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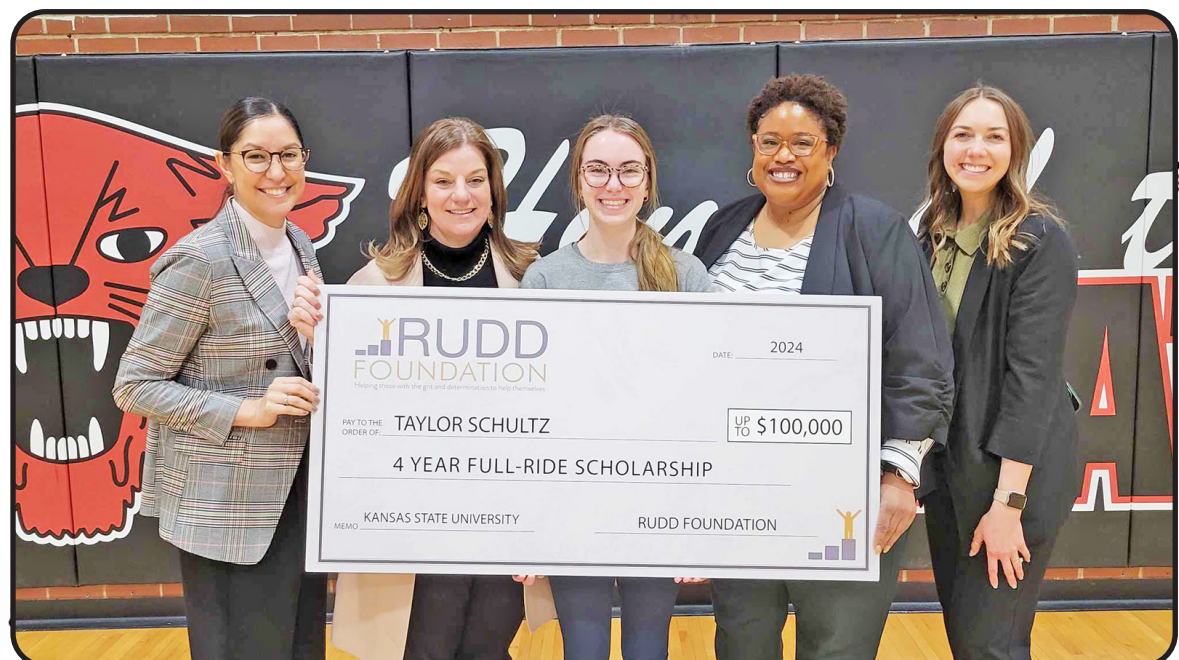
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Taylor Schultz Wins Rudd Foundation Scholarship



Rudd Foundation Awards 45 Full Ride Scholarships to Exceptional Kansas Students

Wichita, KS – April 4, 2024. The Rudd Foundation is proud to announce the selection of its seventh cohort of Rudd Scholars, marking a significant milestone as the scholarship program expands to include Kansas State University as its newest partner university. These 45 exceptional Kansas high school seniors were chosen through a rigorous selection process that considers not only their academic achievements but also their life stories and contributions to their communities.

With the addition of Kansas State University, the Rudd Scholars Program

now encompasses four universities in Kansas, also including Wichita State University, Fort Hays State University, and Emporia State University. This expansion reflects the Rudd Foundation's commitment to providing opportunities for talented students across the state with a variety of desired pursuits.

Of the 45 scholarship recipients, 3 will attend Emporia State University, 6 will attend Fort Hays State University, 15 will attend Wichita State University, and 21 will attend Kansas State University. With their financial burden lifted, these winners will be able to fully engage in their college experience.

"We are thrilled to welcome our largest cohort of Rudd Scholars yet and to extend our program to include Kansas State University," said Darrell Swank,

President of the Rudd Foundation.

"Leslie Rudd's vision was to empower exceptional young individuals to pursue their passions and dreams without the burden of financial stress. We are proud to continue his legacy by supporting these outstanding students on their educational journeys."

Since its inception, the Rudd Foundation's scholarship program has awarded over 200 scholarships, representing an overall investment of over \$10 million in Kansas students. The success of the program underscores the Foundation's dedication to supporting the educational aspirations of young individuals in the state.

The Rudd Scholarship provides full-ride scholarships covering tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board for the duration of the recipients' under-

graduate studies. Additionally, scholars benefit from mentorship, networking opportunities, and professional development resources.

"The Rudd Scholarship is more than financial assistance, focusing on programming that extends Beyond the Dollar, Beyond the Classroom, and Beyond the Degree", said Corri Roberts, Vice President of the Rudd Foundation. "With 125 active scholars and 74 alumni, our community supports each other in reaching their full potential and chasing ambitious goals, reflecting Mr. Rudd's vision of a life-long network for learning and growth."

For more information about the Rudd Foundation and the Rudd Scholars Program, please visit www.ruddfoundation.org.

School Board Met to Discuss Parking

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

Present: President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green, and Jason Osner; Superintendent, Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Sebastian and Becky Huelskamp.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Member Abby Bock arrived to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Updated parking bids were reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

A new bid for 13 computers instead of 15 was discussed. Guest Sebastian Huelskamp shared the process of students building and using the computers.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to purchase the 13 tower computer parts from Newegg, Inc. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.



School Board Minutes from March Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 4, 2024, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Vicki Oldham, Travis Thimesch, Megan Green, Abby Bock, Jason Osner; Superintendent, Kelly Arnberger; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests; Sarah Sipe, Cindy Houtwed, Taylor Robertson, Mike McBee, Brianna Dittmer, Marianne Dittmer, Bruce Dittmer, and Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as amended, adding b. Computer bids under old business. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests

Principal Dunlap gave special recognition to Brianna Dittmer and Cindy Houtwed for their outstanding job in the Pre-School classroom. Cindy has been doing a great job teaching PreK in Cunningham for 24 years and this year has had Brianna as her Teachers aid.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Abby Bock, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Megan Green, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Arnberger talked about the strategic planning survey, schedule changes and an apprentice

program KSDE is working on. He also gave a legislative update and shared that McCown Gordon will pay for High School honor students to attend a Wind Surge game in April.

Principal Dunlap included an update in the board packet. He touched on Parent/Teacher conference attendance, state assessments, Community service day and staff review of K-5 ELA Curriculum.

Member Bjorn Halderson reported getting to meet the other board representatives and discussing the COOP finance software, purchase of a lawn mower, and PBIS program. He also shared that negotiations are beginning.

President Miller declared a break at 7:48 p.m. and return to the board room at 7:55 p.m.

McCown Gordon presented drawings and pricing for additional parking options. Much discussion followed. More information will be gathered. No action taken.

Guests Sarah Sipe, Mike McBee, and Taylor Robertson left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Superintendent Arnberger presented the board with two bids for 15 laptops for the new shop building. Discussion but no action taken.

President Miller declared a break at 8:53 p.m. and return to the board room at 8:57 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch to go into executive session with the board and administration at 9:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meet-

ing in open session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green to go into executive session with the board and administration at 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson to accept the resignation of Laruen Ward at the end of the 2023-2024 School . Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Abby Bock, seconded by Vicki Oldham to accept the resignation of Debbie Sulenes as CHS Cheer sponsor at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jason Osner, seconded by Abby Bock to adopt the BOE policies as formatted and recommended by KASB. Yeas: Miller, Halderson, Oldham, Thimesch, Green, Bock, Osner. Nays: none. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

The Planning & Zoning Board will meet on April 12th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

This date change is due to scheduling conflicts with board members and administration. There is no special agenda. The board will be reviewing current zoning permits.

APRIL IS NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

We want to acknowledge the commitment of LeaAnne and Amy, who play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for patients of all ages. Their efforts range from helping children overcome developmental obstacles, supporting adults in regaining independence post-injury or illness, to empowering seniors to thrive in their everyday lives.

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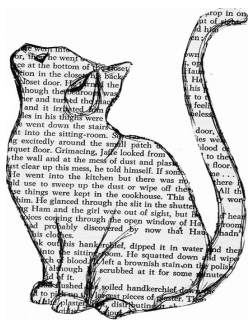
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Meanderings

Do you remember the story last week of Chester Cooper, the former service man who deserted his young, French bride and their one-month-old baby in Sharon Springs? I searched findagrave.com and found this bit about him. Note his daughter lived in Paris, France.

Topeka Daily Capital, Saturday, Dec. 18, 1937, page 3:

Guarded Pres. Wilson Jackson County Man Also Member of A.E.F. During World War

Chester L. Cooper, 39, one of President Woodrow Wilson's guards during the President's trip to France after the Armistice, died Friday afternoon at his home six miles west of Holton. He was born

February 5, 1898, in Gunder, Iowa, and lived in Topeka ten years before moving to his farm west of Holton two years ago.

As a member of the Fifth Ammunition Train, he spent eighteen months in France during the World war. When President Wilson went to France after the Armistice, he was one of 400 men assigned to act as the Chief Executive's peace guards. He returned to the United States on the same boat with the President.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lottie Cooper, Topeka; a daughter, Lucille Harmony Cooper, Paris, France; two brothers, Malvern A. Cooper, Topeka, and Carl Cooper, Russell, and several aunts and uncles. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

What else I was able to learn. His mother, Lotta, was the clerk of the district court in Wallace County (Sharon Springs, Ks). I believe, if I'm reading all the information correctly, she must have divorced Chester's

father, Ashley Cooper. Information indicated they were married in 1895. BUT then in 1908, he married Flora May Venrick. Lotta Cooper never remarried.

I do believe I've covered every Cooper in the state of Kansas during the early part of the last century! Ha! BUT I still haven't a clue who Earl Cooper is. But for now, that will be all the research I'll do on this subject.

I really, really do enjoy the research through old newspapers. As I read through the news from yesteryear, there seems to be a list every week of folks who were in town shopping or stopping by the newspaper office to renew their subscription or getting a horse shod at the blacksmith shop, just the minutiae of the day. Much like a day spent on Facebook, only much nicer.

