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CHS Time Capsule Names

Many of you have asked for a list of the students who 'signed into' the time capsule in 1917. Here is the list, or as best I could decipher. I have arranged them youngest to oldest.

The teachers listed taught two grade levels, and their names only appear once.

First Grade

Dorothy Alexander
 Fern Cook
 Ethelyn Franks
 Laura Mae McMullen
 ?(either Robert or Mary) Wallace
 Velda Hillyard
 Denis ?
 Fay Oller
 Sammy ?
 Elvin S ?

Second Grade

Doug Cozens
 Ruby Gibbens
 Mary Wallace
 Theresa Buscher
 O.D. Kimball
 Avery Maxedon
 Freddie Niethamer
 Max Skinner
 Maybelle Charpie – Teacher

Third grade

Teacher – Laverna Nossaman
 Elmo Huffman
 Lester Nighswonger
 Grace Postlewait
 Gail Taber
 Pauline Allbritten
 Viola Franks
 Iris Lunsford
 Rex Ruth
 Geraldine Allbritten
 Blenda Hilyard
 Clarence Steffens
 Wilber Ruth
 Morris Harris
 John D. Ratcliffe

Fourth Grade

Forrest Lees
 Frank Rouse
 Jessie Taylor
 Oscar Lunsford
 Arlie Siebert
 Roy Lawhead
 Lestor Jenks
 Roy Postlewait
 Beth Jones
 Deva Clouse
 Elroy Bowers
 John Steffens
 Genevieve Cook
 Elsie Wilcox
 Letha Hatch
 Marie Nighswonger
 Gertrude Lees

Fifth Grade

Cunningham District #30
 Faris Harris
 Sophia Buscher
 Henry Shea
 Glennah Wallace
 Ralph Shelman
 Charlie Willoughby
 Willis Rouse
 Sybil Plynell (?)

Opal Clouse
 Wanita Postlewait
 Reba Cozen
 Elbert Harris
 Roscoe Lees
 Hollis Shelman

Sixth Grade

Cunningham, Kansas
 Lily Niethammer
 Ira Wetherall
 John Howard Postlewait
 Chuck Roulle (?)
 Clara Neithammer
 Forest Traves
 Viola Stolfus
 Genevieve Wogan
 Aretha Graves
 Gladys Pauline Hatch
 Carl Lawhead
 Ferne Graves
 Bonnie Bowers
 Albert Niethammer
 Ova Fross
 Dayton Dyche
 Dale Carrier
 May Cook
 Curtis Whetstone
 Chester Ruth

Pupils of Seventh Grade

Cunningham Kansas
 Clarence Erwin Wilcox Age 12
 Pauline Grace Moore. Age 14 years
 Verna Irene Wallace Age 15 years Nov 22
 Wilmer Sterry Cozens Age 14
 Richard Thornton Jones Age 12
 Mary Ellen Shea Age 16 year old
 Daisy Dorothy Dyche Age 13 year old
 Velma Fay Cook Age 12 years old
 Harol Baker

Pupils of the Eighth Grade

Cunningham Kansas
 Forrest Wallenstein Jones (age) 13 yrs. Old July 15, 1917
 Bonnie Maxine Gibbens age 13.
 Miss Sarah Katherine Bawden Age 14
 Cloyd C Postlewait Age 16
 Leona May Whetstone Age 14
 Mr. Warren Sessler Age 16
 Velma Erma Harris Age 17
 Alice Katherine Wymer Age 15 years
 Anna Rebecca Neithammer Age 18
 Miss Florence Beatrice Wetherall Age 14
 Miss Bertha Pearl Martin Age 14
 Miss Pansy Opal Ruth Age 15
 Edwin Lee Hart age 14



Ernest Martin age 24 Teacher of Seventh & Eighth grades
 Earl Cooper Nov 22 – 1917 (blue ink. Writing like on the envelope this list was in)

Freshman Class of 1921

Class Colors – Scarlet and gray.
 Class Motto – Improve the Time.
 Class officers
 President – Karl Scott
 Vice President – Mable Kramer
 Sec.-Treasurer – Buelah Yarberry
 Editor – Orval Ruth

Class members:

Ray Cooley.
 Lettie Conley.
 Iris Tapp.
 Grace Whitmore.
 Veva Howell.
 Frank Leis.
 Floyd Glenn.
 Annice Harte.
 Wanda McPeek.

Class of 1920

Class Colors – Blue & White
 Class Motto – Esse quam videri (To be, rather than to seem)
 Class Enrollment.
 Henrietta Jane Maxson
 Naomi Dorothy Jones
 Cora Gertrude Luce
 Everett Crystal Houser
 Shelley A Gibbens
 Thelma Esther Morton
 Archie Irene Rouse
 Kenneth Lees
 Denzel Cecil Cline
 President – Everett Houser
 Vice President – Archie Rouse
 Secretary – Treasurer – Gertrude Luce
 Editor – Shelley Gibbens
 We the Sophomores of 1917- 1918 do dedicate this new Rural High School Building to the future Sophomores of C.H.S., who unlike ourselves can enjoy the benefits of plenty of room and convenient apparatus, with much good will did in the hope they will appreciate their adventure.

Signed – Sophomore Class of 1917-1918

Class of 1919

In the year of 1916 a class of bright and intelligent students came into existence, and were called Freshman. There were seventeen enrolled, we have lived up to our motto, Excelsior, onward and upward.

And now we the Junior class of 1919 do dedicate this to the New Rural High School Building of Cunningham Kansas Enrollment.

Melvin Cozens
 William E. Melson
 Austin Wetherall
 Verne W Stanley
 Harold M. Shidler
 Luelma J. Cook
 Harold
 Seth F. Whitmore
 Jordan Cox
 Daisy Yarberry
 Lydia E. Fox
 Ethel Yarberry
 Marvel Whetstone
 Ruth Clouse
 Irene Baker
 Class Officers
 Pres. Melvin Cozens
 Vice Pres. Will Melson
 Sec. and Treas. Irene Baker
 Editor Ruth Clouse
 Motto: Excelsior (ever upward)
 Colors: Purple and White
 Flower: Violet

“Senior Class of 1918”

Colors – “Black & Orange”
 Motto – Esto quod Essi Videri (“To be, rather than to seem”)

Flower – Sunflower
 Officers
 Pres. – Henry B. Gibbens
 Vice-Pres.- George Harte
 Sec-Treas. – Glenn Cooley
 Members
 Ernest Lash.
 Gladys Danner.
 Madge McPeek.
 Homer Clouse.

“Class History” – by Henry B. Gibbens
 We the class of '18, started (school) in the Fall of '14, with the above ___ and the following – Lena Wilcox, ____, Muriel Sellon, Gilbert McCormack, Lionel Smith, David Lunsford, Gladys Walker, Alta Anderson, Carde Cannon, or seventeen in all.

During our four years of hard fighting for a High School education, our numbers decreased, many going out into life to fill the place of men and women, others to graduate in other schools. Today we occupy the position of Seniors of C.H.S. in all its glory. We have helped make a winning football team this year and we are preparing a debate for C.H.S.'s first entrance into the State High School Debating League! We have helped to make our high school what she is and we shall go out into the world, proud of her and her future.

Our general course of study this year is Physiology, Civics, Arithmetic, and English III.

This twenty second day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, we are taking six weeks tests.

Business cards:

Miss Gertrude Stolfus

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 S.S. Voight
 Architect and Engineer
 601-602 Fourth National Bank Bldg.
 Wichita, Kansas

J.G. Gibbens
 Farmer and Stockman
 Representative of 72nd District Kingman Co., Kan.,
 To Legislature 1915 Cunningham, Kan.

Telephone Market 6156
 E.E. Waltmire
 Optometrist and Optician
 206 East Douglas, Wichita Kansas.

Silas Nossaman
 Cunningham, Kansas

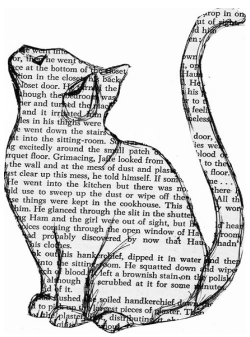


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Meanderings

The paper this week went together too smoothly. Now I will worry half the night that I forgot something....

I didn't do my homework on Earl Cooper, mystery name from the time capsule, but it isn't the first or last time I've not done my homework. Time just goes by too fast? Maybe by next week.

Our community is going to miss Carol Freund. She was a wonderful person. She was generous and caring and outspoken and hardworking. She knew a lot about the people who live here and what was going on around town. New folks moving in. Folks moving

out. Construction happening. I learned a lot from her. My Quin LOVED Carol. She carried treats and pet food and other assorted items in her mail vehicle so she could feed animals on her route. Most days she'd come to the door, dog biscuits in hand (one for now, one for later), give Quin his biscuit (for now) and hand me the mail and his other biscuit, and we'd chat.

