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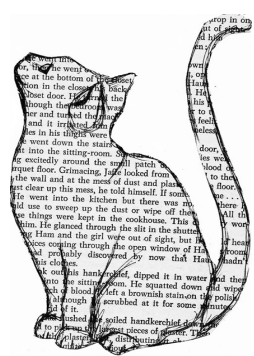
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Meanderings

I wasn't sure how this week's paper was going to come together. Technology issues arose first thing Monday morning. YIKES! Okay, I should be honest here... It

wasn't so much technology issues so much as my reluctance to learn more technology practices.

If something works, and has worked for years, why should I have to change my practices NOW??? I do get tired of relearning. And why can't all technology work the same?

Apples and Windows should be completely compatible. But here it is, Tuesday evening at 8:45, and the paper is done except for this little column and the bottom half of page 6. It came together

smoothly despite my lack of enthusiasm for learning new techniques on this computer.

Speaking of page 6... That list of honors should be the official end of the football season!

*** Can you believe there are only two more issues of the paper for 2022? Wow! The times races by, doesn't it? (and no, I've not yet started the files for next year. But I HAVE started putting together those nasty little tax bits that need to be collected so I can actually

get around to filing.

We (you, the reader, and I) have, thus far, weathered the increase in postage and printing. I do so very, very, very much appreciate all who have sent in extra monetary funds to help me keep this paper going. If you sent along an extra \$2.00 or \$5.00 or \$7.00 or \$24.00 or \$100.00, every bit helps...every single bit. And for those who are continuing to renew subscriptions and to buy gift subscriptions for those on your Christmas list, I thank you for that

as well. And another aspect I must thank my readers for is their continued support through advertising. I do not have the personality to be a salesperson, so I appreciate those who reach out to advertise with us. All your support is so very welcome as it keeps this paper in our community and with those who want to stay connected to this fine town.

I try to put together a good, positive paper with interesting bits of this and that. I think we have a pretty good thing

going here. I am grateful for all the support, no matter how insignificant it may see to you, it is all appreciated.

Always reading, And currently reading, "Dead Ringer" By Lisa Scottoline

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others." — Marcus Tullius Cicero

"Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise." — Sigmund Freud

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Weather permitting, for the next ten days I'll be crisscrossing Kansas repeatedly for both business and pleasure. Occasionally I've eyed all the scrawled notes on my December calendar and muttered, "I am nuts." But more often I'm filled with giddy excitement. Sure, we're all stressed professionally and personally as we attempt to complete way too many projects

and celebrate the holidays with family and friends. The flip side is that despite the building pressure and increasingly frenetic pace our lives take on this time of year, good humor and benevolence abound. Laughter and music surround us. And of course, there are special treats to sample. Last but not least, there's the way our homes and streets light up our nights—twinkling, blinking and wink-

ing at us as we bustle on our merry ways.

I am often delighted by what I've seen when I'm driving Kansas roads. But driving around our state after dark right now is simply enchanting. The outlines of our homes and farms are LITE-BRITE bright in every color imaginable. Trees and candles shimmer warmth out our windowpanes. Our yard décor ranges from serene Nativities to Griswold-esque spectacles and absolutely everything in-between. And that's just our individual light-splendor. No matter the community's size, when I slow down to pass through a city or

town, my eyes feast on the lights of our enchanting Main Streets. I am reminded during those moments of how we all come together. And no matter the darkness of the hour or the challenges we all may face, drinking in all that light feels like breathing hope.

I'm not always driving when I experience these thrills. Just the other day, I was in Lawrence for a meeting that began late afternoon. It was still daylight as I fed the parking meter, so what stood out most were the decorations of each shop up and down Massachusetts Street. I knew the temperature was expected to drop, so

when I exited the building a couple of hours later, my plan was to dash to my car. Instead, I stopped in my tracks. It was not the cold that took my breath away and turned my feet to lead. I did not count each bulb, but KSN dot com reports that Lawrence's Parks & Rec workers have strung 120,000 lights on this street. Standing on the sidewalk in the 900 block of Mass Street was not like looking at Christmas LITE-BRITE art, it was like BEING INSIDE IT.

And what made it even more marvelous was that I was not alone. I don't know if the pedestrians swirling round me on the sidewalk were

shoppers or just folks out and about. Same goes for all those I saw patiently maneuvering, bumper to bumper, their cars. I can only tell you we were all smiling. There were giggles and greetings and nods of heads and in that moment, something passed between all of us. I like to think it was the light of Christmas. And when I finally walked into Winter and headed towards my car, there was definitely hope, the hope of Spring, in my steps.

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



The Greatest Gifts

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

The Christmas season is a time of joy and anticipation. For weeks the Christmas Spirit grows with every decoration hung, carol sung and sweet treat consumed. The ultimate height of anticipation, especially for children is drafting a wish list for Santa.

I vividly remember the anticipation that came each year of my childhood with the arrival of the JC Penny "Wish

Book." My brother and I spent hours examining every page and letting our imaginations run wild with just how cool and glamorous our lives would be with each toy. By the time we were done that poor book was marked and highlighted with so many circles even Santa couldn't figure out what we wanted.

There is a sad nostalgia for me in knowing "Wish Books" have faded away. Children today really don't understand what they are missing.

That is one of the beautiful things about children, they can manifest anticipation, imagination and joy just about everywhere they look. It

rarely matters the cost of quality of the gift, in their mind the cheapest items can be great treasures and expensive gifts may not be any better at holding attention any longer. Children are quick to joy, imagination and seeing the possibility in all things.

At some point though our ideas about gifts change. Teenage desires are fueled by the coolest brands and newest electronics, but as most of the world can't really understand them you are almost better giving them a gift card. In our early adult years, our desires move to more practical things motivated by the gaps in our lives left by

the new world of adulting. I remember when I was first out of college asking for exciting things like new tires for my car, a vacuum cleaner and a whole list of kitchen appliances.

At some point in the last decade, I reached the point where I have everything I need to be happy. Gifts stopped being a source of anticipation, and a wish list became more a chore than a dream. My anticipation at the holidays has shifted from dreaming about what I want to give.

Giving has become a source of great joy for me. My anticipation builds each year while I search and puzzle over

gifts that will make my loved ones light up with joy. It isn't always easy, we all have that one person who wants things that are completely unrealistic like a time-travel machine, world peace or a new sports car.

The best gifts are rarely expensive or trendy, they are usually practical and may seem a bit strange to anyone but the recipient. However, they show your loved ones how much you listen to them and want them to be happy. Great gifts feel so good because it is like being told, "I like you exactly as you are."

None of the items on my Christmas list will make or break my holi-

day season. I make my list so my loved ones can have the joy of getting me something that shows their love, even though I really only care about spending time together.

As you finish your holiday shopping this year don't stress over the perfect gift, remember it really doesn't matter if you buy them a smart phone, muck boots or a nice dinner together. The true joy of the season will come from participating in traditions, making memories and knowing how blessed we are to be together with people we love.

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A column by Dorothy Rosby

A Few Christmas Tunes I'd Like to Roast Over an Open Fire

There are a few Christmas songs that make me grateful Christmas comes but once a year.

Disclaimer: The opin-

ions expressed in this essay are mine alone. But it is my blog so I can do that. You may feel differently. I won't hold it against you.

I'm fond of Christmas music and I'm sincerely grateful to those radio stations that play it all day, every day from Thanksgiving until Christmas. I can't help

singing along with all my favorites, which I'm sure is as entertaining to the people next to me at stoplights as it is annoying to those in the car with me. I'd never get my tree up and my Christmas shopping done if it weren't for music getting me into the spirit of the season. And sometimes even that doesn't work.

I love "O Holy Night," "Away in a Manger" and "Silver Bells." Every time a snowflake falls I burst into a chorus of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," even if it falls in April. I like "White Christmas" as much as anyone, as long as I don't have to shovel. And "Winter Wonderland" is one of my favorites. You know it: "Later on we'll perspire, 'cause it's warm by the fire. Plus we're afraid of the plans that we've made, walking in a winter wonderland." It's something like that.

But there are a few Christmas songs that make me grateful Christmas comes but

once a year, and "Santa Baby" is at the top of the list. "Do You Hear What I Hear?" (See how I did that? I really like that one.) The singer is flirting with Santa, who, as far as I know, is a happily married man. And all she wants for Christmas is...a lot. Just a fur coat, a convertible, a yacht, a duplex, some checks, a ring, decorations from Tiffany's and the deed to a platinum mine. All I want is to never hear her ask for it all again.

