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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 22, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart; Shawn Vredenburg and Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier

Online Visitors: Caller 01; User 1; Tammy

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Sheriff Wood; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to add discussion of the HYRA request.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an Attorney-Client Privilege executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the additions of discussion of HYRA request and an Executive

Session of Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that an individual had discussed that they heard a landowner had fiberglass on their property from the Windfarm.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the 2024 Management Plan for approval by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2024 Management Plan to the State. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Leroux submitted a quote from Integris It for a new office computer as his had stopped working properly.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a desktop computer from Integris IT. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the January 17, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the January 17, 2024. Commission Meeting minutes with the

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

Sheriff Brent Wood was in with his department monthly report for the Commissioners.

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

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a building permit report for the 2023 year. There were 41 building permits issued in 2023.

Mr. Goetz submitted the sanitarian permits report for 2023 to the Commissioners. There were 56 permits issued in 2023.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed an NRP applicant and that the applicant had delinquent taxes for 2022 and 2023.

Commissioners had Amanda Stucky, Field appraiser come in to discuss the applicant status with them.

Commissioners discussed the request from Melissa Tetrick last week for HYRA.

Commissioners agreed that they would not donate to the prize fund for HYRA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:32

a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. with no decision made.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed the Courthouse hours and that the doors should be unlocked when.

Commissioners discussed that the Courthouse opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with his December 2023 Financial Report for the County Commissioners review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he has fuel Quote opening scheduled for January 29, 2024.

Commissioners signed one addition: Chairman Henning opened correspondence received from Council on Aging.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:37a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

School Board to Meet Wednesday Evening

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:00 p.m.

104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Approval of the minutes for the January 15th regular meeting: (AI)
- V. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
- VI. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger
 - b. Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
 - c. Special Education Report – Bjorn Halderson
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Construction Update – Review progress with Landmark Architects
 - b. Approve 2024-2025 Calendar
 - c. Approve Policy updates
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Executive Session- Negotiations
 - b. Executive Session – Personnel
 - c. Approve position
 - d. Set Board retreat date
- IX. Adjournment

Minutes from City Council December Meeting

December 26, 2023

The Cunningham City Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Mayor Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, and Craig Woodard; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; and City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee.

Guests: None.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of November 27, 2023

SCCF Scholarship Cycle Opens

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is elated to announce its annual scholarship cycle is open and accepting applications until March 15th! With over 60 scholarships available to its seven-county service area, SCCF is excited to continue making an impact on local students.

To apply, students will fill out and submit a universal scholarship application that will then populate the scholarships they are eligible to apply for.

meeting – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

No Public Comments

Consideration of Cereal Malt Beverage License Applications – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to approve the CMB license for Love's Travel Stop #695 (2024-01.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the CMB license for Cozy's LLC (2024-02.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to approve the CMB license

for South Fork Bar & Grill (2024-03.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 3/0.

Maintenance Report – Mesa Sallee gave the report. He will be able to order custom made risers for sewer manholes. Some of them in the roads are far below street level. Mesa also reported that the burn pit had been burned.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

We need photos
for the paper!!



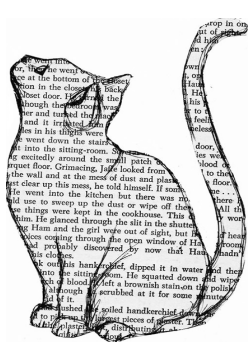
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Meanderings

I had a weird dream last night. I don't remember it, but I know it was weird. And the reason I know it was weird... it was about wallpaper. That's all I remember. You know, I

do love wallpaper. Three of my rooms are currently wallpapered, and if the other rooms weren't textured walls, they'd be papered as well. It is about time to change them out. They've been the same wallpaper for many years.

My nutty canine Quin has learned to react to another word. I'm not sure WHY he started this little stunt, but he's awfully cute when he does. Quin is a rambunctious sort. He really likes the cats and most of the cats get along with him.

They either snuggle with him or ignore him. But they co-exist fine. But when Quin is ready to go, he wants to go, and every cat had best get out of his way.

In the mornings, my old one, Skippy Jones, is always waiting at the bedroom door for me to open it so she can go to the kitchen and wait for a bite to eat. Quin wouldn't care that the old girl was there, I'd open the door, and he'd just race down the hall, sometimes knocking into Skippy.

One morning I said,

"Quin, WAIT." He stopped. "Wait. Stay. Wait." And that silly guy, he scoots backward a few steps and hunkers down on the floor. When Skippy was down the hall, I said, "Go." And go he went. Like a racehorse.

Anytime now that I say "Wait!" he scoots backwards and drops to the floor and waits.

In the mornings, when he knows I'm up, he is ready for a snuggle. But I like to arrange the covers first. "Wait!" and he scoots back and hunkers down on the other side of

the bed, he's not exactly still, but he's waiting. As soon as I'm situated, he comes bounding over me and waits for a tummy rub or an ear scratching. That is probably his favorite part of the day.

He really is a cute dog and a very good companion. He's not going to win any Mensa awards, but he is funny and the cats do like and tolerate him. And he knows how to wait, not patiently, but he does wait.

Note to Anita: I am not sure what you meant in your comment about pho-

tos, but next week, I am planning on having some photos of the schools.

Also, I have heard of Richard Osman, but have not read any of The Thursday Murder Club mysteries. They are now on a list of books to read in this lifetime. Thanks for the recommendation.

Questoin to Fred: Are you familiar with this series?

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Breakdown Lane" by Jacquelyn Mitchard, Roberta



The Sun'll Come Out

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Looking at my large paper calendar prominently on display in the mudroom, I know January has 31 days. However, after wickedly cold temperatures, a hefty dose of snow and an equally hefty dose of strong winds that drifted shut roads and kept our kids from going to

school for many days this month, I'm convinced the January on my calendar is missing some days.

Don't get me wrong, we have desperately needed moisture for a while, and I am grateful we received many inches of frozen precipitation in January.

However, I can't remember the last time I saw the sun!

It seems as though as soon as the excessive cold left our area and the temperatures slowly started to rise, a cloud of cold mist and dark, heavy fog has remained.

Headlights during the day have been the norm

around here lately as have slower speeds. I've caught myself multiple times commenting on the thick fog or it being another dark and dreary day.

While temperatures have remained mostly just above freezing since the mist and fog have rolled in, the sun has rarely come out. Thus, the piles of snow and ice have now mostly melted down to slush due to the just-above-freezing temps and the lingering mist. Overall, it's become a very muddy mess.

My mudroom has quite literally become just that - a mud room.

I've avoided taking my car to the carwash even though it's well beyond the point of needing to be scrubbed and hosed down because wherever you go it's mucky.

I keep thinking that if the sun would just push through, the mess that has been created following our recent snowstorms would begin to dry up.

After listening to a presentation about weather patterns and the long range forecast given by a trusted meteorologist, it sounds like the wet start to 2024 will continue into the coming months due to El Nino.

I'm preparing myself

for more slush, more overcast days, and more mud.

While driving home from this weather presentation in the fog with my windshield wipers going and my headlights on, I caught myself humming a tune from a movie I first watched as a child in the early 1980s.

The humming transitioned to me talking out loud saying, "The sun'll come out tomorrow."

And soon I was belting out, "Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love you, tomorrow. You're always a day away."

While there are still a few cloudy days and

chances of rain in the near future, there is also some sun in the forecast.

As we perhaps continue to experience cold and wet days this winter, and the mud seems to linger, remember the sun will eventually come out. After all, there's always tomorrow. It's only a day away.

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Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, For the last week, if I've wanted to get the mail I've had to swaddle myself in layers to avoid frostbite on my eighth of mile waddle to the road and back. So when a heat wave of 35 degrees arrived, I couldn't wait to get outside without wearing all THAT. For the first few moments I happily hopped around

the still frozen tundra of our backyard with a yardstick. Though I could move more agilely, I quickly regretted in that windy, blindingly white COLD that I hadn't pulled on my Michelin Man of the North gear. But I refused to turn back. I've had a gardening idea I think I want to try this Spring so I gritted my teeth and pressed on to survey a bit of fence.

No doubt, long time Readers who recall my massacre of innocent pumpkin plants are shaking their heads. And they

are not alone. Due to my 2020 murderous container experiment, some of my friends visibly twitch and shudder when I talk about planting anything anywhere. Those closest to me, and most familiar with my eccentricities, are unperturbed by my horticultural pursuits because any activity that keeps me out of the kitchen helps them feel safer.