If she didn't come to the door, Quin, tail wagging hopefully, would just watch her put our mail in the box and drive away. But I always knew when she was coming to the door, because as SOON as the wheels turned to come into the drive, Quin went amok. Absolutely crazy with excitement.

Let's get something straight. Quin gets treats. He gets a lot of treats. But there was something about Carol handing him one, that thrilled him beyond measure.

If I was working in the kitchen, I'd ask Quin,

"Is Carol here?" and he'd bounce to the window. If she wasn't he'd just come back in the kitchen to sit with me.

And, of course, Quin still sits in the window every morning, watching for her. I don't dare say her name, his disappointment when she's not there is just too sad.

When the new mail driver pulls up to the mailbox, Quin watches, and wags his tail a little. If someone gets out to bring a package to the door, he gets excited and wants me to open the door. When no one knocks, he goes back and sits in his chair and watches the mail carrier drive away.

Lucky Day is laying here on my desk, watching the computer screen as I type. Occasionally, he blinks at me in his "I'm a wise cat, ask me anything" way.

This evening when it was supper time, this fat ol' guy couldn't be found. I called and called. Lucky Day always stays close to a food source. I searched

the house. I checked the front yard. I checked the backyard three or four times. No Lucky Day.

If it was Dusty Bottoms, I'd think he'd gone over the privacy fence. But it's Lucky Day missing. Lucky Day is FAT. He has to weigh somewhere between 20 and 25 pounds, maybe more. He's huge. And lazy. And lovable. I can't imagine he'd be able to jump 6 feet to get over the fence.

He did finally showed up. About 15 minutes after I started the search and the hollering. I have no idea where he could have been. I am going to have to start watching this guy.

Last night Dusty Bottoms was a no show at supper time. I called and called, walked across the street and scanned the field to the west. I called and called. He didn't come. I fed the other cats.

Dusty and Lucky Day are brothers. Both orange tabbies. Dusty, though, is as thin as Lucky Day is fat. Dusty is all but

transparent, he's so thin. And he DOES go over the fence.

Last night.... An hour after I fed the cats, I headed to the city council meeting, and drove around the block to see if I could find my missing orange kitty. Sure enough, I spotted him. He was trying to pick a fight with his nemesis, Barney (as in Fife). The non-fighter, cowardly orange tabby. Dusty likes a good fight, Barney, poor guy, doesn't even carry one bullet in his shirt pocket, he's that afraid of fighting.

They didn't move when they first spotted me, it wasn't until I got out of the car, and yelled at Dusty, that they took off. Barney in the lead, Dusty right behind, tails bottlebrush-bristled out, over the fence. I ran into the house via the front door and arrived on the back deck in time to see Barney running through the pet door, Quin coming out, and Dusty looking disappointed there wasn't going to be a fight. Dusty then HAD to

tell me how mad Barney makes him, and how if he had the chance, he'd pack Barney's bags and send him on his way.

I finally got Dusty in the house. But he didn't get any canned food for supper. He just had to eat the dry lams I have for them. I went off to the council meeting and came home to find all the kitties and the dog settled in and ready for bed.

Always reading, and currently reading, 'The Golem's Eye: Bartimaeus #2' by Jonathan Stroud, Roberta

"I want to mail my mailman something. He always brings me mail, yet I never give him any mail. Maybe he will appreciate the thought, or maybe he will feel I am making more work for him." — Jarod Kintz, I Want Two apply for a job at our country's largest funeral home, and then wear a suit and noose to the job interview.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Today's encore is the first of my columns which appeared in print four years ago this week, thanks to Emily Porter and Kimberly George, editors of The Dighton Herald. It ran under the heading "Healy Gaille Returns," because several months prior I'd moved back to Kan. after living on the East Coast for decades. Because I was asked so often then how I was "adjusting," the stories of my reacclimation prompted the origin of Tallgrass & Tumbleweeds. I am for-

ever indebted to Emily and Kim, and the host of other editors across the state since, who afford me the opportunity and privilege of continuing to connect with you each week. I hope you enjoy "You Can Get Here From There."

"You can take the girl out of Kansas, but you can't take the Kansas out of the girl." One of my college professors, Troy Boucher, told me that. And he was right. After 35 years in Philadelphia, PA, I have returned and it's great to be back. The bonds of memory and family secure me. All places change. However, the character of the people who live here remains constant and that accounts for the warm

welcome I have received. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences here.

Let's start with driving. Philadelphia and Western Kansas are worlds apart, but you CAN get here from there by driving 1,228 miles, which took me two days a few months ago. Since then I've logged 2,500 miles within the state to visit family and friends. That number does not include trips between Dighton, Healy, Scott, Garden or Dodge because...that's just daily life. Or deer scouting outings with my brother Dale because those are just fun. I love the hours I spend on Kan. roads. You get where you're going. You just start your

engine and go. East Coast driving is a horse speed of a different color. The same hours spent driving around Philadelphia or up and down the Mid-Atlantic? That would cause me aggravation beyond description, high blood pressure, road rage, desperate searches for public restrooms, and IF I arrived at the destination I set out to reach, I would have forgotten why I set out in the first place. For example, the last time I drove from a suburb of Philadelphia to Salisbury, MD for the weekend, it was only 150 miles each way. Easy-peasy Kansas driving, right? East Coast driving...not so much. How long would you guess it

took me? Before you guess, factor in that it was the last weekend of summer, my destination was 30 miles from a beach, and it poured rain on my entire trip back. Oh, and don't forget to account for the TRAFFIC on Interstate 95. Ready? The drive down was over five hours, and the drive back more than seven. Nope, no prizes for anyone, especially not me. However, that Saturday, I spent another hour-plus in a car headed to the beach. That trip was worth it because I was not driving; I walked out of the sea to eat clams, AND I introduced my great-nephews, Jalen and Blake, to the Atlantic Ocean and I wasn't driving or did I mention that

already? Happy as I am, I do miss the Ocean and I long for clams. But I have never hit a rush hour on K-96. So I'll take Kansas driving over East Coast driving any day of the week. Speaking of K-96, let me close with a recent personal record. Forever (well forever since I got my license) I play a game. I count the miles I go without seeing a vehicle in either direction. The other night, driving from Ness to Dighton on 96, I did not see a single car the WHOLE 31 miles. East Coast, same time of night? I would have seen 31 cars in less than a block. 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: Fresh out of ideas? Ask yourself, 'What if?'

By Matt Forrest Esenwine This week's guest on "Poetry from Daily Life" is Matt Forrest Esenwine, who lives in Warner, New Hampshire. Matt is an award-winning children's author and poet who began writing poems when he was 9 years old. He says he loves writing for children about nature, families, and our connectedness. Two picture books Matt especially enjoyed working on were "Flashlight Night" (Astra Young Readers, 2017), which began as a poem, and "I Am Today," which recently received the New Hampshire State Literary Award for Outstanding Work of Children's Literature. In addition to his writing, Matt Spent twenty-five years on-air in radio doing morning shows, hosting concerts, and interviewing people as diverse as Bernie Sanders, Alice Cooper, and Jeff

Foxworthy. ~ David Harrison

What if?

It's a question author/futurist Arthur C. Clarke, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and Apple co-founder Steve Jobs probably asked themselves at one point or another.

It's a question subconsciously uttered in the mind of a 2-year-old, discovering their world. And it's a question Marvel even turned into a comic book series back in the '70s and '80s and is now a TV series.

It's a mere two words. Two words that might steel our resolve, or completely change our perspective.

What if?

How many times have you tried to get your smartphone or laptop to stop doing that annoying "thing?" You experiment, you troubleshoot. You think, "What if ... I press Shift-Alt-Ctrl-Tab-Insert?" And when that doesn't work, you think, "What if ... I just walk away and act like this never happened?" We ask ourselves, "What if?" day in and day out.

- "What if the game lasts too long?" "What if I take the road less traveled?" "What if we run out of hamburger pickles?"

But when was the last time you used these two words to help you create?

What if ... you changed your story?

Certainly, this question can be used in any environment, whether you are an inventor, politician, or salesperson. For me, it's in the realm of creative writing. Asking this question — either when brainstorming ideas or when stuck on a character, rhyme, or plot detail — opens up worlds of possibilities:

- "What if ... my main character was the opposite sex?" "What if ... this story was set in another time?"

"What if ... I juxtaposed these two lines/stanzas/paragraphs?"

Several years ago I asked myself, "What if ... a frost occurred in the middle of summer?" The poem I wrote answered that question.

What if ... I could see things from a different viewpoint?

Come to think of it, the world would probably be a much better place if more of us asked that particular question.

But really, ask yourself all kinds of "what if" questions and write the answers down! Putting a few lines or paragraphs on paper (or computer) can help you see things from a different perspective, and that's what you want. Asking "what if" can help you critique, inspire, or edit yourself!