The only wish list longer than hers is in "The Twelve Days of Christmas." I read that it would cost \$170,298.03 to buy everything for that twelve-day gift-giving rampage and what would you have to show for it? A noisy mess. Our hapless gift recipient would be forced to sell her gold rings to buy an aviary for all the birds. Then she'd have put the ladies dancing and the lords-a-leaping to work cleaning it, which would be a real waste of talent.

"All I Want for

Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" is a short but equally annoying Christmas wish song. There's not a child in America who would settle for that. That song should only be performed at elementary school Christmas concerts where it's still cute, even if it is a lie.

"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" is another song that should only be sung by small children, and the Chipmunk song, "Christmas Don't Be Late," should only be heard by small children. That song makes me long for a little "Silent Night" which, by the way, is one of my favorites.

And speaking of musical animals, hearing dogs bark "Jingle Bells" is a once-in-a-lifetime experience by which I mean once in a lifetime is enough. I don't know about chestnuts, but that's one Christmas CD I wouldn't mind roasting over an open fire.

That and "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." It's mean, it's

disrespectful and there's no way it could have happened. Everyone knows reindeer fly.

Finally there's "The Christmas Shoes," a melodramatic song about a boy who goes shoe shopping for his mother while she's home dying. Hear that too many times and you have a hard time believing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." (Another favorite of mine.)

I'll get through it somehow. I'll sing along with the ones I like and change the station during the ones I don't. December 26 will roll around and I won't have to hear "Last Christmas" and "Baby It's Cold Outside" again for another whole year. "Joy to the World," which I love, by the way.

Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand now available at Mitzi's Books in Rapid City and on Amazon in both print and e-book versions.

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<p>Thursday, December 15th 12:15 Forensics Play ***</p> <p>JH BB vs Skyline at HOME</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 20th HS BB at Macksville **</p> <p>School 2nd Quarter ends School dismiss at 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, December 16th Ninnescah Valley Bank Open House ***</p> <p>HS BB vs Classical School at HOME</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 21st - Monday, January 2nd Christmas Break</p>
<p>Monday, December 19th K-5th caroling ***</p> <p>PreK - 12 Music Concert</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 3rd Classes resume</p> 



Holiday Open House
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10:00 - Noon
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Don't Forget!
Mary Oller is celebrating her 90th birthday on December 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Hall. If you can't join her, she'd love to hear from you. Cards can be sent to P.O. Box 214 Cunningham, Ks 67035. Your best wishes are the only gift she requests.

Battery Collection at CPL on Hold Until February 2023

The library has shipped a full box (60 lbs.) of used batteries for recycling and are awaiting a new collection box. Please do not bring batteries to the library until we announce that we are ready to accept batteries again. You may prepare used batteries for recycling at home and bring them to the library when we have our new collection box. Until that time, please follow the latest guidelines (below) from U.S. DOT:

The U.S. DOT has specific terminal protection requirements that minimally must be adhered to when shipping the following batteries: Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Nickel Zinc, Alkaline, Carbon Zinc - all over 9V; and Lithium Ion, Small Sealed Lead Acid, Lithium and Button Cell regardless of size or voltage. **To further the safe collection and transport of batteries, please be sure that all batteries, despite the type, be bagged or taped.**

Bagging is the quickest and easiest way to protect battery terminals.

- You may use clear ziplock bags, clear produce bags or one provided at our next collection box. Drop one battery in the bag and seal (no twist ties!). You may seal by tying the bag. **No paper bags, grocery bags, or colored bags.**

When clear plastic bags are not an options, please tape the positive (+) (the one with the bump) terminal for all AA, AAA, C & D batteries. You may use clear **packing tape, duct tape, or non-conductive electrical tape. Only tape the terminals, DO NOT cover the entire battery or the chemistry type on battery label.**

- For button batteries:
- Lay down a piece of **CLEAR packing tape**, sticky side up.
 - Place the button batteries on the tape with space between each battery.
 - Cover with a second layer of **CLEAR tape**

Do NOT use any of the following to protect battery terminals: Painter's tape, Masking tape, or Schotch tape.

Lithium-based rechargeable and primary batteries are the most popular battery today. They come in many shapes and sizes, are hard to identify and are very hazardous. They are found in cellphones and other electronics. **Always bag or tape each one!**

The library is pleased to bring this valuable recycling service to the community and sincerely appreciates your help in ensuring we do so safely.

Upcoming Auctions

There will be no auctions until after the first of the year.


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Lions Club Accepting Donations


The Lions' Club is taking up donations of socks and sweat pants for PreK through high school students. A donation box has been left at Ninnescah Valley Bank. Money may also be donated and can be left at the bank as well.



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1927
December 30

A bunch of thieves with some carefully laid plans robbed the Jett Mercantile company at Pratt of over \$6,000.00 in cash and checks Monday morning. Entrance to the store was gained by breaking a glass and crawling in through the hole and opening a rear door. Every cash register in the store was rifled and the big safe looted.

1947
December 26

Christmas Greetings, Clipper advertisers: Dafforn Motor and Appliance; Rose Garage; Cunningham Theatre; Harry Nossaman; Cunningham Butane Service; Woods Oil Co.; Rohling Grocery and Café; Cunningham Repair Shop; Kincheloe Implement Co.; Taylor Barber Shop; Brunswick Smoker; Bowersock Elevator; First National Bank of Cunningham; Tucker Service Station; Jones Café and Confectionery; Hi-Way Café; Viola's Beauty Shop; J. F. Schump; K-T Oil Corp.; Tiny Ast, prop.; Harold Stark, tank wagon; Western Light & Telephone Co.; Burnett's Drug Store; Santa Fee Systems Lines; Huhman's Modern Cabins; Buntmeyer Electric; Cannon's Variety Store; Geo. E. Gano Grain Corp.; J. B. Houston Lumber Co.; Patton's Skelly Service Station; Hauser's Self-Service Market and Zero Lockers

1952
December 26

Christmas Greetings, Clipper advertisers: Buntmeyer Electric; Cozy Café; Hauser's Market; Vern's Mobil Service; Cannon's Store; NuWay Laundry, Kingman; J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Co.; Deb's Standard Service; Joe Pelzl, Bulk Agent; Rose Garage; Brunswick Smoker; Kincheloe Implement Co.; Fee Hardware; Dick's Drug Store; Cunningham Theatre; Western Light & Telephone; Kansas Power & Light; Dafforn Motor Company; Dafforn Appliances; Patton's Service Station; HiWay Café; Cunningham Repair Shop; Taylor's Barber Shop; Wilkerson Tractor Service; Dunn Oil Company; Hoagland Market; Huhman Motel; Jones Café and Confectionery; Viola's Beauty Shop; McCool Radio Sales and Service; Vera's Café; Covey's K-T Station; City Taylors, Kingman; First National Bank of Cunningham.

1957
December 26

New Year's Greetings, Clipper advertisers: Twin Gables; Raney's Truck Service; Cunningham Clipper; Hoagland Market; Reno Telephone Assn.; Ellis Derby Station; Calvert's in Kingman; Ace Cleaners; Kincheloe Implement Co.; Willinger Standard Service; K. J. Scripsick, Bulk Agent; Gano Grain Corp.; Hauser's Market; NuWay Laundry, Kingman; Elmdale Motel; Oklahoma Tire and Supply, Pratt; City Tailors, Kingman; Bob's Repair Shop; McCool's Radio and TV Service; Suart Hardware, Kingman; Kingman IGA; Whitmer and Son, Kingman; Vera's Café; Knotty Pine Motel; Hergert's K-T Station; Pratt Furniture Co.; McCullough's Rexall, Kingman; J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Co.; Rose Garage; Patton's Service Station; Cole's Flowers, Kingman; Hilltop House and Staff; Vern's Mobil Station; Cozy Café; Cannon's Store; Dick's Drug Store; Cunningham Repair Shop; First National Bank of Cunningham.

1962
December 27

Emil Dostal has purchased the former Methodist Parsonage, and began tearing the house down this week.

A temporary crossing has been made at the Santa Fe railroad tracks where the new curb and gutter and paving project on Elliott Street crosses the tracks in front of the depot.

Harry Doty, 74, of Guymon, Okla., a former Cunningham resident, passed away last Thursday evening.

Mr. Doty was born and reared in the Cunningham community, and was cashier of the Cunningham State Bank, which became defunct during the '20s.

1967
December 28

Formal exchange of common stock on the part of Reno Telephone Association, Inc., shareholders, whose company has been sold to Continental Telephone Corp., is scheduled for the last half of this week at the Kansas Telephone Company offices in Sterling.

The Reno Telephone Association owned the telephone exchanges in Cunningham, along with numerous other exchanges in small towns throughout this area of Kansas, before their sale to Continental Telephone Corp.