I'll allow that both my cooking and my gardening methods can be whimsical. My failures tend to be more memo-

rable than my successes, probably because they're comical. Though my ways may be unorthodox, that doesn't mean I don't do research or think things through. I can always find lots of advice and tips from gardening (and culinary) gurus online, plus nearly everyone you meet has a cultivation (and cookery) opinion. And I do listen. But sometimes you gotta just try what you think will work best for you.

For example, when I set out to survey with a yardstick, my best friend

suggested it would be easier if I used a measuring tape. But I knew the fence line, though not pasture-long, was more extensive than any measuring tape in this house. And it was probable I'd BREAK IT if I tried to use it. Even if I could wrangle our best Stanley Powerlock to determine that fence's length, I'd still have to figure from that how many plants I needed. The shortcut I tried, that should have worked, was counting yards instead because that's how far apart the

seedlings in question are to be planted. What I didn't count on was how distracting the deer tracks in the snow would be. They were so fascinating that I failed twice to recall what yard-number I was on and had to start over. My teeth were chattering by the time I was done but I did get my number. I know how many I'll need to try growing...well for now, I'll just say it's not pumpkins.

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

Poetry From Daily Life

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

This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Marilyn Singer, who divides her time between Brooklyn, New York and Washington, Connecticut. Marilyn has been a writer for fifty years and enjoys many subjects, especially animals, both wild and domestic. She has written a number of books about dogs. She and her husband have been taking swing, ballroom, and Latin dance lessons for many years. Wherever they travel, they try to find a dance to go to. Two books that she loved writing are Who Named Their Pony Macaroni?: Poems About White House Pets, Little, Brown, 2019, ("because it was fun to research this aspect of American history") and Feel the Beat!: Dance Poems That Zing from Salsa to Swing, Dial, 2017 ("because it was a challenge to write poems in the rhythms of social dances"). ~ David Harrison

Poetry from Daily Life: Marilyn Singer explains how to read a poem aloud

By Marilyn Singer

Poetry began as an oral art and, with the exception perhaps of concrete poetry, it needs to be heard. But, whether it's poetry for adults or for kids, it's not always so easy to read poetry well aloud. Here are some tips on how to do it.

Familiarize yourself with the poem. Read it silently and aloud to yourself several times. If it's written in a particular form, such as a haiku, a cinquain, a triolet, a sonnet, etc., get to know that form. Remember the old joke: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Answer: Practice, practice, practice!

Who's the speaker of the poem? Is it the poet (or a version of the poet)? Is it a character? If so, what can you tell about this person, animal, creature? What kind of attitude and voice would he, she, or it have?

What does the poem mean? What does the title tell you? There may be shades and levels of meaning, but a poem isn't open to any old interpretation you throw at it. However, don't always expect to understand it immediately — take your time with it.

There may be unfamiliar words in the poem. Look them up. You can build your vocabulary at any age. Learn to pronounce unfamiliar (and occasionally familiar!) words properly: e.g. I had to find out how to say the word "equipage" from Wallace Stevens's "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird."

How is the poem punctuated? That can be difficult when there is no punctuation, so you have to figure out the pauses and the stops that make the poem make sense.

Study the line breaks, but don't necessarily pause at the end of every line — including poems in rhyme! Go with the flow.

What words need to be punched? On American Idol, Steven Tyler gave a contestant great advice — when you sing, don't sing everything on the same level. Figure out which words you want to emphasize and why.

Don't read like a robot. What is the emotion behind the poem? How can you convey it?

Don't overdo it either by declaiming or overacting.

It's generally best to slow down when you read. You may think you're already reading slowly, but you're probably not. Occasionally, a humorous poem, such as a list poem, may suggest speed and it might work to be more of a motormouth. But even then, you have to enunciate (listen to some Gilbert and Sullivan!). Remember to breathe!

When you're reading any poem, timing is important, but perhaps especially in humorous poems. Don't ever rush the punchline! And above all, have fun!

Want to try it? Here's one of my poems from Follow the Recipe: Poems About Imagination, Celebration & Cake (Dial Books, 2020), illustrated by Marjorie Priceman.

recipe for understanding

Share bread, share histories— dense, chewy tales that take time to rise. Crisp sketches as light as air.

Share bread, share histories— loaves baked so long ago or served up fresh from the oven today.

Share bread: bammy, brioche, chapati or lavash... Pass it around the table. Share the world.

Marilyn Singer is the author of more than 120 books, including many poetry collections. She won the National Council of Teachers of English award for Excellence in Poetry in 2015. You can find her on her web site: www.marilynsinger.net.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 1 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield *** Regional Scholars Bowl at HOME	Thursday, February 8 JH BB at Fairfield HOPL Tournament
Friday, February 2 Homecoming HS BB vs Norwich at HOME	Friday, February 9 HS BB at Skyline
Saturday February 3 HOPL Tournament for JH BB at Fairfield	Saturday, February 10 State Scholar's Bowl Contest
Monday, February 5 Kingman Co. Spelling Bee *** JH BB at Fairfield-HOPL Tournament	Monday, February 12 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, February 6 HS BB vs Central Christian at HOME *** Lions' Club Meeting	Tuesday, February 13 HS BB at Stafford
Wednesday, February 7 6:30 p.m. BOE Meeting	Thursday, February 15 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences
	Friday, February 16 No School *** HS BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME



Kathy and Alan Albers are pictured here with Esau Freeman, Mr. Freeman is a small business owner from Sedgwick who recently announced he is running for the 4th Congressional District seat this fall.

Kathy and Alan met Mr. Freeman at the 4th District meeting in Mulvane.

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, February 10, 2024
Consignment Auction 9:30 A.M.

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

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Kindness Counts: Valentine's Day Not Just about Romance

Child development specialist says everyone can practice kindness

MANHATTAN, Kan. – It's nearly February, and love is in the air, which means many have turned their thoughts to red roses, chocolate and dreamy greeting cards.

But Kansas State University child development specialist Bradford Wiles says it can also mean something more simple: Kindness.

"I always implore people to be kind to themselves (because) it's really easy to not be kind to ourselves," Wiles said.

"We make mistakes, but then we ruminate on them. We allow them to dominate thoughts about something that otherwise would be just fine. We need to learn to be kind to ourselves, as well."

Wiles said Valentine's Day celebrates love, "but a key component of that is kindness – kindness to our partners, kindness to our children, kindness from sibling to sibling. And then there is kindness to our classmates and peers."

"That's the kind of love that everyone can practice."

Children, he adds, learn love and kindness from the adults in their lives.

"The reality is that the earlier you learn about expressing feelings about empathy – especially understanding what other people are doing and feeling and thinking – and making a habit of being kind, then the easier it is for you to do that throughout your lifespan," Wiles said.

"And I can tell you that people who practice kindness, people who practice gratitude, are just healthier, happier and better adjusted people. The research bears that out unequivocally. And it's not that they're kind because they're healthy and happy. They're healthy and happy, because they're kind."

Wiles noted that children who have an orientation toward fear and suspicion often get that through early experiences.

"Now, I want to be really clear that you can overcome some of those things in your life," he said. "But the mountain that you'll have to climb becomes a mole hill if you're already practicing kindness."

Children and Valentine's Day
Children typically don't begin to view Valentine's Day in terms of romantic love until later in their school

years. Their first experiences take place within their family structure.

"At home, it's really a chance for parents and primary caregivers to express love, comfort and support for their child in ways that are very healthy, that clearly don't have the romantic component," Wiles said. "The home is a great place to leverage the chance to really talk about how much you love and support your child, while making them feel loved and included."

Wiles said parents should encourage children to actively engage in showing love toward family members, as well.

"As parents, we typically have this viewpoint (during the holidays) that we do things for our children and rarely do they do things for us," Wiles said. "Valentine's Day gives you a chance to provide gratitude for the love you feel toward them, but also the love you receive from your children."

"And so it's a really good opportunity to help your children understand that they're a partner in this relationship too. They bring you joy and that feeling of love and satisfaction, and they should know that it's not just a one direction type of dynamic. It's empowering for them. It helps them understand that they're not just being acted on by the world, but they can act on the world as well."

More information on child development is available online from K-State Research and Extension.

