution options

Electronic filing remains the fastest and most ac-

curate way to submit a return. The IRS encourages taxpayers to file electronically to ensure timely delivery of their returns.

Another reason to e-file is that taxpayers don't need to be concerned about whether their return is timely postmarked. A paper tax return is treated as filed on the date it is postmarked. The Postal Service reaffirmed through a [recent announcement](#) that the postmark might be later than the date that an item is dropped in a mailbox. Taxpayers who file a paper return on the deadline, however, can request a manual postmark at post offices during business hours.

Step 3: Make a payment, even if it is partial

Taxpayers who owe taxes are encouraged to pay as much as they can by the deadline. Paying even part of the balance can reduce penalties and interest. Electronic payment options are available through IRS.gov.

Step 4: Set up a payment plan, if needed

Taxpayers who cannot pay their full balance may qualify for a payment plan. Many taxpayers can:

- Request an installment agreement online
- Choose a payment schedule that fits their situation

Setting up a payment plan early can help prevent balances from growing.

Step 5: Respond promptly to IRS notices

Taxpayers who receive

an IRS notice should read it carefully and respond by the date listed. Notices may request:

- Payment
- Additional information
- Action to correct an issue

Responding promptly can help avoid further penalties or delays.

Step 6: Use online tools

IRS online tools allow taxpayers to securely manage tax matters without calling or visiting an IRS office. Helpful tools include:

- [IRS Individual Online Account](#) to view balances, make payments, and manage payment plans.
- [Where's My Refund?](#) to check refund status.
- [Direct Pay](#) to make payments.
- [IRS Document Upload Tool](#) to securely and quickly send information in response to an IRS notice or letter, but not for submitting tax returns.

Using these tools can save time and provide faster answers.

Act early

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