YEARS AGO IN
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1977
December 22

If your house were to catch fire today, would you be protected? Would there be enough firemento put it out?

These questions were as an aftermath of a fire which occurred Monday, December 19 at the home of August Meyers.

The fire, the result of hot grease on a stove, began at 10:45 a.m. Eight firemen answered the call to fight it, and extinguished it by 11:45 a.m. Results showed fire damage in the kitchen, extensive smoke damage throughout the rest of the house, and very little water damage.

Members of the Board of Education of District 332, Superintendent R.H. Turner, and members of the West Kingman County Teachers Association had their annual Christmas get-together for the second time at Gene and Pat Aubley's Sawyer home.

Since the Aubley's home is actually a renovated school, some met early to play volleyball in the gymnasium and other active games. After a meal of grilled hamburgers, homemade buns, salads and desserts, there were volleyball games. Some sat and chatted around the Christmas tree and fireplace.

The children and adults enjoyed the family party very much.

Kayettes have Christmas Party

The Kayettes had a Christmas party December 14 beginning at 3:00. They exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments of pop and doughnuts. Also they played "Fruit Basket Upset."

The Junior High UFO will again pick up old newspapers on December 28 if you leave them on the front porch or near the curbing in front of your homes. If you live in the country, please notify the David Amicks or the Lonnie Thiessens so they may be picked up.

A group of young couples brightened Monday evening for several residents of Cunningham when they went caroling from house to house. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hellar, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Phillips, Mrs. And Mrs. Dave Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Thiessen, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Witt, John and Brian provided the entertainment, then returned to the Hellar house for eggnog and refreshments.

Santa Claus Day Parade Entries and Winners

Tricycles:
1st Grady Green
2nd Kruze Panek

Scooters
1st Maggie Huffman
2nd Parker Jo Miller
3rd AnnMarie Kerschen
Asher Bestgen
Beckett Miller
Paxton Miller



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1st Chase Simon
2nd Oakley Panek
3rd Clay Young

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1st Aspen and Corbio Hildreth

Motorized Vehicles
1st Avery, Asher, and Atlee Beat
2nd Kinley Freeman
3rd Everett Ruckle and Sloan Thimesch
Kyra Morgan, Ava Evans and Cheyenne Slaughter
Andrew Kerschen and Maeve Carney

Pets
1st Claire Linville with Sonny the pony
2nd Jett Preisser with Little Lady the chicken
3rd Wyatt Neywick with Apache the goat
Vaughn Preisser with Casper the rabbit
Shandi Romine with Timmy the goat
Ava Neywick with Luna the goat
The Thimesch Family with Snort and Spice, Pepper and Taz, Cash and Buck, Honey and Patchy

Costumes
1st Crew Hauser
2nd Calvin Fischer
3rd Konner Fischer
Brody Halderson, Jace Oldham, Landon Green

Floats
1st 4H
2nd 4C Daycare
3rd Beat Repair, LLC
Willow, Wren, Winfrey Preisser and Jalynn McGuire
Jade Preisser
Sage and Lux Thimesch, Mackley Glenn, and Katie Ogg
SC Telecom
Wildcat Football

Other entrants
Kent and Cooper Neufeld on 1948 John Deere
Kurt and Wesly Preisser on 5020 John Deere Tractor
Carson and Keith Strohl on Case Spreader for Ag-One
Jeff and Leah Ellis in 1966 Chevelle
Skyland Grain Spreader
1954 F 500 Skyland Grain Truck
John Steffen, Dean Fitzsimmons and Mary Claire Huffman in 1947 Chevy Pickup

Firetrucks were driven by
Wyatt Beat
Tyler Beat
Matt Westerhaus
Tom Bell
Matt Woods
Max Wegerer



Raffle Winners

Bikes donated by Cheri Dorzweiler were won by Dean Mack and Debbie Renner
Pre-K won the tree decorating contest
Sacred Heart Altar Society
Julie Russell - quilt made by Jeanne Theis
Emily Kumberg - table topper
Patty Donelson - food basket
Hands of Hope prize winners
Rogene Jarmer - kitchen basket
Sue Van Meter - Christmas basket
Cunningham Recreation winner
Megan Osner - gift basket
Lions' Club winner
Patty Huffman - cups and cocoa bombs

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Dear Roberta and Courier Readers,

“Every man has his secret sorrows which the world knows not, and often times we call a man cold when is only sad.” (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Sunday afternoon, after Russ checked out the preview of what looked like an interesting movie, we travelled to Wichita to view what is now my new favorite, entitled “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.” It is the true story behind the beloved Christmas carol. It is the story behind the story of Longfellow’s creation.

It is tragedy, it is triumph. It is pain, it is bliss. It is loss, it is gain. It is hate, it is love. It is crisis, it is peace. It is despair, it is hope. It is doubt, it is faith. The famous poet, Longfellow, endured much tragedy, but

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

in the end he became better rather than bitter, but it certainly was a journey. Longfellow was a poet, his dear Frances (Fanny) was his poetry! His children were his treasures! A writer with a brilliant mind of Longfellow assimilates human events set to a rhythm that evoke emotion extraordinaire. His iconic works during the American Civil War brought our country inspiration, courage and unity.

Without giving away the movie plot, anyone who enjoys beauty, poetry, 19th century American history, and generally an excellent plot with deep human drama will absolutely love this movie! It is so well scripted, and the acting is excellent! I personally felt transported into the mid-1800s, a guest in the Longfellow home in Cambridge,

Massachusetts.

I grew up listening to my literature-loving father quoting “Hiawatha” in my mind I can still hear him chuckle after saying, “By the shores of Gitche Gumee.” In my early married years, I listened to my mother-in-law, Priscilla, and her mother, Lucile, quoting “The Children’s Hour,” written about Longfellow’s own dear children. When one lady faltered, the other would finish the line. I especially remember the stanza:

“From my study I see in the lamplight,

Descending the broad hall stair,

Grave Alice, and laughing Allegra,

And Edith with golden hair.”

My own children memorized portions of Longfellow’s “Paul Revere’s Ride.” I fondly

remember my dad and his brother quoting poetry in my youth, that they had learned in their school-boy days. I have such an appreciation for the memorization of beautiful writings, and have done my best to instill that love of literature into my children. It is such a sense of accomplishment to finally conquer a long piece and recite it together.

So dear readers, if you are looking for a wholesome and entertaining movie with a Christmas theme, this is IT! Be inspired and bring plenty of tissues! I may or may not have been the only one in the theater audibly sobbing... if you know me well you won’t be surprised that yes, I was the one.

Merry Christmas and Blessings to all,
Karen Cornelius Eck



Cunningham Community Christmas Parade Opening Prayer

On this beautiful afternoon we come before you: O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas.

Put into our hearts as men and women, children and youth alike- the Hope, the peace, the Joy and the Love for which we more than often seek so desperately and which you alone can give to us in a full measure.

Help us to know one another better, as bearers of your image, and to live as brothers and sisters, as the children of the same Father in this beautiful Community. Reveal to us also your beauty, humility, holiness and purity.

Awaken in our hearts your love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join us all together in your love during this season and beyond. And give us your heavenly peace.

These we pray in the name of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Rev. Mathew Musyoki Cunningham-Penalosa UMC

Personified and additions to prayer (incorporated Pope John XXIII). 12/10/2022

The Bible According to Kids

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.

Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.



The fifth commandment is to humor thy father and mother.

The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Genius at McDonald’s

Greg Maisel was a genius.

He was also a 16-year-old cashier at McDonald’s. Working with him at the fast food restaurant across from our high school, I didn’t immediately recognize him for what he was. That should have been the first clue that he was special, but instead I found it strange.

Greg had an odd habit. While the rest of the crew walked to fill customer’s orders, Greg ran. This simple, extra effort, soon proved him a very valuable commodity.

Since he got more work done than anyone else on the crew, everyone wanted him. If you were a customer, you wanted to be in his line. If you were a co-worker, you wanted him work-

ing right next to you. If you were a manager, you wanted him on your shift.

Greg’s genius did not go unrewarded. He was scheduled to work the most hours. He was scheduled to work the best hours. He was given the days off he requested. Better yet, he earned the largest raises. All for running, while everyone else walked. Greg Maisel was a genius because he understood that classic truth - you reap what you sow.

To reap any rewards at work or in life, we must first put out our portion. Greg understood that to receive superior rewards, he needed to provide superior efforts, a simple formula that is made easier by the fact that so few people put out that extra push.

Whether he recognized it or not, Greg’s habit of running added the additional benefit of compressing time. While it took the rest of us six months to earn a raise, Greg was doing it in one. While it took other

kids weeks to make an impression on management, Greg had done it in his first five minutes. Greg made himself valuable to McDonald’s by first becoming their most valuable employee. From that point on, Greg called the shots at work - and if he recognized his own genius - in life.