Story by: Pat Melgares melgares@ksu.edu

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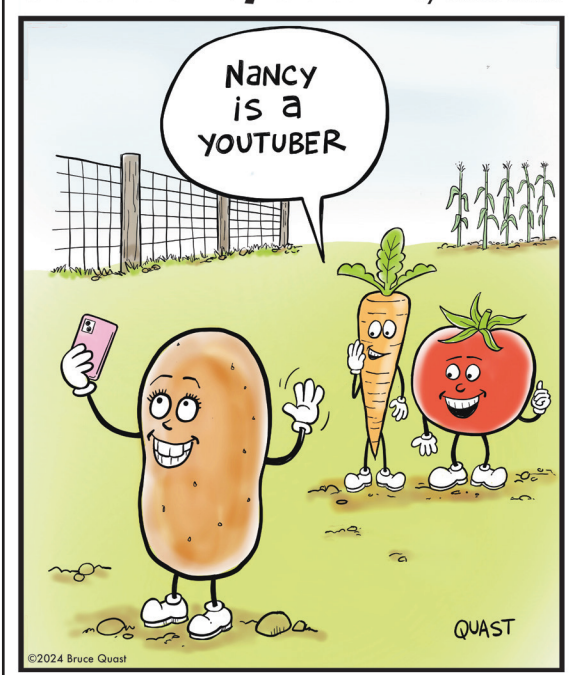
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February 2nd & 4th A Nashville Wish

The Kingman Historic Theatre is excited for the opportunity to show A Nashville Wish, an independent movie adaptation of the Award-Winning stage musical "Ticket To Nashville". T

A talented young country singer dreams of nothing but going to Nashville to become a music star and dating the most beautiful cheerleader in high school. As the stars would have it, his music career takes off at the same time as their relationship and he must choose between his love of music and the girl of his dreams in a coming-of-age story of first love and following one's destiny.

February 3

Live: Little Texas with The Fairchilds

7:30pm
The Fairchilds will perform at 6:45pm.
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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1929

Feb. 8, 1929 – Fumes from a stove used in a liquor still which had been rigged up in a cellar on his farm home southeast of Preston, caused the death of a Preston man Wednesday.

The plant had only been hooked up the night before was the belief of Pratt county officers, but the still was in operation and dripping liquor yet when they arrived. Six to eight gallons of whiskey were found around the cellar according to reports.

Four bank robbers made an early morning call at the State Bank of Kingman, Thursday morning and got \$1,500.00 in cash and took cashier Ben Welch with them.

They were reported to be driving a Ford touring car when they left Kingman and were headed south. The robbery occurred a few minutes after the bank was opened for business.

Just before we go to press we understand that the cashier, Ben Welch, was put out of the bandits car about four miles south of Kingman, but so far the robbers are still at large.

1934

Feb. 9– Several workmen began work Tuesday morning on the new Skelly Oil Company Service Station which is going to be located on the corner just north of the large A. C. Houston Lumber Co.

The building, the old “Cunningham State Bank” building, which has been a land-mark there for a long number of years, has been moved back a hundred feet or so to make room for the new Skelly Service Station.

The old building housed the first bank ever in Cunningham, and S.T. Baldwin, formerly of this city, but now of Kingman, was the cashier. Lesh Ratcliff and J. M. Ratcliff were the other interested stockholders.

Wendall Leisman Lease – Wells No. 2 and 3 are ready to produce at any time, as they are now shut in waiting on the storage tank being built on the lease by the Pipe Line Dept.

1939

Feb. 3– Father William Paul, 57, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of this city, passed away shortly after noon last Friday, after having suffered a heart attack and collapsed during the conducting of mass earlier that day. He had been a member of the Wichita Diocese since 1910 and pastor of the local church since 1931.

Grade School News – Chicken pox victims to date are: Dana Burnett, John Peterson, Jack Watkins, Dick Benson, Esther Sheldon, Sunny Jim Parrish, Darwinne Hudson.

1944

1944 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

Feb. 4, – A change in management of the Gano Grain Corp. elevator was made this week when Dewey L. Cooley became the new manager, replacing Melvin Zumalt, who becomes manager of a new elevator at Granada, Colorado. Mr. Cooley is a former Cunningham boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley of this city, and comes here from Garden Plain.

The Western Construction Company of Kansas City, Kansas, has been awarded the contract for the new school expansion program in Isabel.

Loren C. Reif, director of the board of education, said the Kansas City firm’s bid was \$157,522.00.

The contract calls for addition of a vocational agriculture shop and classroom, music and auditorium addition, remodeling of the present building to include a home economics department, and installation of a lunchroom.

Reif said construction will begin as soon as weather permits.

People in the small town of Penalosa and in the community are not sure whether the invention of the telephone is a convenience or an inconvenience.

Three different telephone branch lines go thru the town and residents of the community have their telephones on different lines. The three branch lines are from the cities of Kingman, Turon, and Langdon.

Neighbors living in the town of Penalosa can’t call

a neighbor two blocks away without going through long distance. The stores have problems, too, not knowing which line to choose from. Some have installed two telephone lines for convenience, but even that has not proved satisfactory.

1954

Feb. 4– The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats basketball team lost their third game of the current season to Hazelton last Friday, but swamped Norwich, Tuesday night, to register their tenth victory of the season.

The Wildcats dropped a 62-47 decision to Hazelton and suffered an uncommonly “cold” night all through the game, hitting only 18 baskets out of 63 attempts from the field. Cunningham was as “cold” from the free throw line as from the field, converting only 11 times out of 39 throws.

Ronnie Adelhardt paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 19 points before fouling out at the start of the fourth quarter. Billy DeWeese scored 16 points to aid the Wildcat cause. Balding of Hazelton, took high scoring honors for the game with 20 points.

The Wildcats rebounded from the defeat by Hazelton to swamp Norwich, 102 to 46, Tuesday night at Norwich.

Ronnie Adelhardt and Billy DeWeese scored 34 and 29 points respectively, to pace the Wildcat scoring parade. Victor Becker connected for 22 points, and Wally Becker scored 10 points to aid the Cunningham cause.

1959

Feb. 5 – Cunningham won a thrilling overtime game from a surprising Nashville team here last Friday evening. The final score was 45 to 42, with the regulation game ending in a 42-42 tie.

Nashville jumped off to a 10-7 lead at the end of the first period, and four minutes were gone in the second quarter before Cunningham took over the lead. The half ended with Cunningham on the top by a 25-21 score. Each team scored 10 points during the third quarter which ended 35-31.

With three minutes to play in the final quarter, Cunningham had a seemingly safe 40 to 34 lead when Nashville’s Mike McGuire converted three “steals” of the ball for six points and tied the game at 40-all. Bill Ridge’s basket and Tony Hartle’s free throw won the game for Cunningham in the overtime period.

Cunningham presented a well-balanced scoring attack with Gary Raney scoring 10 points, Ridge 9, Hartle and Duane Wegerer 8 each, Richard Kerschen 6, and Jack Baber 4. Nashville’s Duane Kruckenberg took high point scoring honors with 23 points.

1964

Feb. 6 – At the Kingman County 4-H Day held last Saturday at the high school auditorium in Kingman, the Cunningham 4-H Club Chorus won a top blue rating, qualifying them for participation in the Regional 4-H Day to be held in Pratt, Feb. 29.

A blue ribbon was also awarded to the Cunningham 4-H Club Duet, Mary Cusenbary and Debby Sheldon. Red ribbons were won by both girls’ trios, Mary Cusenbary, Debby Sheldon, and Carolyn Witt, and Syney Boyd, Sue Hellar, and Diane Dunn, and Don Hellar also received a red ribbon for his dramatic reading.

The Cunningham 4-H Club received a purple seal for top achievement during the past year, and the award was added to the club’s charter at the regular meeting, Monday evening.

Accompanists for the musical numbers were Mrs. Lewis Mann and Mrs. Bill Bradley.

1969

Feb. 6 – Two Cunningham boys were seriously injured, and two others escaped with minor cuts and bruises following a one-car accident on the “roller coaster road,” one mile east and two and one-half miles north of town last Friday night about 11:15 o’clock.

Mike Schreck, 14, is in the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita where he is recovering from head surgery performed Saturday.

The other injured boy, Ronnie Park, 15, suffered a broken nose and facial cuts. He has been a patient at Pratt County Hospital, but was expected to be transferred to a Wichita hospital this mid-week for further treatment.

The two other boys in the car were Lewis Park, 16, driver, and David Theis, 14.

After the accident, the two uninjured boys walked about one-half mile to the Edwin Steffen farm home for help.

Private Harold Lee Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stark of Inman, former residents of Cunningham, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, January 20. He is now stationed at San Diego, Calif., where he is taking his basic training.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

February 7- Did you know Cunningham has a town thermometer? If you care to check the temperature, drive past the north end of the ball field and look on a post just east of the water pumps.