Even if you have no intention of turning Lucinda — your novel's half-human, half-lizard hybrid heroine — into a half-alien, half-nematode super villain, play it out and see where it goes! It may go nowhere, but there's a good chance you'll learn.

- Perhaps you'll come up with a better character. Perhaps you'll come up with an idea for an entirely different project! But without questioning, you'll never know.

Final question:

"What if ... I gave everyone a second chance?" Hmmm ... I'll let you think about that one on your own.

Matt Forrest Esenwine's picture books include the Kirkus-starred "Flashlight Night" (Astra Young Readers, Sept. 2017) and "Once Upon Another Time" (Beaming Books, 2021), which ALA's Booklist called "a necessary addition to picture book collections." His poetry can be found in numerous anthologies like "The National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry" (National Geographic Kids, 2015) and "Except for Love: New England Poets Inspired by Donald Hall" (Encircle, 2019). See more at MattForrest.com.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 29 HS BB Boys Sub-state tournament begins	Tuesday, March 5 HS HOPL Music *** Lions Club
Friday, March 1 HS BB Girls Class 1A Sub-state *** 3rd Quarter ends/early release	Wednesday, March 6 HS BB State quarterfinals - boys
Saturday, March 2 Forensics in Kingman *** HS BB Class Div II Sub-state Finals	Thursday, March 7 HS BB State quarterfinals - girls
Monday, March 4 KAY Family Game Night *** BOE Meeting	Friday, March 8 HS BB State semi-finals
	Saturday, March 9 HS BB State finals
	Monday March 10 Spring Break begins

The Community Calendar is sponsored by

School Board to Meet Monday Evening

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.
104 W. 4th, Cunningham, Kansas
Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2024 regular meeting. (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
Reports
Superintendent Report – Dr. Arnberger
Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
Special Education Report – Bjorn Halderson
Old Business
Construction project- Update on parking options
New Business
Executive Session for Negotiations.
Executive session for personnel.
Accept Resignation
Adopt BOE policies as formatted and recommended by KASB
Adjournment



Cunningham 4-H Welcome Two New Members

The Cunningham 4-H members met on February 4th at the Cunningham Community Center. Roll call was, "What is your favorite tree?" After roll call, Wyatt Neywick led us in the opening song, "We Will Rock You."
During the meeting, we discussed when and where our fun meeting will take place next month. We voted to go bowling at Cheney. We also talked about the 4-H Ambassador family/game day. It will be held on March 17 starting at 2 pm and ending at 4 pm. It will take place at the Kingman VFW and everyone is welcome.
We then initiated 2 new members Daniel and Connor Hellman. We also had a couple presentations. Weston Rogers played "The Ash Grove" on the bells, and Ty Schultz played a piano solo called "Feeling Good."
We concluded the meeting with lemonade, chips, and dip. After snacks, we played a game. We divided into two teams and raced to see which team could make all of their balls in their cup. The first team that got all their bouncy balls in won.

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Kingman County Fair Button Design Contest

The Kingman County Fair Association is proud to sponsor the Kingman County Fair button design contest this year. The contest is open to all ages. The winning design will be featured on the 2024 County Fair button and in fair publications. The theme this year is "Barn Lights and Fair Nights!"
Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension Office. All entry forms must be returned to the Fair Board or the Extension Office by March 25th.
For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 620-532-5131.



4-H Family Fun Day

Join the Kingman County 4-H Ambassador team for our first annual 4-H Family Fun Day! This event will be held on Sunday, March 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Kingman VFW. If your family has been thinking about joining the Kingman County 4-H program, this will be an event you don't want to miss. If you are currently an active 4-H family, there will be fun for you also. There will be a project fair with members showcasing their project work. You can ask members questions and maybe try a new project out. There will be event promotion, explore 4-H camp opportunities, 4-H exchange programs, and upcoming summer events. Games will be provided for families to have a fun time together. And of course, there will be food! If you have questions about this event, please contact the Extension Office at 620-532-5131.

We need photos for the paper!!



It's time to "Walk Kansas"

Would you like to take part in a fun challenge with your friends to get yourself more physically active? Then Walk Kansas is for you! K-State Research and Extension - Kingman County will be offering the Walk Kansas Program again this year. Walk Kansas is an eight-week program where participants log their physical activity. There will be a weekly newsletter for participants to gain health information. Teams are made up of four to six people or a solo walking option is available. There is a \$10 registration fee per person to participate. Registration for this program opens up on March 4. If you have your team together, you can register at www.walk-kansasonline.org. For more information about this program and other Extension Programs, contact Melissa Thimesch at the Kingman County Extension Office, 620-532-5131.

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"Walking bores me. I mean, we have to have a goal."
— Marge Piercy, *The High Cost of Living*

"Think of exercise as medicine and take your daily prescription."
— Steven Magee

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1929

March 8 – Geo. Thimmesch and Nick Weber unloaded a Minneapolis Moline combine and tractor Monday and have them on display on the lots south of the Clipper office. The Minneapolis combine and tractor are made by one of the oldest manufacturers in the field of implements and Mr. Weber and Mr. Thimmesch, the agents here, will be glad to explain the machines to you.

The Fee Hardware company reports the sale and delivery of the following International tractors during the past week: Gene Oller, a 15-30; Clarence Skillings, a 10-20; and to E. R. Allman of near Preston, a 15-30.

1934

March 9 – The City of Cunningham are putting some sand on the streets at this time. The city is furnishing the sand for the job and the CWA are furnishing teams and wagons and men for the job. Approximately 860 loads of sand will be put on the streets. Forty loads to the block on the main traveled streets and twenty loads on the rest of the streets. This will make a wonderful improvement in the streets of our city.

1939

March 3 – The Editor left Thursday evening for the Veterans Hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he will undergo hospital and medical treatment for a time.

Mrs. Clara Price Ratcliffe, 80, pioneer Kansan and resident of Cunningham for almost a half-century, passed away Sunday at her home in Wichita, following an illness of almost a month.

Mrs. Ratcliffe, widow of the late John M. Ratcliffe, moved with her husband to Kansas in 1884, settling at Cunningham, where he engaged in the livestock and wheat growing business.

Blizzard conditions prevailed again Thursday for the third time in the past week in this area, bringing traffic to a standstill and forcing the dismissal of school.

1944

Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

1949

March 4 – This is the first issue of your Clipper from our new location at the corner of Main and U.S. 54. All equipment was moved without damage and although we may still have trouble locating some printing equipment which was juggled around in the process, we're still able to print almost on time. We want to especially thank the Raney Truck Service and Buntmeyer Electric for their fine jobs in moving and restoring equipment for use. Also thanks to the numerous sidewalk superintendents for their suggestions.

Congratulations – Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers announce the birth of a son, Daniel Eugene, Wednesday evening, March 2nd, at the home. The baby weighed nine pounds, four ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graves, formerly of Wauneta, Nebraska, have purchased the local theatre from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Heeke and Gordon, and with their daughter, Ila, are residing in the Burnett apartments. We want to welcome the Graves family to this community.

J. J. Amick celebrated his 92nd birthday anniversary last Friday. Guests for the birthday dinner were: Miss Cozette Taylor, Mrs. Fern Taylor of Wichita, Rev. and Mrs. Luther Digby of Harper, Ray Amick, Beverly, Betty and Davie Amick.

Robert Leiter celebrated his 4th birthday Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten, as dinner guests.

1954

March 4 – The high school basketball team trounced Attica, 66 to 50, in their first-round game of the Class B District Basketball Tournament being played at Attica this week.

Cunningham jumped off to an early lead and was never headed. They sported a five-point advantage, 18-13, at the end of the first period, stretched the lead to 17 points at half-time, 37-20, and widened their winning margin to 26 points, 59-33, at the end of the third period.

Billy DeWeese was the big gun in the Wildcat scoring attack, with 24 points. Ronnie Adelhardt followed in the scoring with thirteen counters.

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Men's Club will be held Tuesday evening, March 16, at seven o'clock in the Lodge Hall. A ham and beans dinner will be served preceding the meeting. The program will be presented by the Kingman County Conservation Committee.

1959

March 5 – Carde Cannon, 60, a prominent Cunningham business man as owner of Cannon's Store, and a resident of this city since early childhood, died suddenly from a coronary attack about 5:00 o'clock this evening (Thursday).

A vicious but short-lived blizzard struck throughout this area of Kansas this morning, stopping virtually all travel, causing the dismissal of school, and blocking many roads.

No train arrived, and it was late afternoon before Star Route Mail Carrier Walt Nabor made it to Cunningham from Wichita.

Schools were also dismissed Friday due to the impassable country roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hageman announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, February 24, at the Nashville Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named David Lawrence.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Thimmesch of Cunningham, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hageman of Zenda.

The curtain came down on the 1958-1959 basketball season of the Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats with their 43-38 triumph over Turon to win third place in the Class B District Tournament at Macksville last Friday night.