One must wonder sometimes why it was such a big deal for someone to be in town shopping or stopping by the

lumberyard... This is what I think. And I'm probably pretty accurate.

I can remember Grandpa (Frank) Thimesch telling me that after he and Grandma were married, they lived in Cleveland, Kansas. After the wheat crop was cut, they would haul the grain to the mill in Oxford. No small undertaking this. They'd load the wagon the night before, get up early in the morning, drive the team and wagon to the mill and return home late at night. A one-day trip.

I checked the distance. It is 71 miles from Cleveland to Oxford. A wagon and team can travel 3 to 8 miles an hour. Probably 3 miles an hour with a full wagon, a bit faster with an empty wagon. Even if the wagon was empty both ways and you made good time, it would still be an all day trip.

I guess if you are going to spend a better part of day hitching up the team and going into town, you are going to stop and visit with everyone you can to make

it worth the trip. And your day is recorded for prosperity.

I found my one-eyed monster ogre kitty curled up in the bottom kitchen drawer this morning. I don't know why Peter insists on pulling that drawer open and sleeping in there. Silly thing. I think this morning he was hiding because he had a vet appointment to have some stitches removed from a little surgery on his chin he had a couple of weeks ago. He didn't hide very well, after all the drawer was partially opened, and he was curled in the back on top of the aprons in there. If he could have closed the drawer, I'd probably wouldn't have found him until a passel of kitties were over sniffing at the drawer or staring at it.

Much like the time, many years ago when my Valentino managed to get in between the front door and the storm door when I closed it. He never cried or made a sound, and he was probably stuck there for well over an hour. I didn't realize he

was there until several cats sat here on the front room floor and stared at the door. I had to wonder what they were staring out, opened the door and there was my big, handsome Valentino. He then proceeded to tell me how neglectful I was. And he could talk.

Always reading and currently reading, "Jewel" by Bret Lott, Roberta

"The time will come when diligent research over long periods will bring to light things which now lie hidden. A single lifetime, even though entirely devoted to the sky, would not be enough for the investigation of so vast a subject... And so this knowledge will be unfolded only through long successive ages. There will come a time when our descendants will be amazed that we did not know things that are so plain to them... Many discoveries are reserved for ages still to come, when memory of us will have been effaced."

— Seneca, Natural Questions

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

I'm pleased to report that I (we) haven't lost a single duck or chicken and they are ALL inquisitive, healthy one month olds. Though I worry about their welfare constantly and still suspect this might be one of the craziest things I ever tried." Looking after these now toddler birds gets easier and more fun every day, in large part because they are now all under one coop roof.

Moving them in together this soon was not in the plan. This whole chick-day thing was not a spontaneous whim. There was a thoughtful, researched plan I dubbed our "Almanac," a great deal of which I acknowledge was rendered useless by the ducks' explosive growth. But we made revisions to accommodate their needs so I still thought our Almanac could work until a chicken jumped out of the brooder. At that point, the Almanac needed to be thrown out the window.

Researchers claim

chickens and ducks sense emotions in the humans around them, the same way cats and dogs do. And I was apprehensive about how it was going to go. So perhaps I'm to blame that their first afternoon together in the coop resembled a scene from "West Side Story." Then again, my ducks and chicks aren't stupid. They knew something was up long before the moment my Sharks and Jets first saw each other. I'm grateful there have been no rumbles or bloodshed. And I do suspect when I'm not around that they ignore each

other. But it's clear there are some turf-tussles. And the leader of the ducks is THE instigator, which has earned him or her the first name of the bunch: Nardo. We aim to name the leader of the chickens Riff but it's not clear yet which of them is in charge.

And the difference between the two gangs' behaviors makes it so enjoyable to have them in the same space. The ducks truly do everything together. And it's exactly like you see in the cartoons or nursery rhyme books. My ducks have never worked but

they are more gracefully in-sync with each other than any Broadway dancers I've ever seen. Watching the chickens, on the other hand, is more like being at a circus and trying to watch what's going on in three rings all at once. Make no mistake, these Jets don't want anything to do with the Sharks' show. But they can't be bothered to perform together. And the Chicken Theatre is no familiar musical. It's Off Broadway, Avant Garde and edgy. And I have the best seat, right in the middle of it all.

There is one behavior

the ducks and chickens share and that's how they react when they hear the Beatles' "Good Night," a song that's been either sung or played for them every night since we brought them home. The Sharks and the Jets have their separate coop corners, but with the first notes of this song, they settle in and sweetly go to sleep. And when they do, everything feels like it's turning out as it should, according to a plan I didn't make. And it's Ringo singing that song!

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

Poetry from Daily Life: Laura Robb Explains How to Develop a Poetry Habit, All Year Long By Laura Robb

This week's guest is Laura Robb, who lives in Winchester, Virginia. A longtime teacher and author, Laura's first book was published in 1994. She is widely known for her educational books about reading and

writing. Two that she especially liked working on were "Teaching Reading in Middle School" (Scholastic, 2010) and "Promote Reading Gains With Differentiated Instruction" (Shell Education, 2023). A unique fact about Laura Robb is that she's always at work on a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle. ~ David L. Harrison

Poetry all year long

Early in my teaching career, I discovered that my students devel-

oped a love of poetry because poetry is part of my reading/writing curriculum throughout the year. Our poetry journey starts when I visit the school library and stack about seventy-five anthologies, collections, and picture books onto a cart that I wheel into our classroom. I invite students to browse through several books and then choose two to read and savor. The only sounds are students whisper-reading and spontaneously sharing a poem with a classmate. This is the opening scene of a yearlong exploration of poetry. The suggestions that follow can help you integrate poetry into your curriculum all year, so that poetry becomes an important part of children's literary lives!

1. Read-aloud poetry and introduce students to the language of imagery and feeling, to diverse poets, figurative language, rhythms-and-rhymes, and narrative and lyric poetry. Start your day reading-aloud a poem, read-aloud a poem

to transition to different subjects and when students return from recess. At the end of the day, send students home with a poem you have choral read with them singing in their hearts and minds.

2. Engage students in poet studies where they read several books by a poet they choose and use the internet to learn about their lives. Invite students to develop a plan for sharing with the class favorite poems and what they know about their poet.

3. Plant a poetry garden. Each spring, my students would print a favorite poem on paper, decorate it, staple the poem to a wooden stick and plant it. Invite other classes to explore the poetry garden and add their "poetry plants."

4. Keep a poetry notebook. In addition to writing original poems in their notebooks, students can copy beloved poems to reread again and again, create illustrated anthologies of favorites, note lines and stanzas of a poem that touched them deeply. Every four to six weeks, students can

share a notebook entry with a small group and/or the class, explaining why the poem or excerpt is important to them.

5. Design bookmarks and write a favorite poem on the bookmark. Students can give these to family members and friends as gifts and use them to mark their place while reading.

6. Connect poetry to content subjects. Read-aloud poems about math, science, history, and geography. Invite students to find poems for these subjects and share them with you and the class.

7. Practice reading and performing poems increases fluency and expressive reading. Have students choose a poem, practice reading it aloud to a partner, and them volunteer to perform it after several days of practice. While students develop fluent reading, they also improve their comprehension of the poem and enlarge their vocabulary.

Poet Beatrice Schenk de Regniers encouraged children and

adults to keep a poem in their pocket, and the poem will sing to them, paint pictures in their imagination, and become a friend that's always in their hearts and minds. That can happen when students experience poetry all year long!

Laura Robb has taught and coached teachers for more than forty-five years! She continues to teach and coach, present webinars, and is presently learning with a seventh grade English teacher. Author of more than forty books on literacy, Robb received NCTE's Richard Halle Award for excellence in middle school education, Scholastic's Hero Award for outstanding support of teachers, and the Literacy Leader award from Nassau County Reading Council. Her most recent book, co-authored with David L. Harrison and Dr. Timothy Rasinski is "Promote Reading Gains with Differentiated Instruction" (Shell 2023).

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Community Bulletin Board

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| Thursday, April 11 JH Track at South Barber *** | Tuesday, April 16 HS Track at Kingman |
| JH Track at Stafford | Wednesday, April 17 Spring School photos and spring sports photos |
| Friday, April 12 CHS Community Service Day *** FFA Banquet | Thursday, April 18 HS State Large Group Music *** JH Track at Burrton *** |
| Saturday, April 13 HS Regional Music | Honor students to Wind Surge game |
| Monday, April 15 Taxes are due! *** No School, Teacher In-service *** JH Scholar's Bowl Final at Skyline | Friday, April 19 HS Tract at Norwich *** Preschool screening |
| | Saturday, April 20 Regional Forensics *** Prom |

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The CHS KAY club would like to invite all women and girls of the community to the Women's Banquet.

Please bring a covered dish to share and your table service. Drinks will be provided.

This year's banquet will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham.

**Wednesday
April 24
6:30 P.M.
Sacred Heart Hall,
Cunningham**

Review of Jeffrey Rosen's *The Pursuit of Happiness*

*Published by Simon & Schuster
Reviewed by Robert Hampton*

On July 4, 1776 The Declaration of Independence declared that "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" are inalienable rights of every human being, and that the freedom to live free is essential to democracy, and that these rights are secured through democratic government and the power intrinsic to consent of the governed. Less than 250 years later, and with the rise of the internet and social media, the concept of what constitutes human equality and the pursuit of happiness appear to be in question. Constitutional and legislative issues have often involved serious discussion as to the original intentions and meanings of the nation's Founders as they produced the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. All too often, the scholarly error of anachronistic thinking has prompted some to superimpose thinking patterns of modern culture upon the words and actions of historical figures.