The thermometer is the water, courtesy of Leo Zrubek, Jr. (Zub) The Thermometer was a gift of Kurt and Diana Rakestraw of Sterling. It seems the Rakestraws

were visiting at the Zrubeks’ one evening before Christmas. Someone wondered what the temperature was and Zub said he would check the little thermometer outside the kitchen window. He looked at the thermometer but announced he had better get his glasses for a better look. That must have given the Rakestraws an idea, for Zub received the thermometer for a Christmas gift. Zub put the thermometer at its present location so all the town could check it.

The Cunningham Wildcats rolled to a 63-39 victory over winless Mullinville Friday night in a Great Golden Plains League contest. The win gives the Wildcats a 5-7 season record while Mullinville is winless in 10 starts.

Randy Fisher paced Cunningham with 12 points while Kent Scripsick, Jim Schaller, and Scott Elliot added eight points each.

Cindy Freund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freund of Nashville, Tennessee, was a winner in the Dental Health Week Poster Contest held recently in Nashville.

Cindy, a student at Holy Rosary School, won a \$10 cash award and her school was awarded \$15 for having a winning poster.

Grandparents of Cindy are Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley of Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Freund of Pratt.

Zenda Arts and Crafts Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vernon Lauterbach. The afternoon was spent making sunflower pin cushions. There were four members, one guest and four children present.

Mrs. Rose Cunningham spent Tuesday in Medicine Lodge visiting Mrs. Mary Davis.

1979

February 8- Area residents are reminded that the local Cunningham Public Library can furnish reading material for enjoyment and information during these cold, wintry days.

More than 600 books have been cataloged and shelved plus several hundred uncatalogued paperbacks and children’s books which have been added to the permanent collection during 1978.

The library now has a total volume of 1, 500 cataloged fictions and non-fiction books, over 700 paperbacks, plus a few hundred uncatalogued children’s books.

Friday night, Feb. 16, is Homecoming at Cunningham High School. The theme for this year is “Sharing the Night Together.”

The candidates for Queen are Annette Freund, Melva Oller, Karen Simon, Ronda Simon, and Leah Eck. Candidates for the King are Berry Bortz, Joe Strohl, Bill Osner, Chris Meyers, and Richard Cain.

Miss Terri Dupee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dupee, competed in the State Piano Festival, Feb. 3. She received a II rating for her performance of “Valse-Arabesque” by Theodore Lach.

There were students performing from 6A – 1A schools.

Terri’s piano instructor is Mrs. Eldona Stoop of Pratt.

1984

February 9, 1984 – Shawn Neises received an award at the Kingman County Conservation meeting. His first place essay was sent on to state in 1982 and received an Honorable Mention on state level. There were approximately 102 essays in the contest. A Cunningham High School freshman, he was a St. Leo eighth grader when he wrote the essay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Neises., St. Leo.

Janene Warner, a junior at Cunningham High School, has been chosen as one of 12 semi-finalists from the State of Kansas in the Japan-U.S. Scholarship program. This is the Youth for Understanding Internationsl Student Exchange, allowing two students from each state to visit Japan for 8 weeks during the summer. Janene will go for a personal interview on Feb. 18, at which time two of the twelve semi-finalists will be chosen for the trip.

Janene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Warner of Zenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve J. Eck, Sharon, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Colleen to Greg Kerschen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerschen, Cunningham.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Sharon High School and is employed as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Pratt Regional Medical Center.

Greg is a graduate of Cunningham High School and is engaged in farming.

The couple are planning a May 26 wedding at Sharon.

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Go Chiefs!

While texting with our sons and a niece who lives on the West Coast during the Chiefs play-off game I experienced a Pogo Moment. For those who didn't experience the 1950-1970's comic strip, Pogo and his friends were searching for someone to blame for all the pollution in the 1970's. After an extensive search for the villain, Pogo turned to his friends and stated "We have found the enemy and he is us".

I have spent a lifetime rooting for the underdog. Those hated Yankees, more recently the New England Patriots and University of Alabama. Those hated winners who crushed others' hopes. When son Ben in Vermont and niece Amy in California told me that they would have

a hard time rooting for my Chiefs in the Super Bowl if Detroit was their competition, that was the Pogo moment! After all these years as a Chiefs fan, 60 years to be exact, my Chiefs have morphed into a Winning Dynasty that I always have denigrated. Now what do I do?

I've always assumed that the people who comprised these teams and/or schools were selfish greedy people with winning as their only desire. They surely weren't good people who I would want as friends. It seems to me that the Kansas City Chiefs are mostly good people. Andy Reid is one of the most jovial and well liked of his football peers. Patrick Mahome's seems like the nicest of young people, a person that any parent or grandparent would love

to have. Travis Kelse is a little ditzy, but Taylor Swift seems to think he is OK. My Pogo moment may be an eye-opening view.

Maybe I've been more black or white minded than I've realized. I read a quote from Russian Nobel Prize winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Paraphrasing it, he said 'Wouldn't it be good if we could travel someplace and find all the evil people that exist and control or destroy them'. The point being that everyone, me included, has both good and evil in us. It's the constant struggle to seek the good and suppress the dark side that is closer to the truth. This might be a good thought for us all at this time and place. Alan Albers

Headline Revised: Melvin Oller Constructs Iconic Building— (Date: July 12, 1959), "The Shop," in Cunningham, Building Fond Memories for Generations.

From a few publications ago under what was happening in Cunningham in 1959, Dad's name was in print, starting to construct "The Shop." As a kid, I never gave it thought when it was built eight years before I was born but I realized quickly what an important part it played out in my life.

Dad's shop was like a playground for my brothers, sisters before me, and

particularly friends.

I had an adventurous childhood filled with treasured lessons on working on cars, trucks, and farm equipment alongside family and friends.

The shop taught the art of welding and wood-working, providing endless opportunities for me to hone my skills and explore my creativity. From repairing engines to building intricate bike ramps and clubhouses to tree houses, the shop was where we could unleash our curiosity and learn hands-on.

Each day was a new adventure as I delved into various projects and discovered the satisfaction of seeing hard work come to life. The shop played a significant role in shaping my life, instilling in me a love for craftsmanship and an appreciation for the satisfaction of creating something with two hands. It taught me prac-

tical skills and the importance of perseverance and attention to detail. Those early experiences in the shop laid a solid foundation for my future endeavors and ignited a lifelong passion for working with my hands.

Dad had always harbored a dream of painting a giant American flag on the side of the building, proudly displaying his name alongside it. Regrettably, time and life's responsibilities prevented him from fulfilling this fervent desire. However, the legacy is immortalized within the bricks and mortar of "The Shop." The family's and friend's memories and Melvin's unyielding spirit continue to reside within. I always feel his and now Mom's spirit around me when I return to catch up from my home in Arizona.

-Matt 1/30/2024

The Last Line

By Amy Michelle Wiley

If humans could melt Lt. Timothy Marten figured he would have long ago joined the puddle of sweat beneath his feet. It was always hot in Iraq, but the weeks since he had returned from leave had seemed ten times worse. And ten times lonelier. His nephews had grown so much, and would grow so much

more before he saw them next.

As if to remind him what he was missing, a little Iraqi girl trotted by, wrinkling her nose in a mischievous grin. She angled toward base, headed to connive candy from a soldier, no doubt. The girl reminded Timothy of why he was here. He had not wanted to come back from his leave; he had wanted to stay with his family. But then the

news had reached them of yet another suicide car bombing in Iraq. But this time the bomb had been for a group of innocent children getting candy from US soldiers. Timothy had been angry. He had wept. Then he had finished packing—he would finish the fight.

At the airport the next morning the news had blared in the background; the media yelling that this bombing was proof the

military did more harm than good. But the worst part was the glares and whispered, nasty comments from other passengers as they had seen his uniform. He had turned toward his sister Beth, steaming. "Don't they realize? If the children hadn't been gathered there the bomb would have been in a school or mosque. I am risking my life to give these people freedom and what do I get?! Glares and hate?"

But Beth had shocked him by responding, "You know, Timothy, you do the same thing."

"What?!"

"Someone has sacrificed His life for yours and you ignore Him every day. I worry about you over there, Timothy."

But just then his flight had begun boarding and she had given him a tight hug. "I'll write you. I love you, bro."

And she had written. Timothy tugged a postcard out of his pocket, studying it once again. He smiled at the bright picture of an American neighborhood festooned with patriotic flags and yellow ribbons. It was her way of reminding him that, despite the anger he had seen, much of America was in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Timothy flipped the card

over, though he had it nearly memorized. It was mostly chatty, but she had tucked in that PS. A commotion interrupted Timothy's reading and he put away the card, this time without finishing it—without reading the last line.