Down by 12 points with about four minutes remaining in the game, Cunningham began to hit the basket with regularity to win by five points. Gary Raney scored 10 points in the closing quarter, and added to his 11 other points, made him the game's high point scorer with 21 points.

1964

March 5 – The surprising Cunningham Wildcats nabbed second place in the Class B District Basketball Tournament at Bucklin last week, but not before they had come within nine seconds and a 10-foot jump shot of winning the tournament championship.

The finals game, matching Kinsley and Cunningham, went right down to the last seconds. The Wildcats led the Coyotes, 35 to 32, when Richard Lippoldt hit an 8-foot jumper with just over nine seconds left in the game to bring Kinsley up to 35-34. Cunningham lost possession coming down the court in the final seconds, and Kinsley's Jim Petrie popped in a last-second desperation shot to give the squeaker, 36-35, and the tournament championship. It was Petrie's only field goal of the game.

Gerald Schnittker paced the Wildcat scoring with 14 points, and Jim Cain added 11. Elmer Adelhardt came up with 8 points, and Bernie Albers made one field goal.

1969

March 6 – "The Katz Meow," Cunningham's rock and soul music group, was judged second in the "Battle of the Bands" at the Cotillion Ballroom in Wichita, Sunday afternoon and evening.

Nashville-Zenda, co-champions of the Golden Plains League, defeated Pretty Prairie in a low-scoring championship battle, and Sharon beat Cunningham for the third place honors in the 1-A District Basketball Tournament concluded at Cunningham last Friday night.

Randy Goetz was high point man for the Thunderbirds with 16 points as they sneaked past Pretty Prairie, 38 to 33.

Sharon defeated Cunningham 66-59. Marvin Oller made 12 points; Larry Lubbers 8; Eddie Panek 5; Gene Albers 6; and Tom Strohl 3.

The City of Cunningham's governing body has accepted the former Hauser AG Grocery building as a gift from Mrs. Everett Hauser and the late Mr. Hauser. It is reported the city plans to convert the building for use as a teen-age center.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes

1974

March 7, 1974 – The Cunningham High School and Grade School were glad to welcome as new students: Allen (junior); Greg (freshman); Nancy (sixth grader); and Becky (third grader) Kerschen to their respective schools. These new students are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerschen. The family has moved from

Belle Plaine and are presently living north of Turon.

Mary McClellan of Mary's Café treated the Cunningham Grade School Girls basketball team to hamburgers, French fries and cokes Monday evening after school.

The girls team was first place in the West Reno League Tournament. This was Mary's way to show she was proud of the girls.

The program for E.H.U. Meeting at the Christian Church next Tuesday, March 12 has been changed. Kris Sheldon will be guest speaker and will talk about cancer and self-examination.

The new Cunningham Public Library, which is to be located in the B & H Electric Building, is scheduled to open for the first time, Saturday March 30. The Library's collection will consist of: 250 new titles each month from the South Central Kansas Library System's revolving book collection, books given to the library by citizens of Cunningham, hardback or paperback, adult or children's books and a magazine exchange program.

Mrs. William (Hulda) Mantey, 75, Nashville died Thursday, February 28 at Medicine Lodge.

She was born November 2, 1898 at Deshler, Neb. And married William Mantey. He preceded her in death in 1967.

Survivors include a son, Norman of Nashville and two daughters, Mrs. Ruby May of Eureka and Mrs. Bertha Alford of Wichita.

1979

March 8 – I criticize taking up so much space for the school games, reporting play by play and all the pictures, those who attend the games already know all this and the ones who don't attend are not interested. Why not put in some of their class studies, like last year the different grades in grade school wrote reports which were interesting. Also classes of the high school. Surely there is more local news available. Carrie Fitzsimmons

On the 27th and 28th of February the fifth grade put on Social Studies skits. Matt Oller and Monty Amick put on the skit of Paul Revere. Michelle Albers, Kristy Rohr, Kerry House, and Joy Adamson presented Lewis and Clark. Ryan Ruckle, Scott DeWeese, Dennis FitzSimmons, Charles Thimesch and Orin Stillwell did the Boston Tea Party. Kathy Beat made a dictionary. Miss Mary Cook assisted us and we all had fun. Reporter, Matt Oller

Seventh Grade News: We are sorry we haven't been keeping up on our news, but we have been putting it off and forgetting about it.

Our class is studying pronouns in English. We are learning the possessive, nominative and objective form of pronouns.

Our paper mâché art is turning out nice. We have someone making a pig, a bear, a lamp, dogs, a giraffe, mice with mushrooms, and people. Mrs. Welch is a great help on showing how to make different forms of necks, eyebrows, moths, noses, legs, and ears.

So that covers most of what has been going on in the seventh grade. Reporter, Tommy Norrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ford of Isabel are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to George Kampling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling of Cunningham.

Miss Ford is a Dental Assistant at the office of E. F. Giannangelo at Pratt. Kampling is employed at Raney's Truck Service in Cunningham. A May 19th wedding is being planned.

1984

March 8 – Kansas farmers want less government spending and adequate rural telephone service. That's what a group of 150 Kansas farm leaders told Congressmen during the annual "County Presidents to Washington" lobbying effort Feb. 28 – March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Becker announce the birth of their son Marc Alan at Kingman Community Hospital Saturday, March 3. He weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Jansen, Garden Plain, and Rosa Becker of Cunningham.

Three sisters welcome the baby home. They are Vickie, Cindy, and Jennette.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bayer, Kingman, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 28 at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and has been named Adam Nicholas.

Jami, a sister of five years awaits him at home.

Mr. Bayer is the former Linda Bainum.

Grandparents are Bill and Harriet Bainum, Cunningham, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Stella Vogt of Kingman.

Ten Regional Math Contests are being held across the state during the month of March with over 5,000 students participating. Students earning the three highest scores from each event at each grade level in the Regional Contests are eligible to participate in the 2nd Annual Kansas Mathematics Contest to be held in Newton on Marc 31. The only student from Cunningham earning high scores and the right to go on to the State Mathemataics Contest was Mike Mertens.

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Dovie Martin

Dovie Aline Martin, 84, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024. She was born on January 24, 1940 in Anthony to Clarence Hillman and Ceona Aline (Chain) Cargill. Dovie married Edgar House on October 13, 1962 who preceded her in death on January 30, 1978. She then married Uyel "Ray" Martin on June 23, 1979. They were married for 44 years.



Dovie graduated from Medicine Lodge High School and went on to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She worked as a bookkeeper at First National Bank, at the Barber County Treasurer Office and Appraiser Office. She previously attended First Christian Church Medicine Lodge. When she was younger she enjoyed fishing and in her later years she enjoyed painting, playing piano, gardening and reading. She was very devoted to her Christianity.

She is survived by her children, Tyson (Tonya Tillotson) House of Isabel, Janet Cole of Duncan, Oklahoma and Damon (Corinna) Martin of Duncan, Oklahoma; brother in-law, Stan Blankenship; sister in-law, Ann Cargill; grandchildren, Keryson Sheppard, Tara Tolman, Brent Cole, Kelli Gallagher, Ross Martin, Megan Moore; nephews, Ky Chain, Jay Blankenship and Chad Cargill; and many great-grandchildren.

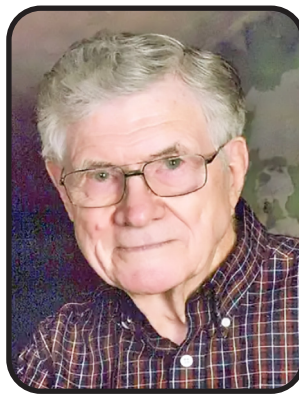
Dovie is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Edgar House and Uyel "Ray" Martin; and siblings, Ladene Blankenship and Colin Cargill.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024 at First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge with Pastor Tom Walters presiding. Burial will follow at Isabel Cemetery, Isabel.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Ray Martin

Ray Martin, 90, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2024. He was born on June 14, 1933 in Manitou, Oklahoma to Glen Fredrick and Jannie Martha (Weatherford) Martin. Ray married Sue (Perryman) Martin whom preceded him in death on August 10, 1975. He then married Dovie Aline (Cargill) Martin on June 23, 1979. They were married for 44 years.



Ray graduated from Manitou High School and went on to earn his Master's Degree from University of Kansas. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955. He worked as a school psychologist and counselor for Pratt High School. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, and previously Kiwanis. He enjoyed reading, golfing and writing.

He is survived by his children, Janet Cole of Duncan, Oklahoma, Damon (Corinna) Martin of Duncan, Oklahoma and Tyson (Tonya Tillotson) House of Isabel; grandchildren, Tara Tolman, Brent Cole, Kelli Gallagher, Ross Martin, Megan Moore and Keryson Sheppard; and many great-grandchildren.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents; wives, Sue Martin and Dovie Martin; and brother, Roland Keith Martin.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024 at First Southern Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Carl Schield

Carl Joe Schield, 89, of Hutchinson, KS, formerly of Medicine Lodge, KS, died Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Good Samaritan Society, Hutchinson Village.