At such a time, it is worth going back to the early heroes of American democracy to understand their thinking, and to gain a better appreciation of what kind of people they were. For example, how is it that a group of people, the descendants of immigrants, were able to rise together above the mundane and superficial to the highest levels of human intelligence melded through cooperative, concerted, and heroic action? In understanding the historical thinking and action patterns, understanding the context is essential.

Jeffrey Rosen, in his recently published *The Pursuit of Happiness*, has provided a clear and quite readable pathway through the thinking of George Washington, Phyllis Wheatley, Benjamin Franklin, John and Abigail Adams, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Quincy Adams, Frederick Douglas, Phyllis Wheatley, and Abraham Lincoln. All of these great minds and leaders had in common a penchant for clear, reasoned thinking and self-control. They were all aficionados of self-discipline.

Rosen includes Alexis de Tocqueville, who "... hoped that 'in democracies, as elsewhere, it is only through resisting the thousand trivial urges that the universal and anguished longing for happiness can be assuaged.'" Rosen points out that Tocqueville's doctrine of self-interest properly understood was based on

Mineral Supplement Selection Meeting

Join Kingman County K-State Research and Extension and Kingman County Conservation District for a Coffee Shop Talk on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 a.m. at Jeri's Kitchen Back Room (312 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068) for a meeting about Mineral Supplementation. For this meeting, we will have Justin Waggoner, Associate Professor/Beef Systems Specialist, discussing Mineral Supplement Selection (Selecting the Right Mineral), Mineral Antagonists, and Common Mineral Misconceptions or Myths. Bring your questions, discussion, have a donut and some coffee, and let's talk mineral! Please RSVP by April 15 to 620-532-5131 or gschnei@ksu.edu.



As the Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet on April 24, Book Club has been moved to May 1st at the Cunningham Public Library. Roberta is hostess.

Stoic philosophy by way of Benjamin Franklin. Indeed, a classical education provided for them the foundation for logic and reason to prevail over emotions and loss of self control.

So it is that the emphasis on self control and self discipline permeated the thinking and doing of the greatest and brightest to precede us, both women and men. That means we can do the same. All we have to do is raise our minds, our thinking, and our doing to the highest levels sincerity and respect for others based on the only true strength there really is, inner strength.

We may be assured that the nation's Founders did not mean free speech to include libel and slander, or a primal scream. For every individual featured in Rosen's *The Pursuit of Happiness*, the doctrine of free speech meant reasoned speech that reflected sincerity and respect for others through well understood social protocols.

Both Congress and the Supreme Court are responsible for upholding the foundation principles of the nation. So it is up to them to avoid anachronistic interpretations of the nation's Founders and early leaders, and instead to consider the context as well as the patterns of thinking and doing at the time. It is up to common Americans to meet each other in private and public at the highest levels of thinking and respect that we can muster. By doing so, there is hope for harmony. By doing so, we emulate the great minds that made this nation prevail, so far. Now the future is up to us, both young and old.

Equality, then, is based on respect for others and adherence to the highest levels of thinking and doing. When there is lack of respect, there are always eventual consequences, no matter how rewarding for superficial thinkers in the short term. When there is relative equality and balance, then each person is free to pursue a personal path in pursuit of happiness.

The pursuit of happiness is affirmed by the great minds who have preceded us and to whom we owe a substantial and reverent obligation. They were dedicated to living, thinking at the highest levels of thinking and doing. When they came together to meet and exchange ideas, they observed commonly agreed upon understandings of what constitutes self control and sincerely good behavior founded on a keen respect for the opinions of others.

The Pursuit of Happiness is available at the Cunningham Public Library.

Kingman Historic Theatre
Friday, April 12
Remembering Ricky Nelson
with Gunnar and Matthew Nelson
7:30 p.m.
<http://www.outhousetickets.com>

Kingman Historic Theatre
Saturday, April 13
Asleep at the Wheel
7:30 p.m.
<http://www.outhousetickets.com>

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<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

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Cabrini
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1954

April 15 – Ralph Miller, head basketball coach at the University of Wichita, will be the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Cunningham Community Men’s Club next Tuesday evening in the High School Auditorium honoring members of this year’s high school basketball squad and their coach, Nelson Hartman.

A banquet will be served at seven o’clock, preceding the meeting.

Construction was started Monday on the new building to house Cunningham’s new fire truck. The new building will be thirty by forty feet in size and will adjoin the west side of the present City Building. The overhead doors will be installed on the north side of the addition, giving easy accessibility to the fire-fighting equipment. The building is being erected by the Dodson Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Wichita, and the construction superintendent is Charles Voran of Pretty Prairie. Charles Cooley, former Cunningham boy, is the company’s engineer.

Ramblings from the Editor’s Desk – We all know that a fool and his money are soon parted, but we would like to know how they got together in the first place... The hand that lifts the cup that cheers, should not be the used to shift the gears... Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite as satisfying as an

income tax refund... If all the red tape were laid end-to-end, there would be a government investigation to see what it was doing there.

1959

April 16 – Notice – A regular bi-monthly meeting of the Cunningham Lions Club will be held next Tuesday evening, April 21, at 6:30 o’clock in the Lodge Hall. Vice-President Everett Hauser, in charge of the evening’s program, says he has a fine fishing film from the State Fish and Game Commission which will be enjoyed by the members.

Saxophone soloist Keith Welch won first place in the first annual Cunningham Lions Club Talent Show held in the High School Gym last Saturday evening.

Keith won \$10.00 as a cash prize and possession of a beautiful “traveling trophy” until next year’s talent show. He was sponsored by the Sunshine Club.

Second place and a \$5.00 prize went to a vocal trio composed of LaDeen Cooley, Sharon Duncan, and Mary Leiter. They were sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club.

Third place and \$3.00 went to a trumpet duo composed of Merline Fluke and Karen Branscom of Turon. They were sponsored by the Turon Lions Club.

1964

April 16 – The community was shocked Sunday night when word was received by relatives here of the tragic death of Gary Lynn Raney, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Raney of Cunningham, who drowned that afternoon while swimming in a lake near Phoenix, Ariz.

Gary graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan in January, and had accepted a position soon after with Sperry-Phoenix as an electrical engineer.

He was married June 3, 1961, to Anita Millsap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Millsap of Pratt, former Cunningham residents. Survivors in addition to his wife include a two-year-old son, Michael Allen.

Judy Huffman, who teaches at Dodge City, will be commissioned as a short-term missionary, at a service to be conducted during the Sunday morning worship services at the Cunningham Methodist Church. During this three-year term, Judy expects to serve her church in Japan or Korea. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Huffman of Cunningham.

The south front of the former Fee Hardware Company building was virtually demolished when smashed by a truck, Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred when Bill Freund of Pratt, driving a Steffen’s Ice Cream Company truck, pulled into the curb off Highway 54. The truck’s brakes failed, and the vehicle jumped the curb and smashed into the vacant building front.

All the large plate glass windows were broken out; the recessed door was “recessed” several more feet; a large metal awning was badly smashed, and the brick and stone ledge supporting the windows was broken up.

The truck received considerable damage, including a broken windshield and numerous dents. The driver was unhurt.

1969

April 17 – One hundred and thirty-nine people enjoyed the annual Cunningham High School Athletic Banquet at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Tuesday evening.

The banquet, sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club, honored 45 boys, members of the football, basketball, and track squads, and their coaches, Jim Webster and Larry Nolte.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Brooks of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce, to Lowell Gridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gridley of Penalosa.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Cunningham High School, and is now a sophomore at Hutchinson Community Junior College. Her fiancé, a 1964 graduate of Cunningham High School, has recently returned from active duty with the United States Navy, and is planning to farm.

A wedding date has been set for July 18, 1969.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

April 18 – A rural Cunningham youth, Tom Herd, 16, received extensive injuries in an accident about 6:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Herd was riding a Yamaha 250 motorcycle and a John Deere tractor, driven by Burnard Simonson, also

of rural Cunningham, collided. Both vehicles were reportedly traveling west on a county road.

Simonson reportedly had just entered the road from a field and was hauling dirt in the scoop on his tractor. The accident occurred as he reportedly attempted to make a left turn off the county road and Herd hit the scoop.

Herd was taken to Pratt County Hospital by the Pratt Ambulance Service and transferred directly to Wichita with a broken leg and arm.

The accident occurred 12 and one-half miles east and one mile north of Pratt.

Well, it finally happened. We officially had a streaker in Cunningham – at Mary’s Café on Easter Sunday, yet! Many people had gathered at Mary’s to enjoy a nice Easter Sunday dinner following the various church services. Everyone was busy eating and visiting when a streaker, who had come in the kitchen door and might had been unnoticed by many, let out a yell as he entered the dining room – then he streaked out the front door and into a car and sped away.

It seems there were some people who knew this was going to happen and were outside watching. It could be possible there was a litter wagering going on.

Someone was reported to have asked Mary if the streaker was male or female, Mary replied, “I don’t know, all I saw was a stocking cap.”

One thing I don’t know is if any of the husbands present were heard to say, “Don’t look, Ethel!” -mm

LeRoy Schnittker of Kansas City spent his Easter vacation with his mother, Mrs. Irene Schnittker.

Mrs. Vernon FitzSimmons received word Tuesday evening of the death of her half-brother, Everett (Coach Ev) Shelton, 75, of Sacramento, California, a former Cunningham boy. Other survivors are the widow; a son, Dr. Steve Shelton of Topeka, Kansas; two grandsons, a half-brother, Alva Poland of Kingman, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Luelma Shelton of Cheney Lake Road.

Shelton retired in 1969 after 46 years of active basketball coaching. He had a successful career of 19 seasons with the Wyoming University Cowboyo at Laramie and also during his last years at Sacramento State College before he retired. Mr. Shelton was serving as a National Advisor on The Basketball Congress of America at the time of his death. The funeral was Tuesday.

1979

April 19 - Dr. Alan Dafforn of Bowling Green, Ohio, spent the last weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cain and girls have returned to their home in Dallas following a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr. this past week.

Jim’s birthday was celebrated Monday last week.