Military vehicles had pulled up. Already they were drawing a crowd of Iraqi children. The children worried Timothy ever since that one bombing. It was a shame they had to be shooed away--the soldiers' one source of innocence and fun. But that was better than taking a chance.

He saw it coming even as he was striding toward them. The truck was picking up speed, zeroing in on the crowd. Timothy ran, screaming a warning. But the soldiers didn't look up. The children didn't turn around. And no one else noticed until was too late.

The world was sucked into an orange explosion of fire. It swallowed Timothy, surrounding him with heat and screams.

Timothy opened his eyes. He felt no pain, nothing. Soon a paramedic leaned over him, "Lieutenant?" The man looked away, a hand over his mouth. Timothy did

not try to move, try to check himself over. He knew there must be a gaping hole somewhere, something vital missing.

The medic placed a gentle hand on his forehead. "I'll be back, OK?"

Timothy thought of Beth. He knew she was praying and suddenly he wished that he could have prayed as he had run. That he could pray now for the children who were injured.

The paramedic returned with a stretcher. "Are you ready?"

Timothy decided then. "Yes, I'm ready." He was surprised at how strong his voice sounded. "Medic, tell the boys to keep on fighting for the peace those kids deserve. Oh, and Medic? There's a postcard in my pocket. Will you tell her that--that I'm willing?"

Some time later the medic stood, staring at a postcard. Red stained his medical gloves. Only the last few lines were readable.

Love,
Your Sister Beth
P.S. Timothy, you are willing to risk your life for freedom for Americans and Iraqis, but are you willing to turn to Jesus, the One who died for you?

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Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
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United Methodist Church

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Worship 9:15 a.m.

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Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
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Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
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The child was a typical four-year-old girl - cute, inquisitive, and bright as a new penny. When she expressed

difficulty in grasping the concept of marriage, her father decided to pull out his wedding photo album, thinking visual images would help.

One page after another, he pointed out the bride arriving at the

church, the entrance, the wedding ceremony, the recessional, the reception, etc.

"Now do you understand?" he asked.

"I think so," she said.

"That was when mommy came to work for us?"

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JH Wildcats Drop to Reno County

A late schedule change combined with some last-minute phone calls and schools working together gave the junior high Wildcats a home court competition against the Reno County Sabres on Monday instead of seeing the Norwich Eagles twice this season. The home-school group is known to be very talented, and the Cats really wanted a challenge to prepare for the last stretch run of the season and league tournament. Careful what

you wish for! The Sabres were fast and aggressive. They had the best defense the Wildcats have seen this season. The Cats were down early and chased the Sabres the entire game. After several turnovers, the Cats stabilized and found a few ways to disrupt on defense and attack the aggressive zone. The second and third quarters we chipped into the Sabre lead by narrowly outscoring them. The fourth quarter was a Sabre

quarter as the Wildcats clawed their way to the final buzzer, enduring 10 foul calls to their 2 along the way. We'll take the loss and the lessons that came with it, and use them to finish the season Wildcat Strong.

Nathan led in rebounds with 9 followed by Cole who had 7. Nathan also had 4 steals.

by Coach McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	12
Brody Bock	10
Cole Hageman	4
Tyler Osner	3
Liam McGuire	2
Adam Sterneker	2



Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	4	9	10	10	33
Reno County	12	8	8	16	44

JH Cats Unbeaten in League Play

While High school has enjoyed basketball 7 nights in the last two weeks with mid-season tournaments, the Junior High Wildcats have logged a few games as well at the end of their own regular season. On January 23rd, the Cats traveled to Attica. We focus on wins, and it worked out that a win at Attica would set us up with the #1 seed in the tournament. The Attica Bullpups had lost only one game, and the Cats were the lone unbeaten team in league play.

It was obvious from the tip that Attica was content to slow the game down and hold the ball as much as they could on offense. On defense, they packed it in and were very physical inside. The Wildcats take what they can get, continually pounding the ball inside regardless of how Attica played them. The first two quarters were a little slow, but in the third the Cats put up 7 points while holding the Bullpups to 0. Both teams scored more in the 4th but the Cats really got rolling putting up 14 and keeping the game

out of reach. Nathan led the team in rebounds with 12 followed by Liam with 7 and Brody with 6. Rebounding made a big difference in this one, continually frustrating the Bullpups with second chances on our end and one and done on the other end.

by Coach McGuire

Score	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	6	5	7	14	32
Attica	5	5	0	8	18

Wildcat Scorers

Nathan Ndambuki	15
Brody Bock	8
Cole Hageman	3
Tyler Osner	3
Adam Sterneker	3
Liam McGuire	3



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Lady JH Cats vs. Attica



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Lady Wildcats in 54 Classic

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Rylee Miller



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Grace Hageman



Matilyn Jump



Ava Bock



Whitney Mead



Kyra Morgan



Wildcats Defeat Kinsley in Make-up Game

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Kinsley on January 22, 2024 to make up a game that was snowed out on January 5th. The Cats came away with a 70 to 47 win.

Playing the third game in four days is never easy and the Wildcats made it even harder on themselves by allowing 19 first quarter points to their 16 versus the Coyotes. All four of the baskets by the Wildcats were of the three point variety. Luke McGuire made two with Luke Albers and Will Wegerer each making one. Albers and Wegerer also went two for two from the free throw line.

Cunningham trailed for most of the second quarter but began to build some momentum halfway through. The Cats took a one point

lead which became a four point lead as Albers hit a three point basket just before the buzzer. Albers led the comeback with eight points. Dylan Halderson added five points and Wegerer scored four points.

A defensive change in the third quarter held the Coyotes to eight points and the Cats exploded for 26 points to extend their lead to 22 points after three quarters. Wegerer scored 12 points. Dagim Reed made seven points. Albers and McGuire had four and three points, respectively.

Cunningham extended their lead to 30 points in the fourth quarter and finished the game with a running clock. Wegerer added six points to his total. Albers made a three point shot and Halderson scored two points. Kinsley scored 10 points to make the final score Cunningham 70 and Kinsley 47.



Dylan Halderson



Luke Albers

photos by Molly Morgan



Will Wegerer



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		3		9	2	4	2	
Halderson	3		1/4	7	6			
Wegerer	6	3	6/6	27	2	7	2	
Albers	2	4	4/4	20	10	4	4	
Sterneker					3			
Reed	2	1		7	2	1	1	
Green							2	
Kerschen						1		
Morgan							1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	16	17	26	11	70
Kinsley	19	10	8	10	47

HILLTOP HAPPENINGS

We have had an eventful month here at Hilltop. We would like to thank Catholic Youth Ministries for holding evening BINGO, the turnout was fantastic and the residents enjoyed participating in what we hope will be an ongoing event!

Lana Wolfgang has been providing Sunday tailgates during the Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl run. One more game, Go Chiefs!

On Monday, January 29th, Hilltop Manor held its first annual Kansas Day and Chuckwagon event. We would like to take this time to thank Darren Parker and Morgan Griffith for providing our residents with an opportunity to participate in a water coloring activity, which also had a great turnout and the resident paintings were fantastic! We also had a Chuckwagon lunch of Ham and Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, and Sunflower cookies. The residents answered questions about Kansas and listened to old prairie poems. The afternoon activities included bull roping, a gun range, word activities, and photo booth. The residents were busy all day. A little shout out to our staff for making this event a success; staff were dressed in western garb, the cooking was fantastic, and a covered wagon was built to add a sense of the prairie. Thank you to Gene, Diana, and the residents who made it look real. We encourage everyone to mosey on by to catch a glimpse and say howdy to some people inside. I'm sure will have something cook'n. Until next time... Happy Trails.