He was born on October 12, 1934 in Plains, KS, the son of Peter Joseph "Pete" Schield and Ruby Faye (Hoskinson) Schield. On September 6, 1953, he married Margaret Joanne (Clymer) Schield in Liberal, KS. She survives.

Carl was a Production Superintendent in the oil field and a member of the First Christian Church of Medicine Lodge, KS. Carl and his wife Joanne were residents of Greensburg, KS, before relocating to Medicine Lodge, KS after the tornado in 2007.

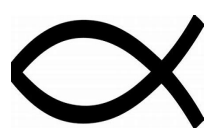
Surviving in addition to his wife, Joanne Schield are two sons,

Terry (Janet) Schield of Hutchinson, KS and Doug (Kim) Schield of Clermont, FL; three grandchildren, Peter (Jennifer) Schield, Amy (Jake) Bauer and Alexa (Joe) Olson; Eight great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Eugene, Edward and Robert Schield and one sister, Dorothy Hardaway.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Tom Walters officiating. Graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Plains Cemetery, Plains, KS.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.



Delories Moore

Delories Ann Smith Fowler Moore, 84, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at Gracy Woods I in Austin. She was born on Coke Stevenson Ranch on May 9, 1939 outside of Junction, Texas to Robert G. and Dorothy Velma (Grant) Smith. She married Jim Fowler and he preceded her in death in 1982. She later married Kent Moore on August 30, 1990 in Pratt. A



Delories graduated from Plainview High School. She worked as a bookkeeper for Pratt Internal Medical Group for many years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She enjoyed sewing, making jam, telling stories and traveling the United States. She especially enjoyed her trips to Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

She is survived by her daughter in-law, Becky Lewis of Leander, Texas; grandsons, Dallas (Amberly) Fowler of Leander, Texas and Tyler (Joleigh) Fowler of Georgetown, Texas; great-grandchildren, Zoey, Zenly, Maverick, Griffin and Truitt Fowler; stepson, Audie (Tina) Vicars of Newton; and stepdaughter, Roxanna (Clint) Vicars-Jones of Pratt; and former husband, Kent Moore of Pratt.

Delories is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jim Fowler; son, Jim Fowler; and son in-law, Dwayne Lewis.

Friends may sign the book Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2024 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

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

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)

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What: Food
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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 Lumbre
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

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Molly Morgan fotos



photo by Barb Schultz

CHS Basketball Team Wins League Championship



Photos by Molly Morgan

Wildcats are League Champions

The Wildcats ended the regular season with an undefeated league record after defeating the Attica Bulldogs 50 to 41 on February 20, 2024.

The Wildcats found themselves in a closely contested game with Attica. The Cats never trailed but were challenged by the Bulldogs throughout the game. Cunningham scored 14 points in the first quarter to eight for Attica. The scoring was balanced

with Luke Albers scoring six points. Dylan Halderson and Nate Sterneker each had two points. Luke McGuire made a three-pointer and Dagim Reed added a free throw.

Cunningham extended the lead to eight points at the half with 11 second quarter points. Attica added nine points to their total. Albers led with four points. McGuire Reed and Sterneker each scored two points and Halderson added a free throw. The halftime score was 25 to 17.

Attica cut into the lead

by two in the third quarter scoring 17 points and the Cats answered with 15 of their own. Will Wegerer got on the board with 10 points. McGuire added three and Albers scored two points.

Cunningham held off a late Bulldog run in the fourth quarter with 10 points and holding the Dogs to seven points. Wegerer, Albers, Reed, Halderson and Sterneker each had two points. The final score was Cunningham 50, Attica 41.

by Coach Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	2	1	1/1	8	5	3	3	
Wegerer	3	1	3/4	12	6	4	1	
Albers	6		2/2	14	7	5	2	
Sterneker	3			6	1		1	
Reed	2	2	1/2	5		1	1	
Halderson	2		1/3	5	1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	14	11	15	10	50
Attica	8	9	17	7	41



Dylan Halderson



Nate Sterneker

Lady Cats Win 1st Round Sub-State



Matilyn Jump



Ava Bock



Ellie McGuire



Rylee Morgan



Kyra Morgan

Photo by Molly Morgan

Minutes from January City Council Meeting

January 29, 2024

The Cunningham City Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 29, 2024 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

Present were Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests present: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Leslie Schrag, Roberta Kobbe, Leann Barnes, Brandon McNerny, and Leah Lawrence.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Oath of Office – Councilmen Ruckle, Newell, and Schultz took

the Oath of Office to begin their new four-year terms.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the December 26, 2023 special meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments and Communications – Brandon McNerny of Fitzsimmons-Eck Insurance Agency would like to quote an insurance policy for the City of Cunningham.

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark reported that the fire department responded to an ADT false alarm and were called off on their way to assist another district. The pumps on all trucks have been serviced. The CFD has toured the new school and its alarm systems.

Chief Stark requested some rock for the north driveway. Consensus of the Council was to have rock delivered to repair the dirt driveway.

Leslie Schrag, City of Kingman Economic Development – Leslie updated the Governing Body on the Housing Assessment. It is expected to be completed in February.

GAAP Resolution R-2024-01 – Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to approve Resolution R-2024-01 (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 4/0.

Loyd Group 2025 Budget Agreement – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve the budget agreement with Loyd Group for the budget year 2025. Motion carried, 4/0.

Bolen Office Supply Contract – Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve contract increase for the

Kyocera Printer from \$40/month to \$45/month. Motion carried, 4/0.

Property Officer – Jackie Ruckle reported that the RV Ordinance No. 682 went into effect January 1 and enforcement had begun. Properties not in compliance with City Code are being notified.

Planning & Zoning Report – The Planning & Zoning Board will meet on February 15, 2024 to hear the Special Use Report for a storage container to be located at the lagoon for City of Cunningham storage.

Mayor Murphy re-appointed Monte Rose to a three-year term on the City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz to approve the appointment. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mayor Murphy re-appointed Tyler Beat to a three-year term

on the City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Woodard, second by Newell to approve the appointment. Motion carried, 4/0.

Maintenance Report – Mesa gave the report. While the weather was extremely cold he serviced equipment in the shop. *After grading roads on the south side of town and some roads on the north side, the fuel pump went out in the tractor. He ordered the fuel pump from John Deere. *The City is due for a KDHE inspection in August. *The final water line has been finished at the school project. *Mesa is currently working on the Water Use Report for 2023. *Mesa inquired with Heft & Sons about a quote for paving Leiter Street. Steve Heft reported that he could not give an accurate quote without an engineering report.

Council dis-

cussed the condition of the driveway at the lagoons. Council recommended moving the propane tank away from the driveway and rebuilding the road for better accessibility.

Financial Report – It was the consensus of the Council for the City Clerk to adjust the balance of the Clerk account quarterly by transferring money to the General Fund.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented including an ACH payment to KDHE for Public Water Supply Loan No. 2929 (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Kingman County Commission Minutes

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. February 20, 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 Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Dale Enyart. Online Visitors: Caller 01; Julie Lyon; Shanna Henry; Amanda Stucky; Tammy and Viewer

Staff: Misty Jacobs, Public Works Office Administrator; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed; Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Jamie Smith,

County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of an executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let the attendees know that the public com-

ments will be held after the Department Head Meeting.

Department Head Meeting was held to announce Stan Goetz's retirement coming and who will be taking over his job duties.

LaDawn Stegman wanted to thank the Department Heads for getting all the budget information to her and that it has helped her.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer asked who the employees will go to if they are not happy with the Department Head.

Commissioners discussed that the employees will come to the County Commissioners if they need to talk.

County Clerk asked about the Human Resource position in the policy handbook needing to be updated.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director submitted the following permit:

Kansas Gas Service for Pipeline Road crossings between Sections 6-7, 7-18 & 18-19, Township 28, Range 10 W (Rural).

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr inquired about Amanda Stucky taking over the Planning/Zoning and if she will be the administrator because she was on the Planning/Zoning board.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that her position on the planning/zoning board will be taken over by Stan Goetz.

Commissioners signed three abatements and one escape:

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss that the Treasurer should be on all County Bank Accounts.

Commissioners agreed that the County Treasurer should be on all County held bank accounts.

Ms. Stegman submitted a breakdown of the costs of the SW 70 damage repairs and the remaining funds for reimbursement to NextEra.

Commissioners discussed the amount and wanted Ms. Stegman to check the figures because they seem to be lower than it would be.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the January financials with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed what funding is available to spend on future road projects.

The County Clerk submitted the February 12, 2024, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the February 12, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 9:55 a.m. with no decision made.