Running is merely an example of doing more than is expected. The greater your service, the greater your rewards. The universe works that way. I’m not sure Greg realized that consciously, but he certainly understood it subconsciously.

The world has a severe shortage of Greg Maisels, creating unlimited opportunities for the rest of us. In fact, I’ll guarantee there’s a shortage of Greg’s type of genius right where you’re working now. If your boss is like most, he or she is just dying to find a Greg Maisel to help shoulder the burden.

What are you waiting for?



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays - 8:30 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays – 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

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

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Fundraisers & Charitable

Opportunities in our Community

United Methodist Women donate to help the drought victims in Kenya

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(to donte contactJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Wildcats On 2022 All League HOPL Football Team

All League 1st Team Offense

Trey DeWeese, Cunningham, Quarterback, Senior
Lane Halderson, Cunningham, Tight End, Senior
Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Running Back, Junior
Will Wegerer, Cunningham, Center, Sophomore

All-League 1st Team Defense

Lane Halderson, Cunningham, Linebacker, Senior
Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Defensive Back, Junior
Jack Ruckle, Cunningham, Defensive Line, Junior

All League 1st Team Special Teams

Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Returner/Utility, Junior
Dagim Reed, Cunningham, Kicker, Sophomore

All League 2nd Team Offense

Luke Albers, Cunningham, Offensive End, Sophomore

All League 2nd Team Defense

Trey DeWeese, Cunningham, Linebacker, Senior
Dagim Reed, Cunningham, Linebacker, Sophomore

All League Offense Honorable Mention

Dagim Reed, Cunningham, Running Back, Sophomore

All League Defense Honorable Mention

Trent Schnitter, Cunningham, Defensive Lineman, Sophomore

Editor's Note: I had to cut out the players from other league teams because there just wasn't enough room. (it would have taken up a quarter of a page or more).



Ingrid Ricke Photos

NHS students Ellie McGuire and Alice Huelskamp had fun shopping for the gifts for our annual Angel Tree service project. Lane Halderson was busy wrapping all of them.

JH Lady Cats A-team Fall to Norwich; B-team Wins

On Thursday, December 1, 2022, the Cunningham JH Lady Wildcats opened up HOPL play at home against Norwich. Cunningham found themselves trailing 5-8 after the first quarter, but used a 6-2 run in the second quarter to take a narrow 11-10 halftime lead. The Lady Eagles would outscore the Lady Cats in the third quarter 5-3 to take a 15-14 lead into the final period. After Norwich scored two baskets to start the 4th quarter, Cunningham would strike back with an 8-1 run to take a narrow

22-21 lead, the Lady Eagles then responded and went on to score the final 7 points of the game to come away with a 28-22 win. The win dropped the Lady Cats to 0-1 in league play and now stand 2-2 overall on the season. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 1, Rylee Miller 15, Whitney Mead 6.

In the b-team game the Lady Cats would outscore the Lady Eagles 12-7 in the second half to come away with a 14-13 win. The B-team record now stands at 3-0. Lady Wildcat B-team scoring vs. Norwich: Sage Thimesch 5, Keyonna Huffman 4, Andi Young 3, Kourtnei Fischer 2.

-Coach Bart Ricke

JH Girls Fall to Central Christian

The Cunningham JH girls traveled to Hutchinson on Monday, December 12, 2022 to take on the Central Christian Lady Cougars. The Lady Cats stayed with the home team Lady Cougars in the first quarter and trailed just 5-8 after one, but Central Christian got hot in the second quarter, scoring 14 points while the Lady Wildcats were only able to score one basket to trail CCS 7-22 at the half. Central Christian continued to make shots in the second half and CJH had trouble getting ball to go through the hoop, only

scoring three points in the third and just two in the fourth, falling to Central Christian 12-37. The loss dropped the Cunningham record to 1-2 in the HOPL and 3-3 overall. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Kaylee Mertens 2, Macy Neufeld 5, Morgan Oldham 1, Rylee Miller 4. In the B-team game the Lady Cats found themselves trailing 2-9, but went on to outscore the Lady Cougars 14-1 the rest of the way to win 16-10. Scoring for the B-team Lady Cats: Morgan Oldham 4, Keyonna Huffman 6, Andi Young 4, Kourtnei Fischer 2.

-Coach Bart Ricke

Photos Taken at the Falcon Classic Basketball Tournament



Kaitlyn Hennessee



Maranda Lohrke

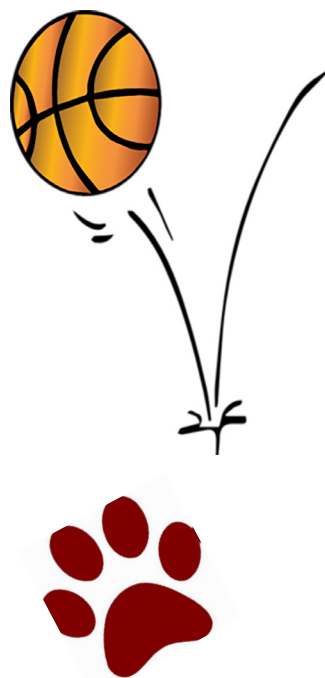


Trey DeWeese

photos by Molly Morgan



Hannah Ellis



Luke Albers

Wildcats Advance in Falcon Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats moved to the winner's side of the bracket in the Falcon Classic held at Fairfield High School with a 69 to 36 win over Flinthills from Rosalia on December 6, 2022.

Cunningham had a slow start offensively making just four out of 15 field goals. The Flinthills Mustangs kept pace and led at the end of the first quarter 11 to 10. Luke McGuire scored five points. Trey DeWeese added three points and Lane Halderson made two points.

After changing defenses in the second quarter, the Cats put the pedal to the metal with a balanced attack outscoring the Mustangs 20 to seven. The Cunningham defense forced 15 of the Flinthills' 28 turnovers in the quarter. McGuire, Halderson, and Will Wegerer each scored five points. DeWeese and Luke Albers each had three and two points, respectively.

Cunningham continued the pressure and had a high quarter score for the game with 23 points while holding the Mustangs to 13 points. DeWeese led with nine points. Halderson made six points. McGuire

scored four points with Albers and Reed adding three and one point, respectively. Cunningham led 53 to 31 going into the fourth quarter.

The 4th quarter saw the mercy rule applied that has the clock run after a 30-point margin has been reached. DeWeese scored five more of his game-high 20 points. Reed and Albers added four points each and Halderson put in three points for a 16-point total. Flinthills scored five.

The Cats have done a superior job of taking care of the ball with only 6 turnovers for the game. -By Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	4	2		14	3	3	2	
Halderson	6		4/6	16	8	2	2	
Wegerer	1	1		5	3	3	4	
DeWeese	3	4	2/3	20	9	2	5	
Reed		1	2/6	5	3	2	2	
Albers	4		1/1	9	2	2	3	
Sterneker					1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	20	17	15	5	57
Minneola	12	19	13	11	55



Wildcats Defeat Stafford

The Cunningham Wildcats advanced to the Championship Game of the Falcon Classic held at Fairfield to face the Ellinwood Eagles after defeating the Stafford Trojans by a score of 58 to 51 on December 8, 2022.

Stafford jumped out to a five-to-zero lead before Trey DeWeese put the Cats on the scoreboard with a two-point basket. The defense kicked in and only allowed the Trojans two more points for the 1st quarter. Luke Albers came off of the bench and

hit a three-point shot and Dagim Reed added two points to end the quarter with a 7 to 7 game.

Both teams heated up in the second quarter with Cunningham making five three-point baskets by Luke McGuire, Luke Albers, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, and Dagim Reed. Wegerer also made a traditional three-point play with a two-point shot and a free throw. Stafford scored 19 points and led at the half by one point, 26 to 25.

The Wildcats kept the offensive onslaught going in the third quarter adding 22 points to their total while holding the Trojans

to 11 points. Albers had the hottest hand with eight points. DeWeese and Wegerer scored six and five points, respectively. Lane Halderson got on the board with three points.

Cunningham saw their ten-point lead shrink to two points at one time in the fourth quarter. But timely baskets by DeWeese and 7 for 12 from the free throw line kept the Trojans at bay and secured the win and a chance to win a tournament championship.

-by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1		3	2	4	1	
Halderson	1		1/2	3	5		1	
Wegerer	2	2	4/5	14	2	1		
DeWeese	6	1	2/5	17	5	5	3	
Reed	1	1	2/4	7	5	3	3	
Albers	4	2	0/2	14	3	2	1	
Schnittker					1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	7	18	22	11	58
Minneola	7	19	11	14	51



Wildcats Finish Runner-Up at Falcon Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats fell for the first time this season to place second in the Fairfield Falcon Classic basketball tournament to the Eagles of Ellinwood by a score of 50 to 71 on December 9, 2022.