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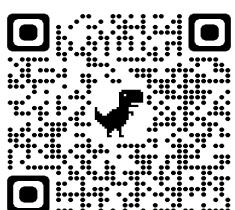
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Sunday, January 21

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	1

Monday, January 22

Traffic Stop	1
Non-Injury Accident	16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
VIN Inspection	200 Blk S Main St, Norwich
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Fraud	3000 Blk SW 70 Ave, Kingman
Domestic	300 S Somerset St, Norwich
Fire / Grass	NE 10 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Trespass	100 Blk N Elm St, Kingman
Damage to Property	300 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Tuesday, January 23

Traffic Stop	2
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	13000 Blk SE 110 Ave, Norwich
Warrant Service	300 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Domestic	2000 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock

Wednesday, January 24

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	1
Fire / Vehicle	W Hwy 54 & NW 110 Ave, Cunningham

Burglary	8000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich
Follow Up	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Abandoned Vehicle	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Thursday, January 25	
Civil Papers	1
Control Burns	2
Traffic Stops	7
Transport Prisoner	1
Friday, January 26	
Traffic Stop	3
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Damage	100 Blk N Spruce, Kingman
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Suspicious Vehicle	14000 Blk SW 80 St, Nashville
Suspicious Vehicle	N Broadway St and W D Ave Area, Kingman
Vehicle Maintenance	100 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Saturday, January 27	
Traffic Stops	3
Animal	14000 S Hwy 14 area, Rago
Public Service/Lockout	200 Blk E Ave B, Zenda
Suspicious Vehicle	200 Blk S Robbins Rd, Norwich
Trespassing	1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Misc	400 Blk N Main St, Spivey
Fire - Outside	7000 Blk W Hwy 42, Zenda
Disabled Vehicle	7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	16000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Interview	120 N Spruce, Kingman



A Baseball Story

I like baseball. No, I love baseball. There is something about the rhythm and cadence of the game that I find intoxicating. The ebb and flow of the action, the smell of fresh cut grass and old leather, the crack of a ball as it meets the bat, even the crunch of peanut shells under foot at the ballpark, these things, and more, have always attracted me to the sport.

My love affair with baseball began in elementary school. From

the early days of spring, until school let out for the summer, my friends and I spent every recess furiously engaged in America's favorite pastime. When school was out, while spending most of my time repairing and re-building bicycles in the outdoor shop behind our house, I remember listening to Vin Scully broadcast Dodger games to the neighborhood (Mrs. Williams, who lived up the street, had her radio positioned next to an outdoor PA system so she could hear games when she worked outside - we all got to listen). Fast forward to today...

I still love baseball, and I have one child, my youngest daughter, who feels the same way. We root for a number of teams. Our beloved

Texas Rangers are at the top of the list (and I would include the Astros). We also have a soft spot for those bearded boys from Boston, the Red Sox. But there is one other team that has sparked affection and loyalty in our household, and that is the Chicago Cubs.

I have been a closet Cubs fan for years, going back to when I had the opportunity to visit Chicago as a young man. The highlight of that trip was a visit to Wrigley Field to enjoy a game one July afternoon in 1987.

For those uninitiated into the hallowed truths of baseball legend, you should know that Wrigley Field (named for William Wrigley of chewing gum fame) is one of the oldest ballparks in America. Built in 1914, it is second only to Fenway Park in

Boston. Enjoying a game at Wrigley is like going back in time. Much is the same there as it was when our grandfathers were boys. The hand operated scoreboard and the ivy-covered walls all take you back to a better time in America when baseball brought us together and helped make us great (before we started playing soccer).

One day my daughter and I were talking baseball, and I mentioned that a goal of mine was to take her to Chicago to see a game at Wrigley Field. Not long after that, amazingly, we had our opportunity. I received free tickets (promotional giveaway from a company I worked with) for two games at Wrigley Field (Cubs against the dreaded San Francisco Giants). Needless to say, we were

excited and quickly started making plans for a road trip (more fun than flying).

Since we would be driving through much of the Midwest (Texas to Chicago), we decided to make some meaningful stops along the way. The complete chronicle of our adventures would fill a book perhaps, for we had fun and saw much, but for now I must keep this story short.

After multiple stops, day four on the road found us in Chicago in time for the Cubs night game against the Giants. We had box seats, overlooking the first base line. The game was great, if a bit cold, with a biting wind coming off Lake Michigan to the east (some enjoyed hot chocolate and coffee with their hot dogs that night).

Cubs beat the Giants, 5-4.

The next day our game started at 1:30, which gave us time to enjoy Chicago-style stuffed pizza for lunch (best pizza on Earth!). Our afternoon game was terrific. Wrigley Field was as glorious as ever. The ivy-covered outfield walls glistened in the sun, and you could just smell baseball history everywhere. And the Cubs spanked the Giants, 5-1. Great game!

All too soon we found ourselves back on the road, headed for home, our time at Wrigley just a memory. But we will always remember the special time we had together when we decided to go see a ball game...in Chicago. We love baseball.

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Sterling College Theatre Students Attend Festival

A bit of Broadway came to life for the 14 Sterling College Theatre students who attended the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (KCCTF) in Des Moines, IA recently. They were among the 1500 college theatre students and faculty from seven states who attended the annual regional theatre conference which included workshops, auditions, competitions, and performances, including a performance from **Vanities: The Musical** from Sterling College Theatre.

The Sterling musical was presented on campus last August and was invited to present a scene at the regional festival. **Vanities** featured three Sterling students - seniors Keeley Coon, Eureka and Rachel Thomson, Buhler, and sophomore Mary Little, Hutchinson. Music Theatre Director Marisa Callan accompanied the trio who performed the show's opening scene and song "I Can't Imagine."

"Performing for other college theatre students was a unique experi-

ence," Coon said. "We all loved the energy in the theatre. That audience knew how to react, and they certainly did. Everything was amped up. It was exciting to perform for that crowd."

Senior Cate Gutteridge, Oklahoma City, OK, applied and was accepted into the Directing Intensive Workshop as part of the festival. The workshop included two three-hour sessions for the select group of theatre students interested in directing. Topics such as casting, creating stage pictures through blocking (stage movement), working with sound and color as well as practical things such as scheduling and pacing were covered. "I really appreciated that the leader did not have a 'do-it-this-way' kind of approach. There was great round-table discussion," Gutteridge said.

Prior to the Festival, nine Sterling students submitted video auditions for the professional theatres and programs attending. All nine received "Call Backs" in which companies requested to meet with them in person during the festival. Some were offered opportunities for summer theatre work and are considering

those now.

Acting, singing, and dancing competitions were also part of the week. Three Sterling College students were part of the final performance Showcase. Mary Little was named a finalist in the Musical Theatre singing competition and performed "Over and Done" from the TV musical "Schmigadoon" in the Showcase. There were over 150 singers initially, then 40 were named as semi-finalists and 20 for finals. Thomson was also among the semi-finalists in the musical theatre singing competition.

Thomson and sophomore Noah Svaty auditioned for and were accepted to the Musical Theatre Intensive Dance Cabaret. That select group rehearsed during the conference and performed for the closing Showcase. Broadway choreographer Josh Walden used the song "Cvalda" for the dance group. His staging of the number highlighted three young aspiring performers coming to New York City. Thomson was the leading dancer in the song and Svaty was part of the New York City ensemble.

The Sterling trio in the Showcase had all

attended last year with the Sterling group. "This year we all felt better prepared. We knew better what to expect and I made it my goal to be more involved in the competitions this year and through that it turned out to be even more enjoyable than last year," Svaty said.

In addition to the dance cabaret and singing semi-finals, Thomson also had a total of five callbacks from professional companies. She said, "I feel like it's important to attend something like KCACTF so you can gauge where you and your theatrical journey stand in comparison with other students in surrounding states. It's a good reality check! I feel like I gained a lot of experience and knowledge from this trip in terms of how to audition, how to do 'cold reads' and how to pick up choreography more quickly."

Besides Sterling College Theatre's production of **Vanities**, the fall play **The Crucible** was also recognized for achievement. Sterling College Technical Theatre faculty member Brian Sechrist also attended the festival. Other Sterling College students who attended

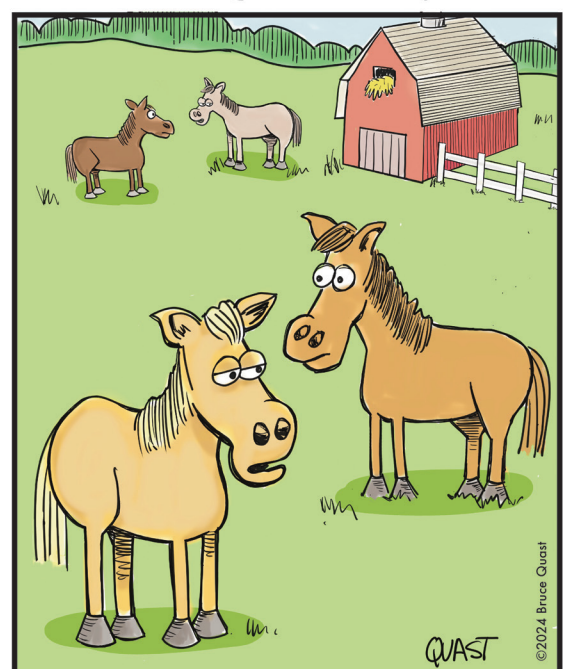
the regional festival and not already mentioned include Luke Harding, and Caleb Brownlee, Sterling; Katie Lambert, Wichita; Josh Morris and Mariana Inchauga, Hutchinson, Anya Billings, McPherson; Kim Skirvin, Emporia; and Makenzy Carter, Haysville.