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Sheriff Brent Wood was in with a department update for the County

Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood discussed replacing three of the sheriff vehicles this year that are up for renewal.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that he is looking into vehicles and options.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the county wellness physical requirement and the cost to the employees.

Mr. Goetz discussed the current renovation of the NextEra windfarm and that a NextEra representative will be in to talk to the Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed that he talked with Kirkham Michael about Nextera placing a 2" overlay on 90th after they are done with the reconstruction.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Jamie Flushe for a garage in Section 10, Township 28, Range 06W.

T Bar Land & Cattle for sheds in Sections 9 & 17, Township 30, Range 06W.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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

Upcoming Auctions

Consignment Auction

Sat. March 2, 2024 - 9:30 AM



Land Auction - March 13th, 2024
- 161+/- Acres of Pratt Co Hunting
Land and CRP - 1:30 PM



Monday, March 18, 2024 - Harrison
Farm Equipment Auction - 11:00 AM



Saturday, March 23, 2024 - Oller
Farm Equipment Auction - 10:30 AM

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Winter Meeting Season

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

The winter months for many Kansas farmers and ranchers allows a bit of a slower pace before the spring work really begins. While there are many producers in the thick of their calving or lambing seasons as well as feeding their livestock, for my family it means

a season of completing projects in the shop, conducting maintenance on equipment that will be used in coming months and working in the office.

While there's still plenty of work to be done during these months, there's no doubt that as long as the weather cooperates, we can be a bit more flexible with our schedules.

Because of this potential flexibility allowed during the winter months, for many involved in agriculture it also means meeting season.

Compared to other times during the year, the winter months present many opportunities

for producers to come together at a variety of in-person meetings and workshops. Though meetings also happen throughout the year – mostly by Zoom or webinars – the winter months are generally when the big get-togethers within agriculture take place.

Commodity-specific learning opportunities and conferences, annual meetings for state and national organizations, insurance or seed focused luncheons, research and extension workshops, as well as national trade shows and conventions are just a few of the many opportunities available for professional develop-

ment, policymaking and networking for producers during the winter months.

Some of the largest conventions and trade-shows pique the interest of many because the locations are generally in warmer and sunnier areas of the country.

In fact, many farm families plan their vacations around these industry focused events. For many, aside from the business that needs to be conducted, these events offer attendees options to participate in guided tours or experiences beyond the meetings and learning sessions. Add in the opportunity for the kids to enjoy some out-

door pool time or walking the floor of a trade-show, and attending a winter event can easily become a highly anticipated family trip.

While it'd make more sense for us to take our family vacations when the kids are out of school in the summer months, that's just not a reality for us and many others involved in production agriculture.

If we take a family vacation during the summer months, it's generally a last-minute, fly-by-the-seat-of-our-pants kind of trip only following a good rain. However, in the winter months, the odds of planning in ad-

vance and preparing for a multi-day trip off the farm are much, much better – thanks in large part to agriculture's winter meeting season.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

We are choosing snacks that are... ...less sticky and have less sugar. Kids: color stuff in!

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Treat Your Teeth Well!

Do you know how to take good care of your teeth? Regular visits to your dentist and daily care will help your teeth last a lifetime! Sometimes you might get tired of brushing or want to "take a vacation" from flossing. But, keeping your teeth clean, healthy and shining brightly is an everyday responsibility.

Remember to:

- brush before breakfast and before bed
- floss daily
- go to your dentist for regular cleanings
- try not to eat too many sugary or sticky foods

By the way, those guys down there are the **plaque pests**, STICKY and DULL. They will be all over your teeth if you do not brush!

Keep up the good work!

Remember to brush your teeth at least **twice** a day to keep those plaque pests away!

Remember to floss too!

What Is This?

You use this product when you brush your teeth. It usually has fluoride in it. Fluoride strengthens tooth enamel. It helps stop bacteria in plaque from causing cavities.

To answer the What Is This? and Words of Wisdom puzzles, look at each letter given, then write the letter that comes before it in the alphabet.

U P P U I Q B T U F

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. to take pictures of the inside of your teeth to see if they are healthy
2. material dentist uses to replace decayed part of tooth
3. dentist with special training to straighten crooked teeth
4. when a tooth is eaten away by chemical action
5. thin thread used daily for cleaning between your teeth
6. person trained to clean teeth is a dental _____
7. four top and four bottom front teeth used for biting
8. number of first or "baby" teeth
9. thin, sticky layer of bacteria that forms on teeth
10. chemical in teeth and bones
11. hole in tooth from decay
12. hard substance left on teeth if plaque is not removed

Do you believe in this little being? (To see who it is, use the directions on the right above.)

U P P U I
G B J S Z

Words of Wisdom!

A balanced diet will help you to keep smiling. Remember that foods from the dairy group give you calcium to strengthen your teeth and bones. Try not to eat snacks and foods that are too sticky or that have "hidden" sugars in them.

Shop for: fresh fruit, veggies, rice cakes, soup, cheese cubes and so on.

Cut Your Teeth on These Sayings!

Everyone has a set of teeth! Here are some sayings that people use every day. Can you match each one to its meaning?

1. by the skin of your teeth
2. long in the tooth
3. tooth and nail
4. sweet tooth
5. armed to the teeth

A. have a weakness for candy and other sweets
B. have many weapons
C. just barely get by
D. fight violently
E. very old

1. sink your teeth into
2. lie through your teeth
3. like pulling teeth
4. set your teeth on edge
5. as scarce as hen's teeth

A. very difficult
B. made you annoyed or uncomfortable
C. very hard to find
D. start doing something with a lot of enthusiasm
E. say something is true when you know it's false

Teeth? What teeth? We don't have any teeth.

Is that because we don't brush and floss?

A Tooth Tale

Cut out the panels below. Study each one. Next, put them in the correct order to tell a tale about a boy's first lost tooth.

He lost a that had been loose.

In the he woke up excited.

Once upon a time a little boy bit into an .

His brothers and sisters told him to put it under his when he slept that night.

He looked under his pillow to find . Also, near his pillow was a new toothbrush. Do you know what kind of fairy in our story traded surprises for a lost "baby" tooth? (Answers on page 10)



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Kingman County Humane Society
Pets Ready for Adoption

Moon

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Male Domestic Longhair
Moon weighs about 6 pounds and is about 6 months old. His adoption fee is \$75.00
He has been at the shelter since October 17, 2023.
Beautiful long hair with tufts of white in his ears. He likes to play hide and seek but give him a little time and he will show you what a lover boy he can be. Motor is running!

Tony

Sponsored by Kathy and Alan Albers



Toni is a male Pug and Shepherd mix
He is 3 to 4 years old and weighs about 50 pounds. His adoption fee is \$180.00
He has been at the shelter over one year, arriving on January 3, 2023

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society

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Yay for healthful snacking!

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Check out his pearly whites!

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 18
 Traffic Stop 1
 Disturbance 1800 Blk N Whetzel Ave, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, February 19
 Traffic Stop 2
 Alarm 500 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
 Suspicious Activity East C Ave & Fabpro Way, Kingman
 Abandoned Vehicle N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Animal Complaint NE 35 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 17000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Fire / Trash 4000 Blk SW 90 St, Kingman
 Domestic 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic / Arrest 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Tuesday, February 20
 Traffic Stop 2
 Civil Paper Service 4
 Follow Up 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
 Follow Up 4000 Blk NW 120 Ave, Cunningham
 Animal Complaint 16000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago
 Alarm 500 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
 Disturbance 7000 Blk SE Sugar St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 200 Blk E 1st St, Cunningham
 Extra Patrol 100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
 Disabled Vehicle 16000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Traffic / Arrest x2 N Main St & N Wallace St, Kingman

Wednesday, February 21
 Traffic Stop 2
 Control Burn 4
 Court 1
 Civil Paper Served 1
 Traffic Violation SE 70 St and S Berry Ave Area, Kingman
 Traffic Violation SE 20 St and SE 140 Ave Area, Cheney
 911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial 700 Kgm State Lake Rd, Kingman
 911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial 1200 Blk W Kelly Ave, Kingman
 911 Call Acc/Hang Up Dial 1200 Blk W Kelly Ave, Kingman

Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Thursday, February 22
 Traffic Stop 4
 Civil Paper Service 2
 Traffic Complaint 3000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Traffic Control 100 W Fourth St, Cunningham
 Follow Up 400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Transport Transit E D Ave & N Main St, Kingman
 Suspicious Activity 400 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 200 Blk W Stanley Ave, Spivey

Friday, February 23
 Traffic Stop 5
 Civil Paper Service 6
 Traffic Complaint SE 150 Ave & E Hay 2, Norwich
 Traffic Control 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 200 S Main St, Norwich
 Fire / Vehicle NE 50 St & NE 120 Ave, Cheney
 Damage to Property SE 160 Ave & SE 180 St, Norwich
 Abandoned Vehicle E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner / Court 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 13000 Blk E Hwy 42, Norwich
 Suspicious Activity NW 30 St & NW 30 Ave, Kingman
 Disturbance 200 Blk W B Ave, Kingman
 Agency Assist NW 10 Ave & NW 60 St, Kingman

Saturday, February 24
 Traffic Stop 11
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Abandoned Vehicle SW 20 St & SW Hwy 14, Kingman
 Abandoned Vehicle 3000 Blk NE 30 Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 12000 Blk NW 30 St, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Disabled Vehicle NE 20 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock
 Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman



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Go Chiefs! The Parade!