Point total of Garden Plain were as follows: Udall, 11; South Haven, 25; Cheney, 48; Garden Plain, 59; Pretty Prairie, 60; Cunningham, 66; Skyline, 84; Caldwell, 107. Even though the girls track team is small in number, they have desire and enthusiasm that is to be admired by all.

1984

April 19 – The 26th annual Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Cunningham YWCA was held April 9, 1979, at the Cunningham High School Auditorium. The theme of the banquet “Sing into Spring” was beautifully carried out with musical and floral decoration on the tables and Mark Rohlman organ music during dinner. The YWCA extends a special thanks to Mark for his contribution to the evening.

After nearly 200 person present had enjoyed the delicious covered dish dinner, YWCA president Barbara Theissen, toastmaster for the evening, opened the program with a poem and a welcome to all.

Coach Zimmerman left off the girls 6yh grad results from last week’s Sharon track meet. These girls pulled off a rare feat in sweeping the 50 year dash by finishing first, second and third.

The results for 6th grade girls was as follows; Dee Dee Perry – 50 yard dash, first; Karla House, 50 yard dash, third; Kim Huffman – 50 yard dash, third; Dana Rakestraw – softball throw, fifth.

John and Miranda Fischer are proud to announce the birth of their baby brother, Anthony Benjamin. He was born April 13 and weighed 6 lb and 12 oz at Kingman Community Hospital.

Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fischer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fischer, Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Deviney, Bromide, Oklahoma, Great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mans, Andale, Mrs. Lena Helvey, Loveland, Texas, and Mrs. Julia Deviney, Mazeville, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill, Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonita G. Thornhill to Richard E. O’Rorke, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O’Rorke, Salina. The bride-elect is a graduate of Cunningham High School and Brown Mackie College of Salina. She is presently employed at A-Smile A-Minute Photo Company of Salina. O’Rorke is a graduate of Salina High School and Salina Vo-Tech. He’s presently employed at Tony’s Pizza Service in Salina.

The wedding is set for July 21 at First United Methodist Church in Salina.

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(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

Celebration of Life
By Amy Michelle Wiley

I awakened to the usual noise of plastic crinkling. Mom was stumbling sleepily downstairs to warm the bag of sugar water used in her kidney dialysis. I rolled out of bed, yawning, and hurried to get ready for the day. That night we were throwing a baby shower for my oldest sister, Angela.

Angela's baby would be the first grandchild in the family. The shower had grown to a huge affair—up to forty women were expected! But a shadow lay over the house. Mom's dialysis was no longer working effectively and deadly toxins were once more building up in her body.

Yet through this trial and many others over the last few years (one

surgery after another), my mom had stayed faithful. Scheduled around her four daily dialysis exchanges, she continued to serve in the church, help at homeschool events, mentor young mothers, and teach me my senior year of high school. But most of all she continued to praise God for the blessings she still found among the troubles. The doctors were astonished at her energy and spirits.

We knew that God could touch her and heal her at any moment. But I also knew that this was not His plan for us. I could see the impact her faith had on doctors, friends, even the lady in the grocery store. And so we waited, praying for His healing through the doctors' hands.

Unknown to us, there were others praying that morning. Even as I

climbed into the shower one woman was kneeling by her bed, "Lord, give Carol a kidney—today." And as I brushed out my long hair my cousin was pleading, "Heal Aunt Carol, Lord. Bring her a transplant soon."

Medically-speaking, a transplant was not something that would happen that day or any day soon. The average wait for a kidney transplant through the national donor list was two years. Mom had been on the list for only six months.

That evening I came in as Mom was mopping the kitchen floor. She was breathing heavily and her yellowed skin looked even more sickly in the evening light. "I'll finish," I told her, taking the mop as the phone rang. Mom answered it and I froze as I listened to the one-sided conversation.

Surely it couldn't be what it sounded like!

She hung up the phone. "That was OHSU," she whispered. "They have a kidney that matches me and we have two hours to get to the hospital."

I laughed and cried at the same time. Suddenly mopping the floor seemed like an odd thing to be doing and I set down the mop, running to get the rest of the family. We went into high gear, packing Mom's bags for the hospital stay and calling friends.

Just as we were leaving, Angela arrived. "We're headed to OHSU!" we hollered out the car window. "Are you coming or staying?" She stared at us in shock as we explained delightedly, "Mom's getting a kidney!"

She gasped. "Well, I--, I guess I better stay here

since forty women are coming for my shower. I'll come over after the party. Bye!" She grinned and waved as we sped down the driveway.

Meanwhile, the women began arriving at our house. Each guest was greeted at the door with the wonderful news of their answered prayers. What a blessing to have forty women gathered at our house to pray as the transplant process began! A party for one new life suddenly turned into a party for two "new" lives!

We reached the hospital and the rigorous tests began to ensure that Mom's body was healthy enough to handle a transplant. Finally the doctors announced, "Everything looks fine. We'll do the transplant first thing in the morning." Mom didn't stop grinning until

the anesthesia kicked in the next day.

Early the next morning as Mom was wheeled toward surgery, a nurse plopped a cardboard box on her gurney. "There it is! Bond." Surprised, we saw that the box was marked, 'Right Kidney'. "What are you going to name it?" the nurse asked.

"Fast Working." Mom announced. Perhaps it was a prophecy--the kidney began working on the operating table.

One month later Mom was sitting in a hospital once again. But this time her skin was pink and healthy and in her arms lay her new granddaughter, a child who she would live to see grow up to love the God who answers prayer.

The Unwanted

By Amy Michelle Wiley

It was the stench that first drew Annalisa. The eleven-year-old American lost a piece of her childhood on that foreign jungle trail, staring at the decayed body of an infant. The horror she felt in that moment stayed with her all her life.

Her mother pulled her away and hugged her tight, but comfort was not to be found. There is no easy way to explain to a child that babies can

be left for a slow death simply because they are unwanted.

The family's safari vacation was the beginning of a vision for Annalisa. She vowed then, in her young heart, that she would fight against this practice. She would do all in her power to save these abandoned babies.

"Mba! No!" Uloma's hands reached, still bloody from the child that had been wrenched from her. The pain of her heart drowned out the throb in her still-heaving

womb. "Umu aka mü! My babies!"

Her scream dropped to a whimper as her husband stepped into the room. His voice was hardly a hiss. "What have you done? You have been cursed." He spat on the two naked infants squalling on the dirt of the floor.

Uloma could not bare to watch as he snatched those of her own flesh. Guilt welled up in her at the feelings of love she felt toward the twins. How had evil violated her in such a way? She looked toward the god

of fertility in the corner.

"Forgive me. Protect me from the Evil One." She buried her face in her hands and rocked. "What have I done? Oh, what have I done to deserve this?"

Kwemto slunk against the wall. Even his hands pressed against his ears could not drown out his father's drunken shouts. The child's belly protruded, swelling painfully within his paper-thin skin. He did not dare ask for food, though it had been two days since he had eaten more than a mouthful of yams.

As though his thoughts had been heard, his father turned upon him. "What are you staring at? Do I have food? Do I have clothes for your back? Get out! Get out and do not come back!"

Kwemto ran, scrambling for the door. He pushed away his thoughts, his feelings, and concentrated on the pounding of his feet upon the packed dirt.

"Nne Liza! Ms. Lisa!" Two pairs of dark eyes gleamed at Annalisa from the crack of her door. "A woman just had twins. We followed to where they were left, just like

you told us."

"Da alü. You have done well, girls." Annalisa opened the door, her heart beating fast. "Soon it will be dark and we may go to them. Hurry, help me prepare."

Time dragged as the three waited for darkness to fall. Finally they slipped out of the mission. The flashlight barely illuminated the tangled path, and every shadow seemed to be a snake tensing to strike. "Pray, girls."

A faint cry reached Annalisa's ears, and in a moment she was kneeling beside the twins. One of the infants' eyes were wide with panic, yet even her scream was only a whimper. The other's eyes were glazed over, and the child lay still. Annalisa stifled her tears as the light caught a grotesque bulge in the child's arm. "Be careful of her arm. We will set it when we get her back to the mission."

The path back home seemed to take even longer. Annalisa kept her ears trained to catch the sound of approaching footsteps. Just as the little procession neared their door, a muffled sound startled her. Lord, please, protect these little ones!

Yet the form the light caught was no angry soothsayer, intent on ripping the babes away. No, it was a boy not much more than a babe himself, crouched against the wall. His grimy hands covered his mouth in an attempt to stop his sobs.

Annalisa smiled gently. "Are you hungry? Come in and have some ofe. Don't be afraid."

She led them into the safety of the mission--this threesome that had become six. As she lifted the weaker twin to her heart, pulling her close to comfort her cries, she knew her vow had been realized. The ever-present memory of that first dead baby faded and became a vision of the future. A vision of a house, filled with plump children, singing the praises of a God who wants the unwanted.

Author's Note: Though this story is fiction, the abandonment of unwanted children and babies, especially twins (who are viewed as cursed), is very much a reality. May we lift in prayer those like Annalisa, who have been called to reach out to "the least of these".

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
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Pastor vacancy until further notice.

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

Giving Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet 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 or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

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.