"It was an exciting week for our theatre students. We are proud of them and how they performed and conducted themselves," said Sterling College Arts Director Dennis Dutton. "I think everyone returned to campus filled with renewed excitement and more of an understanding about what pro-

fessional theatre is all about."

The Sterling College Theatre students return to an ambitious semester with three stage productions slated. The first is the one-person show **Every Brilliant Thing** on February 15 and 16. The comic mystery play **Baskerville** will be presented on February 29, March 1 and 2. Then the popular Stephen Sondheim musical **Into the Woods** will be staged April 12, 13, and 14. The theatre season will conclude on April 27 with an evening of one-acts and dance.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"I try not to listen to the neigh-sayers."



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Logan, KS. – 1/29/2024... The Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program is pleased to welcome certified Bob Ross instructor Amber May of Aurora, Colorado to teach two Joy of Painting classes on February 17th and 18th. On Saturday, February 17th, the class will paint "Western Expanse," and on Sunday, February 18th, "Mountains at Sunrise." Classes are held in the Hansen Museum Community Room, 110 W. Main Street, Logan, KS, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an hour-long lunch break each day.

The Bob Ross method is designed to be a fun and simple way to paint. Beginner friendly, participants will be guided step-by-step to complete a painting each day just like Bob did on TV. All painting supplies are provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Students need only bring a roll of paper towels. Young and old alike (13 and older) will enjoy the camaraderie of these classes.

Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops. Discounts are available for Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members. This enjoyable learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, underwritten by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

The Museum is open weekdays 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The Museum is handicap-accessible and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, there is never an admission fee.



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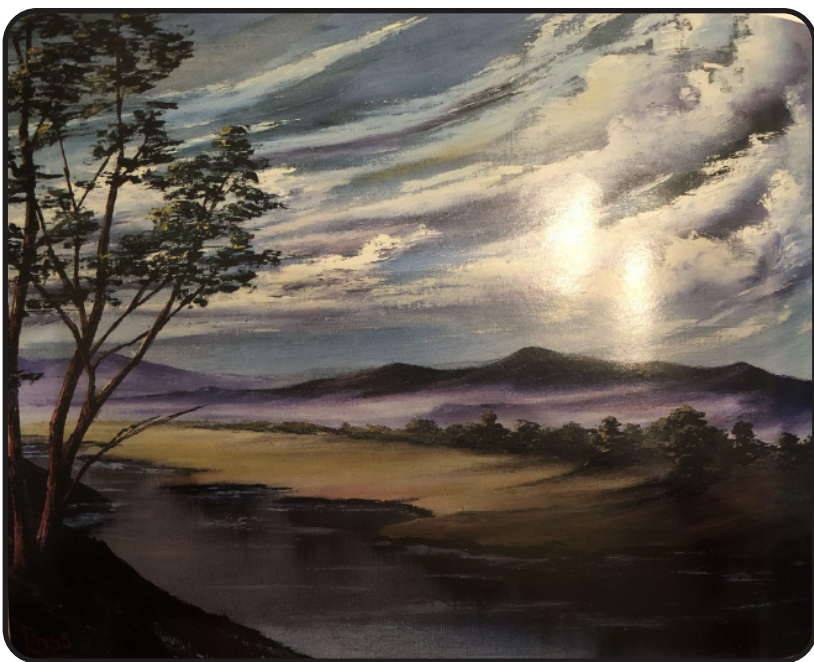
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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams and Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Chairman Shriver stated the courthouse bathroom remodels are on the agenda. It was questioned how much money is in the capital improvement fund. The total in the fund is \$3,784,535.65. Commissioner Adams questioned if there is enough money for the ethanol road. Doug Freund stated they are sealing this spring so unsure what will be needed.

Chairman Shriver stated

ed the total estimate from J.A Knight is \$171,000 and the total from Kessler construction is \$160,610. It was questioned if they are going to do them all at the same time or do one or two at a time. Tyson stated they would have to go out to bid with specs provided. Commissioner Jones asked how they would like to proceed.

Chairman Shriver said they should have a licensed contractor do the specs and then put out to bid. It was tabled until a spreadsheet is presented by Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC to list out what is needed county wide and prioritize. They will discuss February 5, after receiving information from department heads on needs/wants.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, stated he would like to paint the inside front half of the county shop. He presented a bid from Paint Pro in the amount of \$5200. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve painting of

the inside front half of the county shop by Paint Pro in the amount of \$5200. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, Emporia, KS, representing Freedom Claims Management, gave a presentation on Freedom Claims Management out of Great Bend, KS.

Commissioner Adams asked if after one year they aren't happy where do the reserves go, Darren stated after claims were paid the reserve is returned to the county.

Clerk Voss presented a check for Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, for signatures.

Commissioner Adams

made a motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess for ten minutes at 3:27 p.m. for an attorney client matter concerning legal matters. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session

At 3:27 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams stated he had received an email from a county citizen stating they wanted the county to provide

equipment to the local townships to take care of the gravel roads in their area. The county would only maintain the paved roads. The Commissioners are not in favor due to legal issues and financial costs.

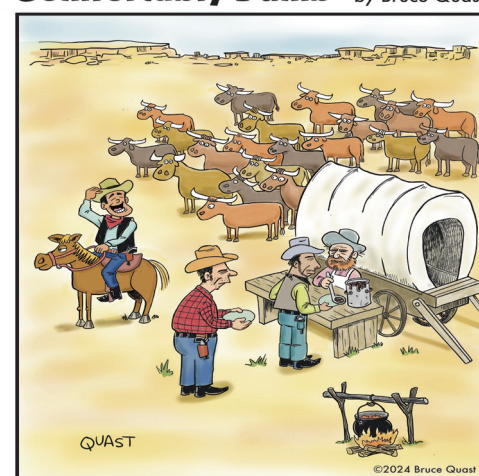
Chairman Shriver talked to Kirkham Michael about the pond at the PSB. They are going to check and contact KDHE. He will report

back.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 22, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:53 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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"Yee-hah! It's food truck Friday!"

Public Notice

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

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

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be open each day from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. in the County Clerk's Office. At 5:00 p.m. on February 20th, 2024 the books will close and remain closed until March 20th, 2024 which is the day after the General Election.

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

(SEAL)
Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GOLYA L. STERLING, deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-000004

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

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

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

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

Michael L. Sterling, Petitioner
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Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ROBERT F. LEITER, Deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-3

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 11, 2024, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in

this Court by Mary Leiter Swick.

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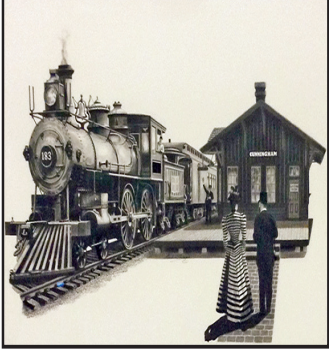
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Chris Dick

Christopher W. "Chris" Dick, 64, died Jan. 26, 2024, at his home.

He was born July 1, 1959, at Kingman the son of Paul and Aurora Martinez Dick. A lifetime resident of the Zenda and Spivey communities, he was employed by Case KanEquip in Pratt.

Chris was a member of the St. John Catholic Church, Zenda, the Knights of Columbus at Willowdale; and was an avid fan and supporter of the Kansas City Chiefs.

On Aug. 1, 1986, he married Michelle Kiley at Pratt. Other survivors include son Jared Dick and Mallory; daughter Alisa Mack and husband Jacob; brothers and their wives Mark and Rhonda, Eddie, Pat and Tammy, and Greg and Pam; and grandchildren Odessa, Gentry, Zoey, Mark and Hunter. He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law Larry Kiley; and sisters-in-laws Teri Dick and Sheila Dick; and nephew Jed Dick.

Parish rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 also at St. Peter Catholic Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the St. John Catholic Cemetery at Zenda.

Memorials may be made with St. John Catholic Church or Kansas Cancer Center Oncology, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Karen (Spade) Schmitt

Our devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Karen Schmitt, left this life peacefully, for her heavenly home, on Tuesday, January 23rd 2024, at Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center. Karen was born, March 4th, 1947, in Nashville, KS. daughter, to Elmer and Irene Spade.

At the age of 11, Karen moved to Phoenix, AZ. with her parents and 10 siblings, where she attended grade school at St. Agnes and graduated high school at St. Mary's, ultimately earning an Associate's degree in Psychology, at Scottsdale Community college at the age of 40.