Kathy and I were in Hutchinson when the Super Bowl celebratory parade was held for the Chiefs in Kansas City. As we were getting home from the appointment, I started hearing about a shooting that had taken place near the end of the parade. One person was killed and more than 20 people were wounded with at least 12 of those being children. When the chief of police of KC spoke shortly after the shooting she said that she was mad. I Was Also Mad! How could we allow innocent people and children to be harmed, when they were wanting to celebrate what should have been a joyous occasion?

Protecting our family and friends should be embedded in all of us. So how can we continue to fail in our country? I need

to examine my own history about what I didn't do to create this problem. A parish priest, Fr. Mike Lies, once told me when we were discussing the Vietnam War that we were either part of the solution to a problem or we were the problem. So, I'm trying to decipher whether I'm the problem.

I have mentioned in past writings in this paper that I've been a Chiefs fan for 60 years. Well, I have been a gun owner for 61 years. I purchased my first gun when I was 13 years old. When I was in 8th grade, I ordered a 20-gauge bolt action shotgun from Montgomery Ward by mail. There were no questions about my age or anything else. None of the reasons for ordering a gun was required.

During my lifetime I've owned at least 10 guns and still have nearly all of them in my gun safe at this time. Now I need

to do some soul searching about my history and the history of our country to better understand our need for guns.

Growing up on a farm in Kansas that was positioned between Wichita and Dodge City, we knew the history of guns used in the Old West during the settlement of this country. Two of the guns in my safe are old family heirlooms. My grandfather's 22 caliber bolt action was used for shooting animals who were trapped or for food processing (butchering).

My second cousin, Gene Rieke, who was killed in the Korean War, had dropped the rifle while on horseback and broke the stock. Baling wire had held the stock in place till I decided in my senior year of high school to make a new stock for it in my shop woodwork-ing class.

I drove a 64 Chevy pickup to school most

days as I fed cattle near town on the way to school. Many of us had gun racks in the pickup window and usually carried a rifle or shotgun to school. So, it wasn't a stretch that I could bring a gun into the school shop. I built a nice walnut stock for my family gun.

A science teacher told me when I was taking a science class while getting qualified to teach, that as a grade school student growing up in Wichita he would bring his 22 rifle on his back while riding his bike to school, so he could have shooting practice with the Boy Scouts after school. I'm told that Pratt High School had a shooting range underground so that students could practice their marksmanship. So many of us have had guns as part of our life.

To be continued next week.

Alan Albers

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Iconic Fashion Moments

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS
 1. Aggressive remark
 5. Pampering spot
 8. Wharton degree
 11. Light bulb, in comic book
 12. Burn to a crisp
 13. Size option
 15. Cameron of "There's Something About Mary"
 16. Fabled racer
 17. Take care of debt (2 words)
 18. *He wore a white leisure suit on the dance floor
 20. It can be pleasant or unpleasant
 21. Buenos ____
 22. Dove's sound
 23. *She wore a white dress above a subway grate
 26. Get house ready for living
 30. Rap sheet acr.
 31. Famous fictional canine
 34. Brussels org.
 35. Not Astroturf
 37. Take the gold
 38. Certain cigarette
 39. Speed of object divided by speed of sound
 40. Lord's subordinate
 42. Ann Patchett's novel "____ Canto"
 43. Made by Bayer
 45. Friskily
 47. Long period of time
 48. Repeat, in music
 50. Cough syrup balsam
 52. *He wore a meat dress
 55. What cobbler does
 56. Good's foe?
 57. Muddy road grooves

- DOWN
 1. Ebay click
 2. Miners' passage
 3. *Kim Kardashian exposed it on the cover of Paper in 2014
 4. *Harper's ____, famous fashion magazine, launched in 1867
 5. Fossil fuel rock deposit
 6. Fractions
 7. Atlas stat
 8. Egg salad ingredient
 9. View from high-speed train?
 10. High mountain
 12. Uncontrollable movement disorder
 13. Animal trail
 14. *Singer who sported a cone bra
 19. Viola da Gamba, pl.
 22. Pool tool
 23. Molten rock
 24. Southern cuisine pods
 25. Civil rights org.
 26. Jimmy Buffet: "You got ____ to the left..."
 27. Many iambs
 28. Iron/carbon alloy
 29. *Golightly of little black dress and sunglasses fame
 32. Tchaikovsky's fowl
 33. Bro's sib
 36. *Nothing came between her and her Calvins

38. Loud noise
 40. Car's unique identifier, acr.
 41. Diamond on a sweater
 44. Awaken
 46. Rough
 48. Type of juniper
 49. Proclamation
 50. Bluish green
 51. Billy Joel's "____ the Good Die Young"
 52. Bulgarian money
 53. Glory prerequisite
 54. Above
 55. NFL's Lamar Jackson in 1923, e.g.
 58. Done with "my little eye"?

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The Forgotten Typewriter

My appreciation for typewriters began in Jr. High. The low-budget private school that I attended did not have the money to supply our typing class with typewriters, so students had to provide their own. For almost two years, four semesters of typing class, I carried my Mom's Royal portable to school every day. The case barely fit in my locker.

Mom had strongly encouraged my selection of typing class. When faced with a limited choice of 7th grade electives, with Spanish being overcrowded and Art class full of loadies, it seemed like a positive option.

In typing class, we really learned how to type. I remember having to put small white stickers on the keys so that we couldn't cheat and see the letters. Typing class was serious business. We were learning a valuable skill.

As I aged, now with a wife and family, and laboring within the bowels of the public school system, I found myself drawn more and more to literary pursuits. I had always been a reader, but now found myself essentially a closet

writer. Preferring correspondence to all other forms of communication, I took every opportunity to put my words on paper. Eventually, this brought me back to the typewriter. Online I found an older gentleman in St. Louis whose business was saving and rebuilding vintage typewriters. For \$250 I acquired a lovely vintage Royal Arrow portable. After researching her serial number, I learned she was a 1946 model, made just after the war. With classic lines, a black crinkle finish, and glass keys, she has character. My little typewriter was and is in perfect working order. I am using it now to write these words (first draft of course – before transferring to my computer).

The number one question I get from my slew foot friends is this – why do you use a typewriter? Isn't a laptop better? Aren't typewriters old-fashioned and obsolete? After giving some time and thought to this question, I have an answer. I use and appreciate my typewriter for the following reasons.

Using a typewriter fosters good writing. If you need to get words from your brain to paper, nothing beats a typewriter. The typewriter allows you to write, really write, distraction free. This fuels creativity. You can write without interruptions. With a typewriter there are no red or blue squiggly lines jumping off the page at you, no spell check or

grammar check to disrupt your focus. There is no temptation to look at social media or check your email or monitor the news. You simply write. For a writer, the typewriter better captures your unique voice.

Another reason typewriters foster good writing is they allow you to compose your words at just the right cadence. For my taste, computers are too fast. When sitting at my computer keyboard I tend to go too fast as words spill from my mind. I make mistakes and then go back. Internally, this makes for irritating prose. It's like driving in stop-and-go traffic. And with pen and paper, I can never write fast enough. With yellow pad and blue Bic pen, in an effort to keep up with my thoughts, my words become illegible and the writing process exhausting. But when I sit down at my typewriter, thoughts seem to flow uninterrupted and I can write at just the right speed. The typewriter is the perfect conduit from your mind to the page, and when writing something almost magical takes place. It's as if the typewriter has a soul.

I am convinced also that typing is stress reducing. Real writing is serious work and can be stress inducing. Using soulless modern products like computers can cause stress. When using a typewriter, writing becomes a relaxing, tactile experience. When my fingers caress the glass

keys of my old Royal, I feel calm. The patter of metal on paper reminds me of rain on a tin roof. The mechanical clicking of the carriage return is satisfying. At the end of each typed line, I hear the pleasant ring of a tiny musical bell. Typing becomes soothing, and typewriter sounds are as calming as lapping ocean waves or crickets singing on a summer night.

A typewriter on your desk has an aesthetic appeal, giving your office or desk an old school ambience that is just cool. And real writers still use them. You may not be Hemingway or Ray Bradbury or Tom Hanks, but just owning one puts you in good company. Typewriters are inspiring and give you a connection with writers of the past and present.