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CJHS Trck at Pretty Prairie



Maelyn Jump: Javelin, 53' 3" 4th place



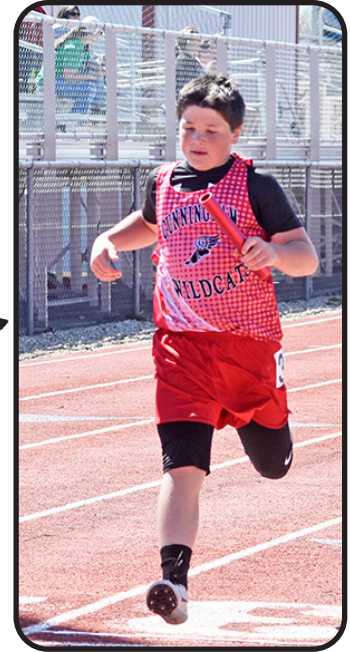
Mackley Glenn: Pole Vault 5' 6" 3rd place



Cooper Neufeld: Shot Put 27' 7" 4th place



Weston Rogers: High Jump 4' 4" 4th place



Landon Green: 4 x 100 relay (along with Landen Hageman, Brody Halderson and Cooper Neufeld) 1:02:57 3rd place



Molly Morgan photos



Nathan Ndambuki 400 m dash 1:00:63 2nd place



Alyssa Osner: 100 m run 2:54:99 3rd place

CJHS Trck at Pretty Prairie



Kyra Morgan: Shot put 34' 1" 1st place



800 m run Grace Hageman: 3:14:26 6th place Gracie Smyth: 3:22:58 7th place



Kory Morgan: Javelin 114' 5" 10th place



Luke McGuire: Javelin 124' 2" 7th place



Will Wegerer: Hurdles 110 - 17.82 3rd place 300 - 43.69 3rd place



Kendall Rogers: High Jump 4' 10" 11th place



photo by Renee Ruckle

CHS Powerlifting Team pose for a photo after the meet in Soloman.

Coach Kerschen spots Maranda Lohrke.



Junior High at HOPL Music Festival

Cunningham Middle School hosted HOPL West League Music Festival on Wednesday, April 3rd. Large group performances were held in the Cafeteria, with bands performing in the morning and choirs in the afternoon. A total of 90 solos were performed in the classrooms of the new school. Cunningham had a total of 22 solos (both vocal and instrumental). Everyone did a fantastic job and were given great tips from the judges to expand their musical skills.

Results of solos

Instrumental solos

- Andrew Kerschen- Trombone - Outstanding
- Will Halderson- Trombone- Outstanding
- Liam McGuire- Alto Sax- Outstanding
- Caleb Lohke- Trumpet- Outstanding
- Vaughn Preisser- Oboe- Outstanding
- Carly McGuire- Flute- Outstanding
- Brody Halderson- Baritone- Outstanding
- Weston Rogers- Bells- Outstanding
- Hank Adams- Tuba- Outstanding
- Tyler Osner- Trumpet - Excellent

Vocal Solos

- Ava Neywick- Excellent
- Carly McGuire- Outstanding
- Vaughn Preisser- Excellent
- HarLee Barber- Average
- Sage Thimesch- Excellent
- Maelyn Jump-Excellent
- Jeremiah Slayden- Outstanding
- John Paul Kerschen- Outstanding
- Liam McGuire- Outstanding
- Kane Reid- Excellent
- Andrew Kerschen- Outstanding
- Will Halderson- Outstanding
- Nicole Kerschen



Top: Liam McGuire; Ava Neywick, Andrew Kerschen
Left: Maelyn Jump



12 Soloists and 3 Ensembles Set Their Eyes on Regional Solo and Ensemble at Tabor College This Saturday.

Cunningham Main Street singers and 12 soloists are making the final preparations for KSHSAA Regional Solo & Ensemble at Tabor College this Saturday. They have already had huge success at our League Festival held on March 5th at Burrton High School. Main Street Singers are taking Omnia Sol by Randall Stroepe. It is a beautiful piece that inspires a moving farewell. Main Street is also taking a Women's Ensemble and a Men's Ensemble piece. There are 6 Vocal solos and 6 Instrumental Solos headed to Regionals. Grace Hageman on Euphonium, Nora Huff on Clarinet, Kendall Rogers on Trombone, Sean Kostner on Flute, Jack Harden on Alto Saxophone and Luke McGuire on Tenor Saxophone are the instrumental soloists. Mattie Jump, Elizabeth Paris, Joanna Hansen, Stephen Kerschen, Skyler Thimesch, and Luke McGuire are all taking Vocal Solos. Please wish these students good luck as they share their gift of music this Saturday.

-Nicole Kerschen



Nora Huff



Stephen Kerschen

Photos by Nicole Kerschen



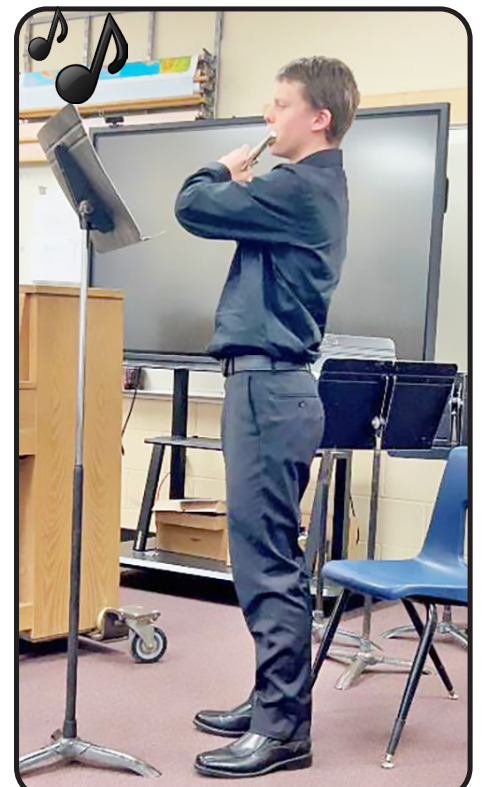
Luke McGuire, Rick King, Stephen Kerschen, Andrew Schultz, Skyler Thimesch, Jack Harden



Kendall Rogers



Luke McGuire



Sean Kostner

Second Graders Invite Community Workers to Visit



Christopher Hartley introduced his dad, Lucas Hartley to his classmates.

Thank you Lucas Hartley from Skyland Grain for teaching us about your job as a dry rig sprayer. We enjoyed the video, pictures, seeing the fertilizer, and learning about all you do. We appreciate the time you took in teaching our class today. Thank you!!
-Ingrid Ricke



Jade Preisser introduced artist Jane Uphoff to her class.

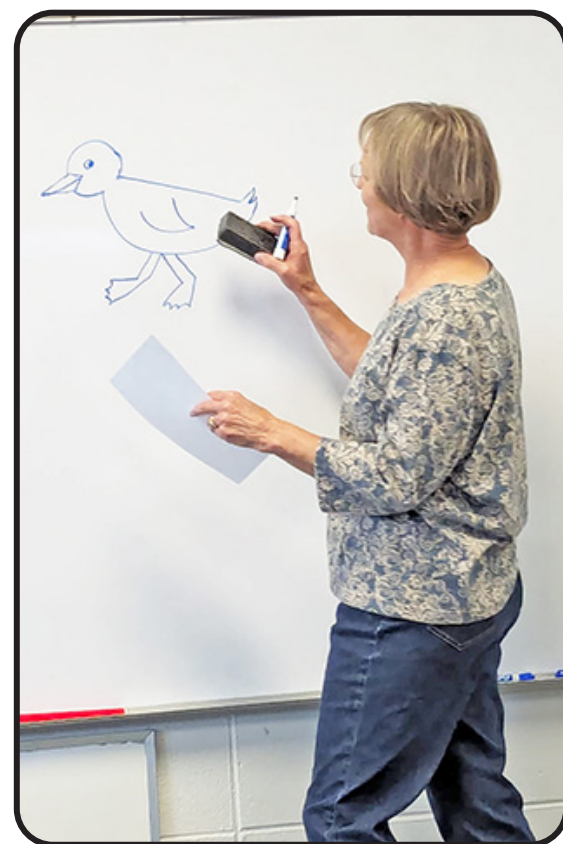
Thank you Jane Uphoff for teaching us about what it's like to be an artist. We loved getting to see your work and hearing about the different kinds of art you do. We enjoyed learning how to draw the duck with shapes and shading and getting to have a real artist lead this activity was really special. We appreciate the time you devoted to our class! We appreciate you!
-Ingrid Ricke



Mr. Hartley shows Wade Riggs a bag of fertilizer.



Ingrid Ricke photos



Mrs. Uphoff guides the second graders through the steps to draw a duck. Right: Some of Mrs. Uphoff's art supplies

Kingman County Commission Minutes

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. April 1, 2024, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Pat Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritche, County Counselor
Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Dale Enyart and Julie Lyon.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; User 1 and Tammy.

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Brent Wood; Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance; Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning and Charles Arensdorf,

Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Dale Enyart said "Congratulations and thank you for putting the work in to getting the EMS contract done."

Commissioner Henning discussed that communications helped make it happen.

Julie Lyon invited the Commissioners to the upcoming Fair Board meeting on April 10th @7:00 p.m. to be held at the old Saddle & Ropers building.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the City's Solar Farm and clarified it was a City project.

Commissioners talked with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer about the approved EMS contract that has been signed between the City and County.

Commissioners discussed that they would like Ms. Stegman to communicate with the EMS Director.

Commissioners want the City to know why they are asking questions and would like Ms. Stegman to email them to make sure there is communication.

Sheriff Wood was in with a department update.

Sheriff Wood was in with two banks rates for the purchase of the new vehicles from Superior.

Citizens Bank 5.375% for with \$337.50 document fees.

Kanza Bank 5.85 % for three years and document fees of \$550.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go with Citizens Bank of Kansas for the Lease of the new police ve-

hicles. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to reappoint Anita Drake to the Cowley County Housing Authority board. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Tonja Stamm, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss having the school come and do things on May 3, 2024, for their Community Service Day.

Commissioners agreed to have them but would like for her to make sure they are recognized for their work they do.

The County Clerk submitted the March 25th, 2024, County Canvass minutes and County Commission minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 25th, 2024, County Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the March 25, 2024, County Canvass minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the

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

Commissioners signed one Escape, one Addition and one Abatement.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed two NRP projects that haven't paid their first half of 2023 taxes with the Commissioners.

Commissioners agreed to remove the two projects from NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program).

Ms. Noblit discussed that the NRP is up for renewal and a decision needs to be made.

Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning was in with the following permits:

Randy & Shena Crow for shed-living quarters in Section 24, Township 30, Range 05W.

Neil Ottmer for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W.

Ryan & Raven Burkhart for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W.

Kim Klotz for a house in Section 10, Township 29, Range 05W.

Gabriel Schomaker for an Ag Building in Section 9, Township 28, Range 05W.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with communication information from Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the past

three years of Hot Mix Programs with the County Commissioners. The County had done 57 miles over the past three years.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on Peters #25 guardrail project to the Commission.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the following bridge projects:

X.6-22.0 (Location SE 150 St)-County furnish some material in stock-Adjust 2025 Special Bridge-County funded.

U.8-17.0-Location SE 100 St-3 miles North of Rago and 1/4 mile west-Submit to Spring KDOT OFF System Bridge Replacement Program.

F A S B r i d g e #66-Location S Berry Avenue-Deck leveling-will take elevation shots and wait on KDOT Load Rating Information.

F A S B r i d g e #20-Location SE 20 St-McArthur Road-1.5 miles east of Sedgwick County line-Submit bridge on KDOT Bridge replacement 2024.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the Flatridge 4 & 5 dust control issues.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 31

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| Animal Complaint | NE 30 St & NE 140 Ave, Cheney |
| Traffic Complaint | 1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | 8000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham |
| Traffic Complaint | 4700 Blk NE Sunset LN, Cheney |
| Suspicious Person | 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich |
| Traffic Complaint | SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Traffic Control | W Hwy 54 & SW 30 St, Kingman |
| Miscellaneous | 2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Trespassing | 700 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman |

Monday, April 1

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| Traffic Complaint | 12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham |
| Check Tag | 15000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney |
| Fire /Grass | SW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Follow Up | 13000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock |
| Trespassing | 700 Blk W Sherman, Kingman |
| Follow Up | 15000 Blk SE 150 St, Norwich |
| Suspicious Person / Arrest | 200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman |

Tuesday, April 2

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| Traffic Stop | 1 |
| Civil Paper Service | 1 |
| Transport Prisoners Back From SG Co | 120 North Spruce, Kingman |
| Miscellaneous | 120 North Spruce, Kingman |
| Disabled Vehicle | 5500 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Suspicious Vehicle | SE 20 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney |
| Trespassing | N Thompson St & E Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Miscellaneous | 120 North Spruce, Kingman |

Wednesday, April 3

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| Traffic Stop | 2 |
| Suspicious Person | 3000 NE 10 St, Kingman |

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| Follow Up | 120 N Spruce, Kingman |
| Trespassing | N Hwy 14 & NE 20 St, Murdock |
| Disabled Vehicle | SE 150 Ave & E Hwy 2, Norwich |
| Suspicious Person | NE 60 St & NE 90 Ave, Pretty Prairie |
| Agency Assist | E Maple Grove Rd, Pretty Prairie |
| Non-Injury Accident | 10000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich |
| Medical | 200 Blk S Wilmot St, Cunningham |

Thursday, April 4

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| Traffic Stop | 4 |
| Civil Paper Service | 5 |
| Fire / Grass | 1300 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman |

Friday, April 5

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| Traffic Stop | 7 |
| Civil Paper Service | 8 |
| Animal Complaint | 10000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich |
| Animal Complaint | 200 Blk S Wilmot St, Cunningham |
| Check Welfare | 200 Blk E Copeland Ave, Kingman |
| Miscellaneous | 200 Blk E Copeland Ave, Kingman |
| Fire / Grass | SW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Check Welfare | 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney |
| Traffic Complaint | 200 Blk E Don Lock Dr, Kingman |
| Disabled Vehicle | 14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney |
| Traffic Complaint | 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman |
| Warrant Service / Arrest | 900 Blk N Spruce, Kingman |

Saturday, April 6

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| Traffic Stop | 4 |
| Civil Paper Service | 2 |
| Warrant Service / Arrest | 200 Blk W Copeland Ave, Kingman |
| Traffic Complaint | NE 50 St & NE 140 Ave, Cheney |
| Non-Injury Accident | 14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham |

We like to go trout fishing!

What is your favorite Spring thing?

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Kids: color stuff in!

Swing Into Spring!

I love the spring! Wind gusts lift kites high into the sky. Sunlight hours are longer so I get to play outside a little later in the day. The temperatures are warmer and many kids only need to wear sweaters or light jackets. Rain showers form puddles and I can slide in the mud!

In early spring, you'll notice many changes.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. crocuses, daffodils
2. break out of an egg
3. lawn "weed" with a bright yellow flower
4. _____ grow longer (waking hours)
5. color of grass and leaves
6. tree frog with a high-pitched chirp
7. shrub with soft, gray "flowers" (2 words)
8. melts into water
9. when you feel heat you feel _____
10. beginning stage of leaf
11. home that birds build
12. clay or dirt mixed with water
13. grow shorter (sleeping hours)
14. falling drops of water

What do you know about breaking words into syllables? The word "spring" has only one syllable. You can say it without any breaks. Now, say the word "secret." It has two syllables: se • cret. Can you hear them? I really like even bigger words like the word "alphabet." It has three syllables: al • pha • bet.

Can you find and circle 5 words that have 3 or more syllables?

Wow! He's a big frog in a small pond!

Many baby animals are born in springtime.

Spring has sprung! Spring into action, everyone: skateboard, play ball, hopscotch, garden, fly kites, ride bikes, mini-golf – and bring a friend, too!

Fun Spring Things!

I have a secret message for you! Study the alphabet code. Then, fill in the letters of the alphabet on the spaces to find out what it is.

I love the spring when I can do my thing!

Budding Out!

Take a look at trees and bushes. Can you see any buds? In the springtime, buds on trees and bushes grow and soon change into new leaves or flowers.

Spell the name of each tree by filling in the blanks with 4 of the vowel "e", or 2 of the consonant "r" or 2 of the consonant "w".

1. Flo_ering Dog_ood

2. Sw_ _tgum Tr_ _

3. Sycamo_e T_ee

DoubleTake DoubleTake

In the spring I fly to Washington, D.C., to see the Cherry Blossoms and to Charleston, S.C., to enjoy the many blossoming flower gardens. Birds are nesting everywhere too!

Can you find 5 things that are different in my pictures from left to right? Mark them with an "X."

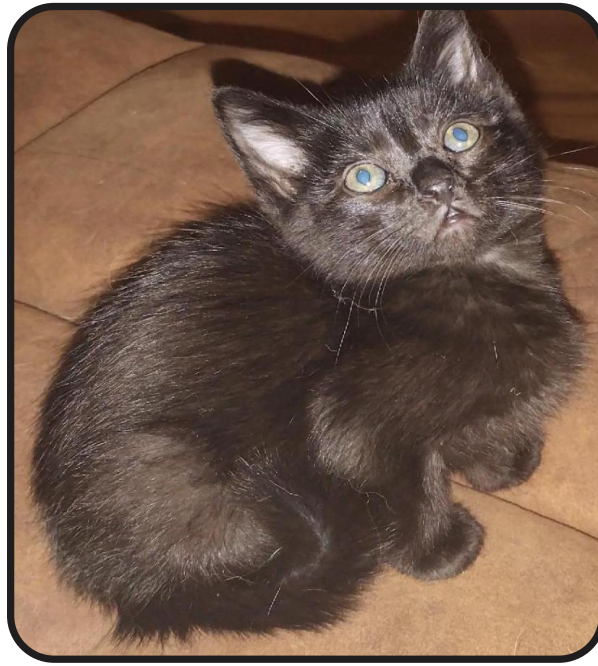


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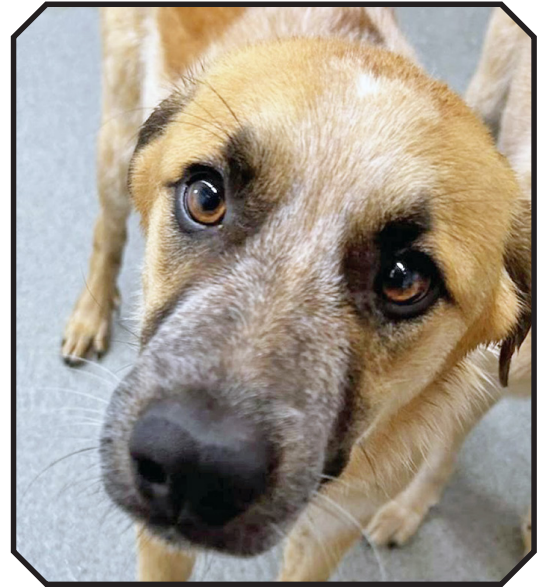
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Cinder is a female shorthaired kitty. She weighs about 2 pounds, is only 2 months old and has been at the shelter since March 14, 2023. Her adoption fee is \$75.

Levi

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Levi is a mixed breed: Cattle Dog, Australian (Red Heeler) / Shepherd. He weighs about 55 pounds and is about 1 year old. He has been at the shelter since October 28, 2023. (almost his entire life) His adoption fee is \$180.00. He is friendly, active and playful and ready for a new home away from the shelter. Always looking for the next fun adventure, we voted Levi as the Most Likely To Succeed.

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Animal Shelter



A Farm Cat's Tale

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

We adopted him from a nearby city animal shelter's barn cat adoption program. They adopted him out to us because he was deemed "too bite-y" to be a house cat.

An expert mouser with some serious cattitude, he rotated his time between our shop, farm

office and barn. He viciously clawed my office chair one afternoon when I turned off his Netflix. He'd let you know when he was annoyed with you with his loud meow or his claws to the back of your leg. He also let you know when he wanted your affection when he'd sneak up behind you and bite you before flopping down by your feet expecting a belly rub.

He'd sprawl out on window ledges and sleep for hours until I'd come into the office. I swear he'd wait for me to look over at him once I was settled at my desk before

he'd push a plant, pot or coffee mug off the ledge all while maintaining eye contact with me.