Cunningham had a good first quarter scoring 16 points and holding the Eagles to 13 points. Luke McGuire made two three-point baskets along with five points from Trey DeWeese. Dagim Reed added a three-point basket and Lane Halderson

finished with two points.

Ellinwood turned the tables in the second quarter by scoring 16 to Cunningham's 13 points resulting in a "New Game" to begin the second half. The halftime score was 29 all. DeWeese and Luke Albers each scored six points and Halderson added a free throw.

Ellinwood blew the game open in the third quarter with 24 points while the Cats managed 12 points to trail by 12 points going into the fourth quarter. Halderson went to work inside and scored eight points. McGuire and Wegerer

each scored two points.

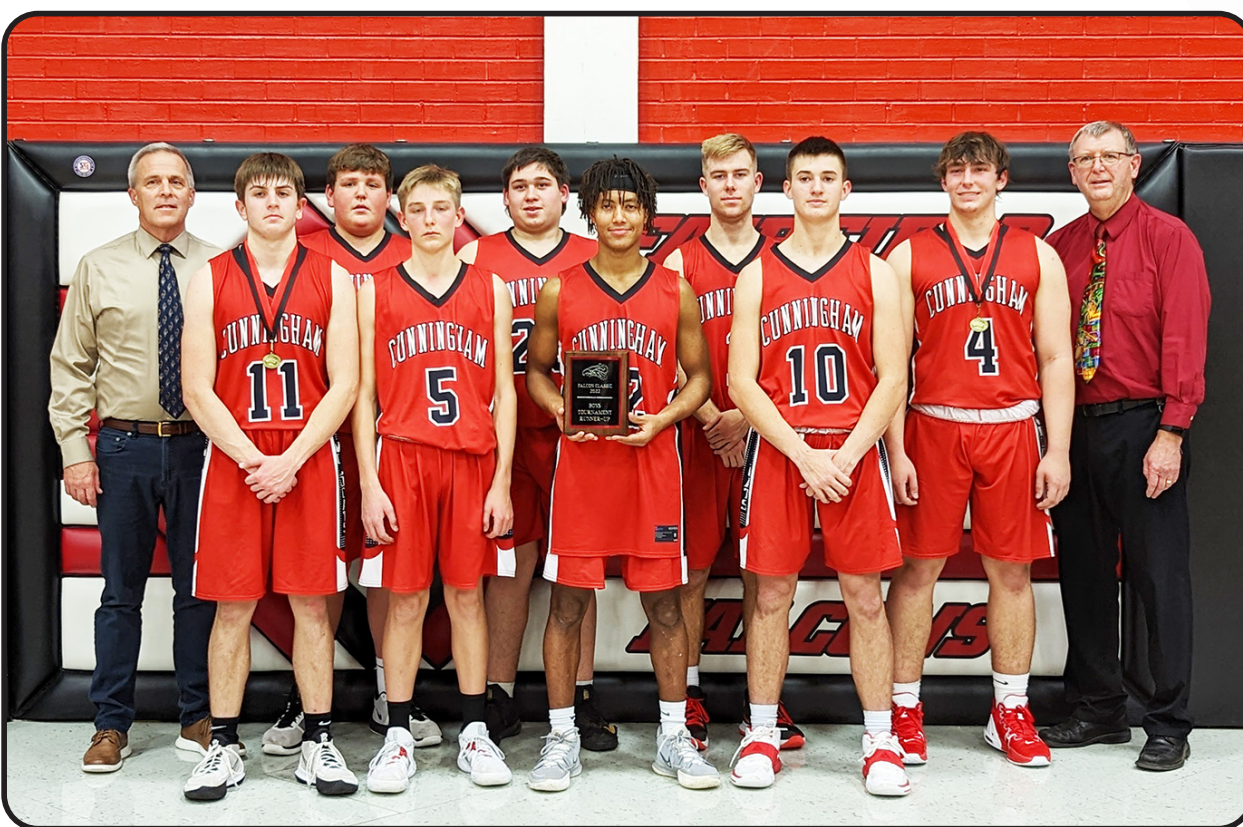
You could see the toll that back-to-back hard-fought games had on the Cats as just six players were utilized. Ellinwood finished off the Cats with an 18-point fourth quarter. Cunningham put in nine points to end the game with a 50 to 71 loss. DeWeese scored five points, Albers made a three-point basket and McGuire made a free throw to round out the scoring.

Trey DeWeese and Lane Halderson were named to the All-Tournament Team.

-by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	2	1/2	9	1	5		
Halderson	5		1/4	11	10			
Wegerer			2/2	2	2	1		
DeWeese	5	1	3/4	16	8	2	5	
Reed		1		3	1			
Albers		3		9	4	1	1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	16	13	12	9	50
Ellinwood	13	16	24	18	71



Wildcats placed 2nd in the Falcon Classic Basketball Tournament



photos by Molly Morgan

Wildcats named to the Falcon Classic All Tournament Teams: Trey DeWeese, Ellie McGuire, Lane Halderson



The Nashville High School Indians Final Alumni Gathering

The final gathering of the Nashville High School Alumni was held Saturday November 26th.

There were 50 present with 33 graduates and 17 guests. The Nashville High School had graduates from 1922 to 1966.

The oldest living graduate is Gladys Pagenkopf, who graduated in 1941. The oldest graduate in attendance was Dean Pagenkopf who graduated in 1943.

A very good time was had by all with visiting and stories told of teachers, sporting and school events, and pranks played.



1943 and 1946: Harvey Oberdick, Dean Pagenkopf and Glen Dirks



photos and story submitted by Jerry Armstrong



1950: Lloyd Venard



1954 and 1956: Marion Fiegel, Ray Theis, Donald Naasz, Janet (Thome) Sterneker, Luella (Dicke) Hargett



1957: Myrna Hensiek, Cecil Westerman, Clark Stewart, Robert Liebl, Clara Mae (Spade) Freund, Margie (Albers) Sterneker



1958 and 1961: George Westerman, Violet (Hensiek) Harding, Ken Theis, Carol (Cross) Freund, Harold Venard



1962 and 1963: Aileen (Weber) Schmidt, Sam Theis, Sharon (Westerman) Prater



1964: Gary Westerman, Alice (Mattal) Spencer, Wayne Stewart, Jo Beth (Waylan) Denton, Leroy Ford



1965 and 1966: Loetta (Westerman) Lohrke, Donald Ford, Carolyn (Robinson) Banion, MaryAnn (Dicke) Kerr, Leroy Weber



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A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Truth Is, We Like To Be Lied To

My dog Thurber has been lying to me. It only figures, because it's impossible to avoid mistruths these days. We just exited a miserable election cycle in which truth stretching, name calling and vote pandering were all in high gear — and inescapable. Our politicians in both major parties really know

how to lie. They know most Americans disdain complexity and want to hear promises that resonate — even false ones. They know we voters want contradictory things like more free government goodies — but less government spending. And that we want fatter Social Security checks — but lower payroll taxes. The politicians always promise they'll make these impossibilities happen if we vote for them. We know they're lying to us — and we've learned to count on it. But politicians aren't the only ones fibbing out there. Our cable news personalities pretend to be after the truth. But in fact they spin

whatever yarns are likely to generate the most ratings — and to heck with the anger and division their "reporting" causes. From our country's beginning we've had our share of liars, snake-oil salesmen and flimflam artists. These scoundrels weren't judged on the rightness or wrongness of their scams so much as the skill with which they pulled them off. The sorry truth is that Americans want to be lied to. We're suckers for a skillfully told yarn that puts us at ease and helps us sleep better at night. But my dog, Thurber, is spinning yarns, too? Part of the reason I

love my puppy so much, I had thought, was because he was a refuge from the adult world of mistruth. But then I stumbled upon an Animal Cognition study that found that dogs, too, are capable of lying to get what they want. In the study, researchers trained 27 dogs to differentiate between a "cooperative" woman who allowed them to have their favorite treat and a "competitive" woman, who did not. Dogs were taught how to lead the two women to three boxes: one contained sausages, their favorite treat, the second contained dog biscuits, and the third was empty. When dogs were asked to "show me the

food" they would lead their partner to one of the three boxes. The cooperative woman rewarded dogs with whatever was inside the box, but the competitive woman kept the treats if the dogs picked a box with treats inside. So what did the clever canines do? They almost always led the cooperative partner to the treats and the competitive partner away from them. In other words, dogs can be as cunning and deceitful as the rest of us, which is beginning to explain a lot about Thurber. Let me give you an example. When he looks me dead in the eye and gives a soft whimper, he's telling me he needs to go

Number 1. The same look accompanied by a soft moan means he needs to go Number 2. But sometimes he pretends he has to "go" 1 or 2, just so I will let him outside to play. What else is he lying to me about, I wonder? Where he hid my glasses? The TV remote? My checkbook? Somebody cashed a check for \$1,000 recently and the signature looked an awful lot like Thurber's paw print. My point? Mistruths are running rampant these days. Even our dogs are lying to us. Copyright 2022 Tom Purcell, distributed exclusively by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate.