On the practical side, typewriters offer personal, private, virus-free, hack-free, secure means of communication. And typewriters add value to your words. Personal notes and cards become heirlooms with words produced on a typewriter, as opposed to a disposable and quickly deleted email.

Using a typewriter is like driving a back country dirt road instead of taking the Interstate. It makes you slow down and consider your words. And typewriters remind us that words matter.

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"We are great writers on the same dreadful typewriter"
— Allen Ginsberg,
Howl and Other Poems

The Pratt County Commission minutes were not available this week at press time.

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY AURORA DICK Deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2023-PR-000008 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 12, 2024, a petition was filed in this Court by Edward P. Dick and Gregory M. Dick, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Mary Aurora Dick," deceased, dated August 17, 2007, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's

be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 12, 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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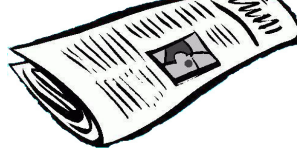
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Jolene Barnes

Jolene was called home February 18, 2024 by our lord and savior Jesus Christ. Jolene was 84 years of age.

Jolene was born to Ivan and Lois Crandall of Coats, KS March 14, 1939. She had two younger sisters, Avola and Vena Crandall. Jolene graduated from high school in Coats, KS.

She Married Raymond Barnes at Pratt, July 20th, 1957. Together they had 3 children; Robert, Rory & Jodi.

Jolene and Raymond were lifetime ranchers raising cattle and horses, first in Colorado and then back home in Pratt, KS.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, homemaker, elderly care provider, medical transcriptionist, Rancher/Farmer, and full time gate opener for her husband, Raymond.

She never stopped working until the last few years of her life. She spent the last 7 months at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham and a very brief period of time in her final days at Southwind home in Pratt. Both of which provided excellent care for her, God Bless you for all you did.

Her Church home was the Pratt United Methodist Church, and the last few years attended St. Paul Lutheran church of Natrona (Preston).

Jolene was preceded in death by her infant sister Vena; her middle sister Avola (Knopp); her parents, Ivan and Lois; daughter in law, Denise Barnes; and her husband, Raymond.

She is survived by her 3 children, Robert (Leann) Barnes of Pratt, KS; Rory (Shar) Barnes of New Mexico; Jodi (Steve) Jones of Cullison, KS. Grand Children: Mathew (Josie) Barnes of Wichita; Lindsey Michlar of Pratt; Bella Deardon of Cullison; Brandon McNerny of Cunningham; Spencer McNerny of Leavenworth; and Jayden McNerny of Manhattan. One very special Great Grand Child, Christopher Barnes of Wichita. She was also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved her dearly.

Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. at St. Paul Lutheran church in Natrona (Preston), KS Saturday March 2nd, with a private Family Burial to follow. Memorials to be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 40291 NE 40th Ave, Preston, KS 67583

Mila Ibarra

Mila Jane Ibarra, 2 1/2 months, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2024 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on December 12, 2023 in Pratt to Roman Arturo Ibarra and Adison Mae Becker.



Mila was a sassy little girl that was always happy and smiling. She loved listening to music and dancing with her mommy and face-timing with her daddy. She had a love/hate relationship with the other children passing her around. She loved her grandmas very much as well as her dog, Lodi and cat, Oscar.

She is survived by her parents, Roman Ibarra and Adison Becker of Pratt; grandmothers, Catalina Ibarra of Coats, Mary Jane Becker of Pratt; aunts and uncles, Braydon Becker, Breann (Josh) Norlin, Irene Ibarra, Manuel (Alicia) Ibarra, Vicky (Kyle) Franklin, Patty (Kyle) Gridley, Cindy Ibarra, Ludwig (Valeria) Verbena and Steven (Jamie) Ibarra; and many other relatives.

Mila is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Jesus Manuel Ibarra and Thomas "Tom" James Becker; and uncle, Toribio "Tony" Antonio Ibarra.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Carson Hopkins presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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Carol Freund

Carol Lee Freund, 80, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2024 at Wesley Medical Center. She was born on July 8, 1943 to Elmer Earl and Helen V. (McGovney) Cross. Carol married Duane "Skip" Freund on October 8, 1983 in Cunningham. He preceded her in death on April 23, 2006.



Carol graduated from Nashville High School in 1961. She worked as a Rural Postal Carrier. She served on Pratt Area Humane Society Board. She enjoyed vegetable gardening, cross-stitching, planning the family reunions, going to garage sales and her dog, Brandy.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel Hoffman of Arkansas and Todd Hoffman of Pratt; siblings, Kathy (Joe) Pugh of Sylvia, John (Crystal) Cross of Great Bend, Larry (Suzanne) Cross of Littleton, Colorado, David (Grace) Cross of Shorncliffe, Queensland, Australia, Susan (Steve) Parsons of Pratt, George (Sherry) Cross of Pratt and Steve (Janice) Cross of Pratt; grandchildren, Joshua Hoffman, Kristopher Hoffman, Kyle (Isabel) Hoffman, Karin (Nathan) Booty, Kendra Hoffman, Brynn (Devon Koehler) Hoffman and Kimberlyn Hoffman; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Carol is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Duane "Skip" Freund; and stepson, Dwayne Hoffman.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024 at Cunningham Christian Church, Cunningham. Inurnment will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Bill Boling

William T. "Bill" Boling, 77, died Feb. 23, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Northwest, Rogers, AR.

He was born June 22, 1946, at Bentonville, AR, the son of Alfred and Marjorie Jefferies Boling. A longtime resident of Kingman, previously of Hiwasse, AR, he was an employee for Klaver Construction.



On June 2, 1979, he married Bessie Cathers at Kingman, KS; she died May 21, 2004. Survivors include sons Ken (Linda) and Bill (Teresa) Boling and Gary Kiser; daughters Gwen (Alton) Smith, Sharon Taylor and Nora Parson; sister Peggy Kelly; and a multitude of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents; sons Randy and Art Kiser; daughter-in-law Donna Kiser; and brother-in-law Bill Barrett.

Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman, KS. Friends may call from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Linda Patton

Linda J. Patton, 79, died Feb. 18, 2024, at the Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

She was born Oct. 3, 1944, at Wichita the daughter of Roscoe and Mary Yoder Speir. A long time resident of Kingman, she was a homemaker.

On April 11, 1962, she married Robert Patton; he died April 28, 2000. Survivors include two daughters Tammy Odell and Roberta Patton; son Robert Patton, Jr.; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Stella Patton; son Roger Patton; and granddaughter Bridgette Patton.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Family graveside services will at a later date.

Memorials have been suggested to the Prairie Sunset Home.

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Don Pelzl

Donald Leon Pelzl, 86, Tonganoxie, KS, passed away January 6, 2024, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.



Funeral mass will be 10 am Thursday January 11, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tonganoxie. The family will receive friends for 1 hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Basehor, KS.

Don was born September 29, 1937, in Pratt, KS, the son of Martin A. and Rose Kay (Weber) Pelzl. He was united in marriage to Jeanene (Wright) Pelzl on August 29, 1959. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He had a bachelor's degree in music, and a master's degree in music education and was a school music teacher for 18 years. He then owned the Pelzl's True Value Hardware Store in Tonganoxie for 32 years before retiring. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tonganoxie. He was preceded in death by his son Donald A. Pelzl.

Survivors include his wife Jeanene of the home; his daughter Elizabeth Tiner, Tonganoxie; his brother Robert Pelzl Albuquerque, NM; two grandchildren; one great grandchild; and one niece.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations in his name to Childrens Mercy Hospital.

Danny Briggeman

Danny Ray Briggeman, 75, passed away Monday, February 19, 2024. He was born on August 10, 1948 in Pratt, Kansas to Kenneth Ulysses and Orma Lee (Oller) Briggeman.



Danny graduated from Preston High School and attended Pratt Junior College. He served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. He worked as a cementer and dispatcher in the oilfield. He was a member of Tunnel to Towers Foundation. He enjoyed reading, playing Spades and Chess and building and shooting guns. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family doing any activity big or small.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth "Liz" Ann (Herman, Jr.) Moore of Olathe, Kansas and Matthew Ray (Angelia Townsend) Briggeman of Woodward, Oklahoma; brother, Roy (Brenda) Briggeman of Emporia, Kansas; sisters, Nancy Briggeman and LeeAnn Schneider both of Pratt, Kansas; grandchildren, Ashton (Laton) Heger of Kansas City, Missouri, Chesney Moore of Kansas City, Missouri, Stetson Calkins of Denver, Colorado, Braden (finance', Michelle Beeley) Briggeman of Woodward, Oklahoma, Desni (fiance', Aric Davis) Briggeman of Weatherford, Oklahoma; and great-grandchildren, Carter Davis, Nevaeh Briggeman, Ruger Briggeman, Arya Abernathy with another one on the way.

Danny is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack Briggeman; and daughter in-law, Stacy Briggeman.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Friday, March 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

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