He tolerated our farm dog, Rosie, in her puppyhood. He followed us when we went on hikes through the cattle pastures — always letting us know of his presence by his continuous and loud complaints regarding our outings. More often than not, after hearing too many of his growling meows, one of us would give in and carry that fat cat back to the shop.

He had a special gift of getting right in your face when working on equipment and making

his presence known during Zoom calls.

Mr. Gray disappeared about a year ago. We assumed a coyote got the old boy.

However, we recently received a call from the City of Wichita telling us that they had our cat. We didn't have a missing cat. They said they had a cat that was micro-chipped and registered to us.

Mr. Gray was back from the dead!

I made the hour-long drive down to Wichita to bail him out of cat jail.

After a year of adventures that landed him in the big house down in the

city, Mr. Gray is back on the farm. He spent a few hours in the tractor with my husband before we released him back into the shop and office later that afternoon.

He left an offering for us a few hours later in the form of two mice he'd caught and put in his litter box.

He's now returned to patrolling the farm, sneaking up behind me and nipping the back of my leg while I work at my desk, sharpening his claws on my office chair, and overseeing us while working on equipment — always from somewhere above us.

We don't know what his time away from the farm was like, but Mr. Gray has definitely made sure that we know he's back and that he hasn't changed one bit.

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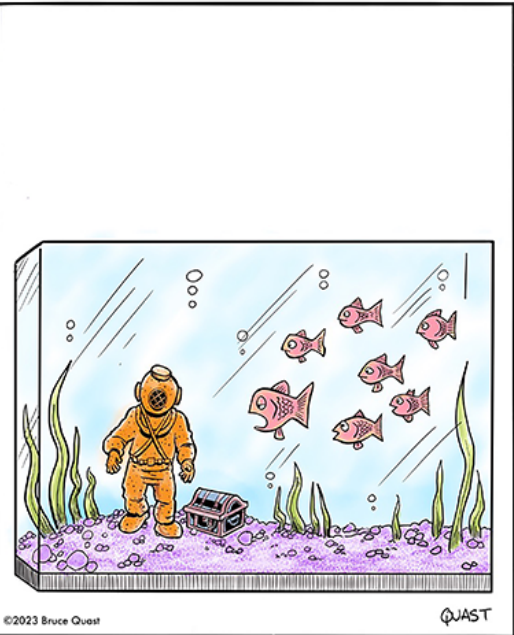
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Comfortably Dumb By Bruce Quast



"Sure, I can wrangle! I can wrope and wride, too!"

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"The archeological evidence suggests that these are monuments from an ancient civilization."

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"You go to Walter too? Isn't he the best?"

Swing Into Spring!

Buds... to blossoms!

Spring has sprung! Spring into action everyone: skateboard, play ball, hopscotch, garden, fly kites, ride bikes, mini-golf and bring a friend, too!

I found 9 words that have 3 or more syllables: beginning temperatures dandelions newspaper everyone syllables crocuses daffodils animals

DoubleTake DoubleTake Changes left to right: 1. rope turns into a worm 2. eggs are plain then spotted 3. cloud became smaller 4. leaves, no leaves 5. 2 tail feathers, 3 tail feathers

Ribbet!

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W R A N G L E R S W A N T E D

STRIPING by Walter

MEATS

CAF

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2 H A T

3 D A N D E L I O N

4 L E A V E S

5 G R E E N

6 R O P E

7 P U S S Y W I L L O W

8 E G G S

9 N E W S P A P E R

10 B I K E

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13 T E M P E R A T U R E

14 R I D E

1. rope turns into a worm

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5. 2 tail feathers, 3 tail feathers

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Two New K-State Wheat Varieties will be Available to Farmers this Fall

KS Bill Snyder wheat honors legendary football coach

Two new wheat varieties have been released from the Kansas State University wheat breeding program and are being licensed by Kansas Wheat Alliance seed associates for farmers to plant this fall. Hard red winter (HRW) wheat KS Bill Snyder, named after the legendary football coach, will be available in limited supply this fall. The variety was developed with funding from Kansas wheat farmers and donors to the Kansas Wheat Commission

Research Foundation. KS Mako, also a hard red winter variety, has an excellent yield record, will make a splash in seed fields this summer and will be available to farmers this fall.

Coach Bill Snyder was honored at a luncheon on March 14 in Manhattan. Select wheat farmers, seed growers and industry professionals were in attendance to hear from K-State's retired football coach. Marty Vanier, whose family was the lead donor of the Research Foundation's Fields Forward Campaign, and former Senator Pat Roberts also provided remarks. Vanier listed Snyder's 16 goals for success, and how each of these goals aligns with the wheat breeding program.

Roberts said, "This combines two of my favorite things in the world — Kansas agriculture and Coach Bill Snyder." He continued, telling at-

teendeas that the naming of the wheat variety KS Bill Snyder brings a new level of excitement to a new generation of agriculture students. "Stakes are high in ag research," he said. "We need a stable and affordable food system, and Kansas Wheat is rising to this challenge by honoring Bill Snyder."

In his remarks, Coach Snyder talked about how he drove by the agricultural research plots every day on his drive from home to work.

"The people here are very special, and what you do is meaningful," Snyder said. "When I came here in 1989, I learned that Kansas State people are truly special. They asked, 'What can we do for you?' That's the Kansas State farmer way."

Coach Snyder went on to say how humbled he is to be honored with the naming of a wheat variety.

KS Bill Snyder

S Bill Snyder — the

wheat variety — was the result of the long-running breeding program at the K-State Agricultural Research Center at Hays, led by Dr. Guorong Zhang, Kansas State University wheat breeder, and his team. The program focuses on the development of new and improved varieties of both HRW and hard white (HW) winter wheat for western Kansas.

KS Bill Snyder is a medium maturity and medium-short height variety that was #1 in the Southern Regional Performance Nursery (SPRN) in 2022. KS Bill Snyder has a solid disease package with good to intermediate resistance of stripe, leaf and stem rust, along with moderate resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus (Wsm2 gene) and intermediate resistance to Triticum mosaic virus. It is also resistant to soilborne mosaic virus, allowing it to move into central Kansas, where it

has shown decent yield potential. KS Bill Snyder, along with its very high yield potential, also has good drought tolerance, high tillering capacity, excellent straw strength and good quality.

KS Mako

KS Mako is a high yielding wheat variety out of the K-State Manhattan breeding program. Developed by K-State wheat breeder Dr. Allan Fritzt, it is medium maturity and medium height with Jagger and LCS Chrome in its pedigree. This variety has a yield performance similar to KS Providence and other top yielding varieties in the central Kansas corridor and has also performed well in western Kansas, with decent drought tolerance.

KS Mako has very good quality and above average protein at a given yield level. It carries the Wsm2 gene, giving it some of the best wheat streak mosaic virus resistance for a central Kansas

adapted wheat variety. KS Mako is intermediate to moderately susceptible to leaf and stripe rust and susceptible to FHB. It will be a solid companion variety to KS Providence, with quality that should get it on preferred variety lists.

The K-State wheat breeding program is supported by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Kansas Wheat Commission Research Foundation and Kansas Wheat Alliance. With all these resources combined, the program continues its tradition of providing great wheat varieties designed specifically to meet the needs of Kansas wheat producers and their customers.

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Letters TO THE Editor

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Go Chiefs: Granddads

First off I must apologize for how long I've been dealing with the problem of gun violence at the Super Bowl celebration for the KC Chiefs; and my guilt for letting this threat to our children and citizens continue to exist. Maybe that speaks to how complicated the problem is.

Harrison Butker the Chiefs punter expressed the idea that it stems from poor fathering. That is a good point and to my place in this, also poor grandfathering. Mr. Butker was speaking to the lack of a good father figure to show sons how to deal with problems and resolve them without violence. Agreed! But to hope for better parenting to solve other's poor parenting hasn't worked. So what more needs to

happen?

I was relieved that more didn't die in the KC shooting. Of the 28 people who were shot in KC only one died; In the Uvalde shooting 19 died. In the Parkland School shooting in 2018 17 children and teacher were killed. In the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012 26 students and teachers were gunned down at their school. What was the difference between the KC shootings and these others? Weapons of war. The AR 15 type guns were not used in the KC shootings!

In the Las Vegas shootings in 2017, 58 people were killed by modified AR 15 type guns. Retired Major General Paul Eaton and 9 other retired military officers testified to the US Senate that the AR type gun is truly a weapon of war and should not

be permitted in private hands and should only be owned by the police and military. Congress decided to change the laws that existed before 1994 -- that the public could not own weapons of war. Why did the change happen? The NRA.

I considered joining the NRA when I was a young man. At that time it was a hunters' organization. Since that time, it has become a big business gun promotion PAC. The NRA has also used its money to influence our elected officials. This is where we fathers and grandfathers need to protect our families. If we vote for local officials without asking how they will vote on gun issues or all issues, we are part of the problem. Three of the last 4 local State Representatives and State Senators we have elected were on the payroll of

the NRA. The 4th State Senator Ed Burger was a lifetime member of the NRA, but they wouldn't endorse Ed and I think that is because he was a moderate.

This is where I have to take some of the blame. We have become a lazy electorate. We haven't done our part to find out how the people we vote for will vote on life and death issues. You and I are responsible for the AR 15 type guns in the hands of dangerous people. Now would be a good time to say I don't intend to give up my hunting guns. My grandfather, my dad and I owned these guns when mass shootings didn't exist, and I plan to keep my hunting guns till I die. Next time I'll try and explain ideas we need to do as good parents and citizens to protect our families and others. -Alan Albers

Statepoint Crossword Theme: National Parks

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- Refrigerator sound
- Action word
- Left, in Russia
- Departed
- Locomotive hair
- As opposed to St. in a city, pl.
- French cordial flavoring
- Type of lily, pl.
- *Voyageurs National Park location
- Like Andersen's duckling
- Poacher's ware
- Unit of pressure
- *Volcanoes National Park location
- Dionysus' female followers
- U.N. labor agency
- Camels' relatives
- Pelvic bones
- Smears
- "____ of the land"
- Gertrude Stein's reception room
- Sicilian rumbler
- Strong influence
- To sum
- Blushes
- *Utah national park
- What blanket and landing have in common
- State before birth
- Eastern European
- *Yosemite's famous monolith (2 words)
- Cockamamie
- Effect of pain?