Do you know where the spices we use come from? How about the nuts and oils? I've got it...errr...almost!

The holidays are full of excitement. People often share their joy with others by decorating their yards, homes and hearths. Colored lights shine from tree branches. Garlands and wreaths grace doors. Plants and flowers are brought inside to brighten and beautify rooms. Delicious smells of baking cookies and breads from the kitchen are created by spices taken from plants and trees. Plants are an important part of holiday time celebrations!

Fill in this puzzle about the parts of plants that we use in our kitchens!

Plants at Christmas Time!

1. nuts from trees, used in making marzipan candy - a sweet paste that is shaped and colored to look like fruits, vegetables and toys

2. licorice gets its flavoring from this plant

3. buds from a bush; have a spicy taste and scent; hang an orange from a ribbon and push these into it for a nicely scented decoration

4. from a bean in a pod on a vine; used in puddings

5. has a "cool" taste; used in candies; grows in U.S. and Canada

6. ground into flour; used for cookies, cakes, gravies

7. used in candy canes, tea; thought to help settle the stomach

8. comes from cane; used for icing, lollipops

9. in pods hanging on trees; in some places, street vendors roast and sell these to eat while still warm

10. hard little seeds ground into powder - shake on eggnog

11. root with a spicy taste; used for breads, cookies

12. used for scent and taste in stuffing and with meats

13. from the red-brown bark of a tree; ground into powder for drinks, cookies

14. reddish-purple fruits from tree; used in cakes, pudding

15. from the bean of cacao tree

Inside and Outside the House

Someone in India decorated this banana tree for the holidays!

Match the clues below to the plants! Then, fill in the blanks to spell the names.

1. a large one is cut and blessed; it is lighted and kept burning

2. blooms at Christmas; can be red, pink or white

3. green leaves, white berries; custom says people kiss under this

4. round, made from evergreen branches; decorated with red bows, pine cones

5. decorated with lights, ornaments, star

6. placed as bedding in a manger or made into ornaments for the tree

G W E A U R T
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Two Just Alike!

I want to find two matching wreaths to decorate my doors. Can you find and circle two identical wreaths for me?

Is it #3 and #7? Huh? Huh? Is it #6 and #8? Is it...

Decorating for the Holidays "Naturally!"

Whew. The last holiday chore on my list is to decorate my nest. Can you help me find the evergreen branch, then the holly with berries? After that, go to my nest. No backtracking, please!

(Answers on page 10)

Thurber's Tail.com

by Tom Purcell

Inspirational Quotes About Dogs

Thurber, my yellow Labrador, has been a part of my life since Feb. 20, 2021.

I still have trouble putting into words how much he has enriched my world.

But thankfully some of our most beautiful minds have shared thoughts that can help others understand the beauty of the canine soul.

I found these quotes featured at AKC.com:

"Happiness is a warm puppy." – Charles Schultz (cartoonist, "Peanuts")

"A dog is the only

thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself." – Josh Billings (American humorist)

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." – Will Rogers

Well, Charles, my warm puppy is now a healthy 24-month old pup who still warms my heart.

Josh, I dare say I love my dog more than I love myself.

And Will, I couldn't agree with you more.

I fully believe I will see all of my loved ones again when I leave here — and that includes my childhood puppy, Jingles, and Thurber, my "an-

gel without wings," who makes me laugh out loud five times a day.

Here are more dog quotes from Goodreads.com:

"If you don't own a dog, at least one, there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life." – Roger A. Caras (wildlife photographer)

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring — it was peace." – Milan Kundera (novelist)

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive." – Gilda Radner

Roger, I wish I hadn't

waited so long to get Thurber, now that I know how much more joyful

life can be.

Milan, I enjoy several moments of Eden daily now.

Gilda, you were a wonderful role model for being alive — the dogs you loved surely taught you well!

Here are some more quotes I found via Google:

"I'm suspicious of people who don't like dogs, but I trust a dog when it doesn't like a person." – Bill Murray

"I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source." – Doris Day

"It's hard not to immediately fall in love with a dog who has a

good sense of humor." – Kate DiCamillo (children's fiction author)

Bill, I couldn't agree with you more. I will never understand people who do not like dogs.

Doris, a lifelong dog lover, knows a lot about our canine family member. I was very sick for a week with the flu last April (not Covid) and lay on the bed like a lump. Thurber comforted me, never leaving my side.

Kate, I'm blessed to have a dog with an incredible sense of humor, and fall in love with him immediately I did!

Thurber is the first pup I've had since we got my childhood family dog, Jingles, when I was 10. I was 58 when I brought Thurber home.

He was a lot of work those first few months, but he made me laugh so hard and feel such love

and affection so deeply, I cannot now imagine my life without him.

I'm a new dog dad trying to learn and understand how I can love and care for him in the best way possible.

The training is going OK — he's training me as fast as he can!

He's teaching me to be more patient, silly, cheerful, more curious about the world — and humble.

The great humorist Will Rogers explained better than anyone how our dogs teach us humility:

"If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around!"

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K-State Plans Calving Schools in Four Kansas Locations

Organizers says sessions will help producers prepare for upcoming season

K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN,

Kan. – In anticipation of calving season, the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and K-State Research and Extension are planning a series of calving schools in January.

The program will outline overall calving management that includes

stages of the normal calving process as well as tips to handle difficult calving situations. K-State Research and Extension beef veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff said organizers aim to increase producers' knowledge and practical skills – as well as the number of live calves born.

"Our goal is for producers to leave better prepared for calving season," Tarpoff said "We will discuss timelines on when to examine cows for calving problems, and when to call your vet for help if things are not going well. We will also discuss calf care early in life. It's an excellent program regardless of

experience level."

Tarpoff said the program includes tips on when and how to intervene to assist the cow or heifer. Presenters will also demonstrate proper use of calving equipment on a life-size cow and calf model.

The meetings will have other timely educational topics determined by each location.

The schedule includes:
• Tuesday, Jan. 3, evening, Kiowa County Fairgrounds, Greensburg. RSVP to the Comanche County extension office at 620-582-2411, levimiller@ksu.edu.

• Tuesday, Jan. 10, evening, Ellsworth Recreation Center. RSVP

to the Midway District extension office at 785-483-3157, cllaffin@ksu.edu.

• Thursday, Jan. 12, evening, 4-H Building at the Old Iron Club, Fredonia. RSVP to Wildcat District at 620-378-2167, Southwind District at 620-365-2242, or Greenwood County at 620-583-7455.

• Thursday, Jan. 19, evening, Mankato Community Center. RSVP to the Post Rock extension office at 785-738-3597, blairet@ksu.edu.

More information and local fliers will be available at KSUBeef.org.

The Kansas State University Department

of Animal Sciences and Industry serves students, livestock producers and the animal and food industries through teaching, research and education. The K-State ASI department prepares students for careers in the animal and food industries. The curriculum includes the study of nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, meat science and food science with production, management, and agribusiness skills. For more about K-State's ASI department visit asi.ksu.edu.

K-State Research and Extension is a short name for the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and

Cooperative Extension Service, a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the well-being of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county extension offices, experiment fields, area extension offices and regional research centers statewide. Its headquarters is on the K-State campus in Manhattan. For more information, visit www.ksre.ksu.edu. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Plants at Christmas Time!

Ooooh, these cinnamon sticks smell wonderful!

In the Kitchen

Oh, I see... wreaths #1 and #10 are exactly the same.

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Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 5th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 5th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were:

Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance; George Marko Workforce Alliance.

Online Visitors: Joyce; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager;

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer; Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss the windfarm agreements.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add some discussion to Leslie Schrag's time.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Robert Casad. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to go over the changes to the draft to the programs and the applications for them.

Commissioner Thimesch let Ms. Schrag know that he had two people that would be willing to help fix up abandoned homes.

Commissioner Henning let Ms. Schrag know that he doesn't approve the addition of the residential improvement grants.

Commissioners made it clear to Ms. Schrag that they do not like the residential improvements and want it removed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. with no decision made.

Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer and Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer were in to discuss the department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:52 a.m. with Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer and Jamie Smith, appointed Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Elliott and Ms. Smith asked for approval of overtime.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve overtime for the Treasurer/Tag Office as is necessary retroactive from November 28th, 2022, through the tax processing time period and that they stay within their budget. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:18 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meet-

ing room at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:38 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:38 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:48 a.m. with no decision made.

Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance was in to discuss what the Workforce alliance provides for Kingman County and what the services are they provide.

Mr. Lawing discussed that Kingman County residents know that they provide support for training.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to sign the the agreement by and between the Workforce Alliance of South-Central Kansas, Inc. (the Local Workforce Development Board) and the Chief Elected Officials Board. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

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

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Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the bid letting for mowers will be held on December 19, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that there is no news on KDOT bridge selections for the fall.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed a tentative date of February 7th, 2023 for hot mix letting.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #12.

Stan Goetz, Planning/Zoning was in with the Planning/Zoning meeting minutes from last weeks meeting to review.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Horizon East Final Plat. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 11:50 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation

pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners signed three job status changes.

County Clerk discussed the upcoming County Christmas Dinner.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor reviewed and discussed the windfarm agreements for Flat Ridge IV.

Commissioners had questions on the decommissioning agreement.

The County Clerk submitted the November 28th, 2022 Commission minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the November 28, 2022, Commission minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners approved abatements, Added and Escape:

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for December 5th

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Morgan reported that she was working with EMS to determine how to best procure the equipment they need to purchase with ARPA funds to ensure compliance with federal guidance. She mentioned a new USDA grant opportu-

nity which she passed on to a local company related to value added agriculture. She mentioned that the Secretary of Transportation, Julie Lorenz, and the Secretary of Transportation DeAngelo Burns-Wallace are both leaving at the first of the year. Burns-Wallace sat on the SPARK Committee which is looking at funding for rural fire departments and also cyber security needs. Both of these state leaders will be hard to replace and the county will need to develop relationships with their successors.

Jason Winkel, recycling/landfill supervisor, reported they had been inspected by the state. They passed all inspections. He has problems with the overhead doors at the recycling center, he will get them repaired. He would like to make the

east entrance the same size as the west entrance. He is getting quotes for an oil burner heater at the recycling center. He needs the bucket repaired for the older loader at the landfill. He has a partial quote but will return when he gets the completed quote.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Howard Law Firm for 2023 in the amount of \$39,004.44. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022, and November 28, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dr Calvert, PCC president, gave a report on PCC's local contributions made in the community. He reported on the com-

munity and technical college credentials. They have increased in the last few years. He also reported on increased enrollment numbers.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, presented a quote for a sand/salt spreader to go on the back of the truck, from Southwest Truck Parts for \$5,300.00. Chairman Adams stated that instead of purchasing why not use the road department. He stated Doug had agreed to do it. Commissioner Jones questioned if there was an ice/snow storm in the middle of the night and the road department was not working. Doug Freund, road department stated that if he was told to spread sand, he would do it. He would have a grader go down the road but no truck with sand. Chairman Adams stated if they knew a storm was coming with ice/snow

they could take an ambulance to town and park in the old building. Brian Atteberry, EMS director, stated that since they are doing the snow removal, they need to buy the sand spreader and make sure they stay ahead of the storms. He said it would be impossible to have a crew and ambulance parked at the old EMS building. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of a sand/salts Spreader from Southwest Truck Parts for \$5,300.00 to be paid half out of fire/rescue and half out of ambulance funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated that he has concerned citizens stating the response times are longer from the new building. He is sure they will be working on shortening the times. Brian said there is a two minute increase.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:16 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss attorney/client matters concerning HIPPA. Commissioner

motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:31 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion at 3:31 pm to take a five-minute break. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from break at 3:36 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for December 5, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver met with Kelvin Clay with the city of Pratt, they are getting back flow valves installed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:43 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

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Kansas Forest Service Opens Orders for Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings

Plants ranging in size and species approved for conservation plantings, officials say

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

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas Forest Service has opened orders for tree and shrub seedlings and other items for use in conservation plantings.

Officials say orders

will be taken through May 1, 2023. Plantings may function as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, wood lots, timber plantations or educational and riparian (streambank) plantings. The seedlings typically vary in species, are low-cost, and range from 8-18 inches tall.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said consumers ordering seedlings should look for two types: bareroot and containerized. Certain trees may come as one or the other or both.

“Containerized provide a higher survival rate and quicker establishment,” Upham said, who

suggests ordering early “to ensure receiving the items you want.”

Upham said orders start being shipped mid-March. All items are sold in single species units consisting of 25 plants.

“For example, a unit of Eastern Red Cedar has 25 trees per unit,” he said. “Though a single species unit is most commonly purchased, four special bundles are also available, including a quail bundle, pheasant bundle, eastern pollinator bundle and western pollinator bundle.”

Tree planting accessories and tools are also available to order including marking flags, root

protective slurry, rabbit protective tubes, weed barrier fabric and tree tubes.

“If there have been problems with deer browsing on young trees, the tree tubes are a must,” Upham said

Seedlings may not be used for landscape (ornamental) plantings or grown for resale, Upham said.

Additional details and order forms are available through The Kansas Forest Service Conservation Tree Planting Program. Order forms are also available from local K-State Research and Extension offices.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, a program designed to generate and distribute useful knowledge for the wellbeing of Kansans. Supported by county, state, federal and private funds, the program has county extension offices, experiment fields, area extension offices and regional research centers statewide. Its headquarters is on the KState campus in Manhattan. For more information, visit www.ksre.ksu.edu. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Register Now for the 2023 Women Managing the Farm Conference

Meaningful conversations between women farmers, rural business leaders and landowners have been a goal of the Women Managing the Farm Conference since the event began in 2005, and the 2023 meeting is no exception. The conference will be held February 15-17 in Manhattan. From ag advocacy at large and small scales to the impact of military aggression on global food security to mental health, the 2023 Women Managing the Conference offers women the chance to explore how to grow their operations, their communities and themselves.

This annual conference provides a supportive setting in which women can develop the skills, resources and knowledge needed for success in a competitive agricultural environment. Conference sessions are designed to keep women up to date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities.

The 2023 conference will open Thursday morning with keynote speaker Brandi Buzzard, presenting “Small Talk, Meaningful Conversations.” Brandi Buzzard is a cowgirl, rancher, working mom and wife. For more than a decade, she has also been a passionate agriculture advocate while helping others share their agriculture stories.

“There are many factors that lay the groundwork for meaningful conversations – current

events, parenting hacks, restaurant choices, etc.,” said Buzzard. “And all of that ‘small talk’ is essentially what leads to deeper, more meaningful conversations. Whether the discussion is focused on food, ranching or societal news, audience members will learn how thinking critically and having authentic conversations makes us all better in the long run.”

Other general session presenters will include Dr. Antonina Broyaka, K-State Department of Agricultural Economics, who will discuss “War in Ukraine and Global Food Security.” From September 1998 to March 2022, Broyaka carried out scientific and educational activities at the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University, Ukraine. Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Broyaka moved to the United States and received refuge in

Manhattan, Kansas. She is continuing research activity as an extension associate in the Agricultural Economics Department of Kansas State University on the economic impact of Russian military aggression on Ukrainian agriculture and global food security.

The two-day conference will wrap up with Adrienne DeSutter, an ag mental health specialist who is part of her husband’s fourth-generation farm family in Midwest Illinois. DeSutter recognized a need for mental health advocacy in agriculture and began partnering with ag businesses and organizations to promote healthy minds and prevent farmer suicide. In addition to public speaking, she helps create and connect valuable ag mental health resources, writes wellness articles, and has been featured in

articles, podcasts and initiatives across the globe.

“With smirks and satire, ‘Sow Hope Grow Hope’ takes you on a playful journey of self-discovery,” said DeSutter. Adrienne’s message reminds you that “your growth is greatest when YOU are holding the measuring stick. And when you hit your peaks, so does everyone around you.”

During the two-day conference, attendees will also select from presentations covering many topics, including a K-State calving school, farm finances, relationships and health, agricultural and estate law, crop production and marketing, management and more. Attendees also choose networking sessions tailored to the different roles women hold, such as agricultural partners and helpers, independent producers,

absentee landowners, ag industry career women and business managers.

Early registration runs through January 15, 2023, at \$175, with scholarships available for those who apply before that deadline. New this year is a student rate of \$65 for any high school or college students. After that date, registration is \$200. Additional pre-conference sessions are available for \$25, including beginning QuickBooks, advanced QuickBooks, interactive farm safety and an introduction to UAV/drone technology.