Our amazing mother was a dedicated homemaker, who loved to cook and bake, spoiling us with hot breakfast meals before school without fail, and held a Sunday homemade pizza tradition that carried on for years. We won't talk about the Chop Suey, though, because let's face it, no one likes it! She was a well-respected Girl Scout leader, homeroom mom and volunteered for many church and school events for all three of us. In the early years, if you didn't see her on the golf course, slowly but surely out playing her husband, Chuck, you would find her on the tennis court, handling herself like a Pro!

Her creativity certainly didn't take a back seat to the athletic side, as she was also a gifted painter, seamstress, quilter and was quite the all-around crafty girl! There were many lucky recipients of her holiday themed, wood craft items that are proudly displayed year in and year out. She also had an uncanny way of not being able to pass up a casino without heading in for a few pulls on a slot machine, where more often than not, she beat the house.

She had a generous heart of gold, known to many, when she would bring a home cooked meal over just because, and taught us from an early age, how to give back, as it was a normal practice in our home to make several extra pumpkin pies at Thanksgiving and then take a car ride to deliver them to St. Vincent de Paul. She was an incredible example of faith and family, ensuring we attended church every Sunday, even when we were on vacation, she would find a way....I promise you, we weren't getting out of it.

Later on, she would find the joy in gardening with her 6 grandchildren, who harvested and ate more than they brought in the house to cook, but they all hold those memories close in their hearts. Spending time with Gramma K was everything to them, as they found her hilarious and sweet in everything she did and said.

Karen spent many good times "wine-ing" with the Creekettes, at their cabin in Christopher Creek, which they have enjoyed for over 30 years.

Karen is survived by her husband: Charles J. Schmitt, her three children; Gina Anthony (Dale), Cynthia Copenhaver (Karl) and Marc Schmitt, her six grandchildren; Ellie Anthony, Emma Anthony, Katherine Anthony, Zachary Quinn (Samantha), Jacob Quinn, Lukas Quinn; her mother, Irene Spade and Karen's five brothers, five sisters and their spouses.

Contributions can be made in Karen's loving memory to Phoenix Children's Hospital. You may send a check to Phoenix Children's Foundation, 2929 E. Camelback Rd., #122, Phoenix, AZ 85016 (if sending snail mail, please make sure to include "Karen Schmitt" in the memo line of the check). Thank you so much!

Mass will be held on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 10 A.M. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7655 E Main St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.



Rolla Fetterman

Turon - Rolla LeRoy Fetterman, 76, passed away Friday, January 26, 2024 at his home. He was born on April 4, 1947 in Pratt to Vernon D., Sr. and Alicemay Nadine (Sims) Fetterman. Rolla married Suzette "Suzie" (Welch) Fetterman on March 26, 1971, she preceded him in death on May 22, 2008. Rolla then married Marcia (Drake) Fetterman on May 26, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

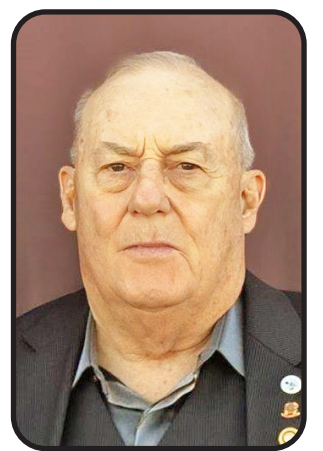
Rolla graduated from Pratt High School in 1965. In 1966, he enlisted with the United States Army. He retired in 1989. He was a member of V.F.W., NCOA and Fraternal Order of the Eagles. He was the Sexton of Turon Cemetery for many years and Trustee, Former Correctional Officer at the Hutchinson Prison for many years, and Special Ed bus driver in Reno County and bus driver for 25 years at Fairfield. He enjoyed reading, was an avid bowler and serving the Turon Community.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia; sons, Robin Fetterman of Junction City, Marty (Bridget) Fetterman of Sedalia, Missouri and Andy Lee Fetterman of Kansas City; daughter, Misha Middleton of St. Joseph, Michigan; step-daughters, Alicia (Bryan) Mong of Sand Springs, Oklahoma and Melissa (Jesse) Edmonson of South Hutchinson; grandchildren, Courtney Middleton of Stevensville, Michigan and Jake and Emily Fetterman of Sedalia, Missouri; step-grandchildren, Madison (Jerry) Galemore, Alexis (Jacob) Stanley, Raylynn (Hunter) Hilger, Aaron Edmonson and Austin Edmonson; a step-great granddaughter, Brylee Galemore.

Rolla is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Suzie; a brother, Vernon D. Fetterman, Jr.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2024 at Turon Community Church, Turon with Pastor Steve Gill presiding. Burial will follow at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

Memorials may be made to Turon Cemetery in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Larry Pitman

Larry W. Pitman, age 76, passed away peacefully at home on January 28, 2024. He was born in Wichita, KS on July 23, 1947, to Ed and Coletta (Wieser) Pitman. Larry graduated from Kingman High School (1965) and went on to earn a degree in Marketing from Kansas State University (1970) where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He later received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

Larry began his career at Procter & Gamble before becoming Director of Special Review at Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Larry dedicated 34 years of his career to the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care as President and CEO. Larry worked very hard to help ensure quality health care in the state of Kansas and took great pride in the respect he earned from colleagues locally and across the country.

He married Connie (Brack) Pitman in Great Bend, Kansas on August 1, 1970. She survives. He is also survived by his daughter Kelli Grieves (Ryan), grandsons Eli and Luke, siblings Sandra Vieyra (Martin), David Pitman (Joyce), sister-in-law Doris Pitman Unruh, mother-in-law Elsen Bender, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Leroy Pitman.

Larry loved coaching and playing softball. He enjoyed many years coaching a men's slow-pitch softball team and Kelli's youth softball teams. He loved supporting Kelli in all of her interests. After retirement, Larry enjoyed traveling with Connie and friends, playing golf, and following his grandsons' activities.

The family would like to thank Midland Care and Grace Home Care for their compassionate and dedicated care over the past three months.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Monday, February 5th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church 1716 SW Gage, Topeka, Kansas. Inurnment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Midland Care and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7 To share a fond memory of Larry or leave condolences for the family, please visit www.brennanmathena.com.



Dennis Laws

Dennis C. Laws, Jr. was born in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas on March 22, 1948, to Dennis C. Laws Sr. and Louise O. Robinson Laws. He passed away at home on January 12, 2024.

Dennis retired from Learjet as a tool and die maker. He loved to read, spin vinyls and watch movies. He also enjoyed camping, fishing and nature. Dennis was creative in making things from wood and metal to meet his needs and give to others.

He is survived by his siblings, Mary Enstrom, Gloria Freeman (Bill) and David Laws; niece Tammy Enstrom; nephews, Jeremy Laws (Danielle), Zachary Laws (Karen) and Brandon Ormond; great nieces and nephews, Erica Pearson (Calvin), Chase La Pierre (Valerie), Houston Laws, Caleb Peterson, Colin Laws, Gavin Laws and Mackenzie Laws; great great nephews, Henry and Benjamin Pearson and other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dennis C. Laws and Louise Laws; brother in law, Chuck Enstrom, some aunts and uncles, other family members and friends.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, January 23, at Old Mission Cemetery, Wichita, Ks.



Norma Anthony

Norma Jean Anthony, 95, was born in Attica, Kansas, on September 16, 1928, to Hubert and Sadie (Yocam) Hadsall. She passed away on January 26, 2024, at Country Living of Lyons, Kansas.

Norma graduated from Attica High School in 1947, and on July 6, 1947, was united in marriage to Earl E. Anthony, at her family home in Attica. They lived in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, until 1986, when they moved to Sterling, Kansas. Norma loved going to church, her flower gardens, and going with Earl to all the activities of their grandchildren. She attended Calvary Baptist Church in Sterling for many years. She and Earl celebrated 70 years of marriage before his passing in 2017.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; husband Earl Anthony; and son-in-law, Dick Redding. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Redding, and her children, Shelly (Kevin) Snow, and Rich (Aimee) Redding; and son, Kent (Cindy) Anthony, and their children Kristen (Adrian) Howie; Janie (Cole) Brokenicky; and Holly (Chad) Baalman. There are 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother and his wife, Gerald and Dai Hadsall.

A visitation from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. will be held Monday evening, January 29, at Birzer Funeral Home, Sterling, with family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be Tuesday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m., at Calvary Baptist Church in Sterling, KS, with Pastor Dale Jordan presiding. The burial will be at 2:00 p.m., at the Attica Cemetery, Attica, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to Calvary Baptist Church, Sterling.



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