- First weekly news magazine in U.S.
- South African currency, pl.
- Tolstoy's Karenina
- The 15th of March
- King Kong and Koko, e.g.
- Hot one in a bun
- Copper coin
- Down
- Type of shot
- Strauss of jeans fame
- Often found under a range
- Herzegovina's partner
- Kind of roll, in school
- Togetherness
- * ____ Verde National Park
- *Shenandoah National Park location
- Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- Frost-covered
- Like certain relief
- ____ is a byproduct of ____ (2 3-letter words)
- "____ for alarm"
- See nor hear this? pl.
- Faux ____
- Opposite of seeker
- Winged
- One of Florence Nightingale's concerns
- American Indians of Yucatan
- Islam's Supreme Being
- D in LED
- *White ____ National Park in New Mexico
- Financial help
- *Need one to navigate a National Park?

- *The Lakota called it "Mako Sica"
- Razor sharpener
- *Old Faithful ____, lodging spot in Yellowstone
- Poolside hut
- Roof overhang
- Rotten Tomatoes contributor
- Latin American plain
- Getting an A
- Finger-produced sound
- Muffin Man's Drury ____
- "Goodness gracious!"
- Ocean motion
- Word of agreement
- *Bald Eagle's home in Acadia or Olympic National Parks
- One of the Gershwins

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 1, 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, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, Economic Development/ COVID consultant, reported the Kansas health rankings. Pratt ranked in the top 10% in the state for good services. ARPA reporting deadline has changed. Two legislative bills passed last week concerning drones. They would prohibit any unit of government from

buying a drone made in China or has any parts manufactured in China. They will have until 2029 to be replaced. The house unanimously passed a tax plan last week, the senate killed the bill the next day and is now working on a compromise plan. She reported a new 24/7 gas station could locate in Pratt.

Sherry Wenrich, Register of Deeds, presented a new hire form for Tishawna Dudrey. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve hiring Tishawna Dudrey for the Register of Deeds office at \$16.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:10 p.m. for fifteen minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning an appraisal matter

to include DJ McMurry, appraiser. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a 6-month raise slip for Wesley Halley for the road department in the amount of .50. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the .50 increase for Wesley Halley, road department. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented an invoice from Integreen Services for the new

pump at the courthouse. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the repairs on the pump at the courthouse from Integreen Services for \$13,985.32 to be paid out of the courthouse fund. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented a match request from Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging for \$1650.00. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the match payment to Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging for \$1650.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the emergency vehicle permits for Dalton Hodgkinson, Robert Thomas, Clinton Phye, Gary Smith and Morgan Trinkle.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the emergency vehicle permits for Colby Shriver. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Chairman Shriver abstained from voting.

Tyson stated he had emailed them the road maintenance agreement and asked the commissioners if they had any questions, if not are they prepared to sign the agreement.

The commissioners had no questions and are prepared to sign. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the road use and maintenance agreement with Ninnescah Wind Energy, LLC. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson gave an update on

the delinquent property tax sale he is working on. He should have more information in another week or two.

Chairman Shriver gave an update on the Kansas unclaimed tax, the amount is around \$700. Treasurer, Amy Jones is in the process of getting the money returned.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for April 1, 2024. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 2:53 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

BRUCE TIMMONS, Deceased. CASE NO. KM-2024-PR-000014 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 22, 2024, a petition was filed in this Court by Dustin Goetz, a devisee, legatee and Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Bruce Timmons," deceased, dated March 17, 2014, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Larry Dicke

SALINA - Larry Wayne Dicke, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Salina Regional Health Center, Salina, KS.

He was born April 27, 1940 in Nashville, KS, the son of Henry Dicke and Martha (Westerman) Dicke.

Larry retired from Raytheon (Beech Aircraft) in Salina. He was Lutheran by faith, an avid golfer and in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years.

Survivors are his wife Connie Dicke of Salina; two daughters, Sondra Rickman (Paul) of Salina, and Debbie Berndt of Salina; three grandchildren, Joshua Rickman (April), Jessica Pfeifer (Tanner), Katelyn Berndt; four great-grandchildren, Seth Lepping, Garret Pfeifer, Kalea Pfeifer and Willow Rickman; one sister, Luella Hargett of Medicine Lodge, KS; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Martha, and by four brothers, his twin brother Harry, Leroy, Lloyd and Floyd.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral service was Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 702 9th St and W. Crawford St, Salina, KS 67401.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Salina Municipal Golf First-Tee.



Barbara Sowers

Barbara K. (Clayton) Sowers, 79, died April 2, 2024, at her home in Kingman.

She was born July 27, 1944, at Kingman the daughter of Harry and Blanche Wallace Clayton. A lifetime resident of the Murdock and Kingman communities, she was a homemaker.

Barbara was a member of the Murdock United Methodist Church and UMW; the EHU; was active in 4-H, a former member of the USD 331 Kingman-Norwich school board; and the Red Hat Ladies.

On April 27, 1963, she married Kenny Sowers at Murdock. Other survivors include a son Charlie; daughter Christine Jennings; and many friends she loved as family. She is preceded in death by brothers Dale and Harold; and sisters Phyllis Fellers and Florence Doze.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Kingman Methodist Church. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Kingman Healthcare Center Oncology Department in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



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If you could do one small and simple thing each day to significantly improve your overall health and it didn't involve sweating at the gym or eating kale, would you do it? If the answer is yes, then read on.

Olive oil, or specifically, extra virgin olive oil, sometimes referred to as EVOO, is one of the most beneficial substances that you can put in your body. Why is olive oil so good for you? Recent research has shown the following benefits.

Boosts Immune System

Extra virgin olive oil helps our bodies fight off disease because it contains abundant polyphenols. Polyphenols are strong antioxidants that are beneficial because they combat oxidative stress within our bodies. Oxidative stress contributes to disease. Two especially abundant polyphenols are found in olive oil, hydroxytyrosol and oleocanthal. These both have been shown to have anti-inflammatory, neuroprotective, antimicrobial, and cancer-fighting properties. Olive oil seriously boosts your immune system.

Brain/Memory/Mood/Sleep

Oxidative stress contributes to the progression of neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease. The polyphenols found in olive oil, especially oleocanthal, may help to counter this effect. It is believed that oleocanthal-rich extra virgin olive oil reduces neuro-inflammation and restores healthy blood-brain function. Fascinating recent studies also support growing research suggesting olive oil's brain nourishing nutrients can help stabilize and even elevate your mood, easing depression. The beneficial fats in olive oil help our nerves function properly, supporting the central nervous system and increasing the mood-supporting compound serotonin.

Research has also shown that consuming olive oil before bed can increase significantly the amount of deep restorative sleep you get.

Cardiovascular Health

Extra virgin olive oil protects against heart disease and stroke, can help lower blood pressure, fosters improved blood flow, and is considered by most experts to be extremely heart-healthy. A study referenced in the New England Journal of Medicine from June of 2018 noted that people who adopted a Mediterranean-style diet that included 4+ tablespoons of olive oil per day had a lower risk of developing cardiovascular disease, with a combined risk for heart attack, stroke, and death approx. 30% lower than participants eating a low-fat diet. Olive oil has been linked to reduced blood pressure and improved cholesterol levels as well.

Reduced Cancer Risk

Cancer rates tend to be lower in Mediterranean countries where olive oil consumption is greater. In a 2020 study, researchers at the University of Jaen in Spain revealed that diets rich in olive oil can help prevent colorectal cancer by triggering beneficial changes in gut bacteria. Olive oil has been linked to lower risk of colon and breast cancer in women. The anti-cancer properties found in olive oil include the already mentioned hydroxytyrosol and oleocanthal, along with oleic acid, phytosterols, and squalene.

Pain & Inflammation

Olive oil is particularly beneficial for those suffering from arthritis or any other inflammatory condition. The polyphenols in olive oil have properties similar to the anti-inflammatory characteristics of ibuprofen.

Healthy Gut

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Weight Loss & Energy

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Diabetes

Healthy fats are an important component for those managing or trying to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. A 2017 study found that those consuming olive oil had a 16% reduction in the risk of developing diabetes. Fats help slow glucose absorption in the bloodstream, which keeps blood sugar stable. The main monounsaturated fat in olive oil is oleic acid. Oleic acid is particularly protective against insulin resistance.

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opportunities for military spouses in Kansas.

"As the daughter of a career Army officer, I know the importance of supporting our military personnel and their spouses," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I'm proud to sign this bipartisan bill that knocks down barriers and ensures military spouses have every opportunity to fill the jobs we've created in Kansas."

In February 2023, Governor Kelly announced that Kansas was the first state in the nation to join the Alliance

for States Providing Interoperable Reciprocity (ASPIRE). This coalition advocates for the acceleration of military reciprocity by and between states, easing the process of obtaining an occupational license in a state to which military personnel and their families are deployed.

"Military spouses play a crucial role in contributing to Kansas' workforce and economic success," said Kansas State Senator Usha Reddi, District 22, and member of the Governor's Military Council. "This bill will

allow us to better support our servicemembers and their families by removing the hurdles military spouses face when seeking job opportunities."

Governor Kelly also signed a bipartisan bill in 2021 that expedites the issuance of occupational credentials to military servicemembers and military spouses seeking to establish residency in Kansas. The legislation makes it easier for military spouses to transition into the workforce and contribute to the Kansas economy.

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