Learn more or register for the Women Managing the Farm Conference at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/>. Stay up to date with the latest from the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

KFB Launching Apprenticeship Program Focused on Rural Workforce

MANHATTAN — Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) announced today the creation of the Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program (RKAP) developed with a grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Office of Registered Apprenticeship to help address workforce needs in rural communities across Kansas.

“We’re excited about this partnership opportunity to offer a program

where employers and employees grow alongside each other,” says Joel Leftwich, KFB chief strategy officer. “RKAP will assist businesses to create individual programs to meet their needs while employees will receive on-the-job training, mentorship and increased earning potential.”

RKAP is Kansas’ first registered apprenticeship program focused solely on agriculture and rural communities to provide industry-driven career pathways for farmers, ranchers and small businesses serving agricultural areas. Registered apprenticeships benefit employers by developing a skilled and loyal

workforce. Meanwhile, apprentices enjoy a full-time job with a certified credential showing mastery of their craft.

“Apprenticeship programs allow us to expand the skillsets of our workforce to meet the needs of rural communities,” says Shonda Atwater, director of Apprenticeship and Internship for the Kansas Department of Commerce. “Investing in talent – a key pillar in the Kansas Framework for Growth – is critical because it creates opportunities for our young people to thrive.”

Registered apprenticeships can be tailored to meet the needs of ev-

ery business and industry. The model has proven successful amongst other industries including construction, healthcare and manufacturing for many years in Kansas. For more information on RKAP, contact Joel Leftwich at leftwichj@kfb.org or visit the Office of Registered Apprenticeship here (<https://kfb.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=45bba928f411d21617c5eadbe&id=10ec4c9e66&e=8eb970ecd6>).

Kansas Farm Bureau’s mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

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You are hereby notified that on December 9, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Danielle R.Rau, an heir, devisee, and legatee, and

Executrix named in the “Last Will and Testament of John Wayne Culp,” deceased.

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Kingman County Sheriff’s Report

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Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Person 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Theft 1123 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Trespassing 222 S Elliott, Cunningham
Disturbance 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial 3127 E Hwy 42, Rago

Monday, December 5th

Traffic Stop 4
Traffic Complaint 4500 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint 625 NE 50 Ave, Kingman
Burglary 1654 NE 50 St, Kingman
Suspicious Person SE 80 St & SE 90 Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, December 6th

Wednesday, December 7th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint SE 60 St & SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint 752 NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle NE 40 Ave & NE 20 St, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle NE 20 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial 3127 E Hwy 42, Rago

Thursday, December 8th

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 15000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
Suspicious Vehicle SW 60 St & SW 19 Ave, Cunningham
Smoko Investigation 2929 SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
Suspicious Person E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman

Friday, December 9th

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint NE 10 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint SE 20 St & SE 110 Ave, Cheney
Animal Complaint N Hwy 11 & N Hwy 54, Kingman
Check Welfare 302 S Main, Washville
911 Accidental Dial 15243 SE 150 St, Norwich

Saturday, December 10th

Traffic Stop 7
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint 625 NE 50 Ave, Kingman
Theft 8407 NE 40 St, Pretty Prairie
Theft 4412 N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
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Naomi Stamy

Sawyer - Naomi Jean Stamy, 91, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Pratt Health and Rehab. She was born on September 24, 1931 in Sawyer to Raymond and Minnie (Flory) Kessler. Naomi married Hubert Charles Stamy on March 22, 1952 in Sawyer. He preceded her in death on May 29, 2005.

Naomi was a member of Old German Baptist Brethren Church - New Conference. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, playing her harmonica, crocheting and making baby blankets for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Dennis (Norma Jean) Stamy of Dallas, Oregon, Joyce Stamy of Sawyer, Merle (Arlene) Stamy of Delta, Colorado and Paul (Joan) Stamy of Pratt; sister, Opal (Roland) Boone of Quinter; sister-in-law, Mary Ann (Raymond) Schaurer of Covington, Ohio; 17 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Naomi is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hubert Charles Stamy; brother, Leonard (Ruby) Kessler; grandchildren, Logan Douglas Stamy, Shane Logan Stamy and Carina Nicole Stamy; sister-in-laws, Erma (Leslie) Rinehart and Lois (John) Rumble; and brother-in-law, Kenneth (Edna) Stamy.

Funeral service was at Old German Baptist Brethren Church, Sawyer. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Rhonda Monaghan

Rhonda Gayle Monaghan, 70, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at her home surrounded by family. She was born on April 24, 1952 in Pratt to Ronald and Jo (Rogers) Hoener. Rhonda married Marvin Monaghan on March 24, 2018 in Pratt. They were married for 4 years.

Rhonda graduated from Pratt High School in 1970. She and Marvin attended Pratt Friends Church and volunteered by delivering meals for the Pratt Senior Center. She enjoyed collecting jewelry and knick knacks, attending craft fairs, auctions and estate sales and traveling.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin; daughters, Dawn Jantz of Hillsboro, Jacki (Seth) Beck of Plevna and Joleen Monaghan of Aztec, New Mexico; mother, Jo Hoener of Pratt; brothers, Brent (Bev Hollowell) Hoener of Pratt and Todd Hoener of Iuka; grandchildren, Clayton Jantz, Dakota Parkhurst, Jenaka Parkhurst and Chance Monaghan.

Rhonda is preceded in death by her father, Ronald Eugene Hoener.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 6, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt with Pastor Mike Niefert presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Jerry Wohlford

Jerry L. Wohlford, 68, died Dec. 9, 2022 in Kingman.

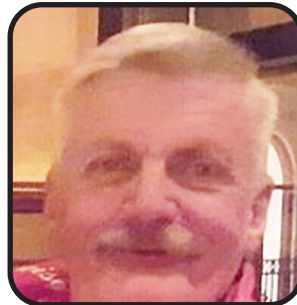
He was born May 1, 1954, at Harper, Kansas the son of Claude L. and Barbara Plush Wohlford.

A resident of Kingman most of his life, he was a retired Boeing and Spirit employee.

On April 15, 2016, he married Linda Bainum. Other survivors include daughters Jennifer Raymond and Jessica Wohlford; step-children Adam Bayer and Jami Hughes; sister Sheryl Reida; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; and son Jeremy.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until service time Wednesday. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society or Rivercross Hospice, both in care of the funeral home.



Tony Ibarra

Toribio "Tony" Antonio Ibarra, 24, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022. He was born on October 11, 1998 in Pratt to Jesus Manuel and Maria Catalina (Quiroz) Ibarra.



Tony graduated from Pratt High School in 2017. He went on to complete his Associate Degree in Welding in 2019 at Hutchinson Community College. He worked as a cowboy for Nate Harts, as a meter technician for Black Label in Odessa, Texas, Ryan Rose Refabrication as a welder and most recently as a rig hand for Fossil Drilling. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church. He enjoyed horses, going mudding, frogging and fishing, running marathons especially the Gladiator Dash, being adventurous, attending bonfires and being with his friends and family. He had a smile that would light up a room.

He is survived by his mother, Catalina Ibarra of Coats; siblings, Irene (Adrian Rodriguez) Ibarra of Coats, Manuel (Alicia) Ibarra of Pratt; Vicky (Kyle) Franklin of Coats, Patty (Kyle) Gridley of Pratt, Roman Ibarra of Coats, Cindy Ibarra of Coats and Ludwing (Valeria) Verbena of Pratt; grandmothers, Sara DeLeon Ibarra and Catalina Villarreal both of Juarez, Mexico; uncles, Miguel (Goya) Ibarra and Natividad (Susan) Ibarra both of Pratt; Godfather, Edgar Sanchez of Kingman; Godmother, Landa Moore of Byers; nieces and nephews, Daniel, Carlos, Yolanda, Roberto, Noah and Matthew Rodriguez, Shayli and Derek Anderson, Blaze and Paloma Ibarra, Connor, Saige and Laikyn Franklin and Dominic Gridley; best friend, Brett Hillbrand of Omaha, Nebraska; close friends, Bailey Pelland of Pratt, Nate (Tamara) Harts of Sun City, Connor Andujo of Pratt, Zak Brown of Pratt, Tubs Brown of Hays, Ashley Tyler of Pratt, Cesar (Monica) Regalado of Pratt, JR Stratford of Byers; Colton Gamble of Pratt and Justin (Kendell) Hershberger of Buhler; girlfriend, Kayla Smith of Pratt; his dog, Balto; and many other family members and friends.

Tony is preceded in death by his father, Jesus Manuel Ibarra; and grandfathers, Miguel Ibarra and Demetrio Quiroz.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation with family will be Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 16, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, with Carson Hopkins presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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