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BOE Hires New Teachers

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, by President Scott DeWeese.

Members present: President, Scott DeWeese; Members, Brent Hansen, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; and Clerk, Stacy Webster.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the agenda as amended; add d. accept resignation and e. policy update. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, sec-

onded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2020 special meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$305,481.32 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Reed discussed the most recent legislation and the impact it would have on USD #332. He also discussed summer technology and facility update plans including possible replacement of some promethean boards. He also discussed the end of year check out schedule, lunch counts and summer sports and activity dates.

Member Travis Thimesch arrived at 7:34 p.m. during Superintendent Reed's Report.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that a special Zoom meeting was held

this morning to non-renew a teacher but there was not a quorum so it was rescheduled.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:00 p.m. until 8:05 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for the negotiation exception under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve Sheena Albers as Kindergarten Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Kelsey Beat as 6th Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to accept the resignation of Linda Terrell as bus driver at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed presented to the board policy GAQ- Retirement. It was recommended by KASB that it be removed. The board will vote at next meeting.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas.

County Courthouse Opened Monday

Starting Monday, 11 May 2020, the Kingman County Courthouse will reopen its doors to the Public on a limited basis. In keeping with Governor Kelly's phased approach to "Reopening Kansas", access to local government services will resume. Courthouse hours will remain 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

What does this mean to the Public and how will this task be accomplished?

Phase One – 11 May 2020 through 18 May 2020

A maximum of 10 people will be allowed inside the courthouse at any given time

A one in- one out policy will be followed to maintain the fixed 10 number Entry into the courthouse will occur through the southwest ground floor door.

All other entry points will remain closed to the public

Visitors will be required to sanitize their hands prior to entry

A hand cleaning station will be located directly outside the southwest door

In keeping with the Governor's recommendation, all visitors are encouraged to wear face masks while conducting business in the courthouse

The courthouse staff member manning the check-in desk will be responsible for granting, holding, or denying

entry

Visitors will be required to sign in at the check-in desk and have their temperature taken

Visitors with elevated temperatures (100 F) will be denied entry

Once screened visitors will be allowed to proceed to their destination inside the courthouse

All visitors are respectfully requested to limit their time inside the courthouse to the extent they can to keep business flowing

Only the individual required to complete their business will be allowed entry

Children will not be allowed into the building

Visitors will need to adhere to the recommended 6' social distancing guidelines while inside and outside the building

District Court visitors will follow the same operating procedures

We ask for everyone's patience during this transition. Our goal is to keep our visitors and employees healthy and safe so we can all move to phase two of the Governor's plan without interruption.

Cosmosphere Plans Safe Re-Open and Camp Season

HUTCHINSON, Kan. —The Cosmosphere anticipates re-opening safely to the public beginning Friday, May 22, following more than a month of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hours of operation will be 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. This plan is contingent on the re-opening phasing as directed by Kansas Governor, Laura Kelly.

Visitors to the Smithsonian-affiliated science center and space museum can expect the following safety measures when they visit:

- Multiple hand-sanitizer stations will be available throughout the Cosmosphere
- Seating in the Justice Planetarium, Carey Digital Dome theater and Dr. Goddard's Lab will be limited to 30 persons and attendees will be asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Plexiglass shields and six foot floor guides will be at point-of-sale locations
- All high-contact, hard/non-porous surfaces will be sanitized daily or multiple times during the day
- Access to information racks and other sources of paper, which can be

handled by multiple individuals, will be eliminated

• The new interactive CosmoKids area, naviGATOR Simulator and children's activities in the Cosmosphere lobby will not be available for use by the public until further notice

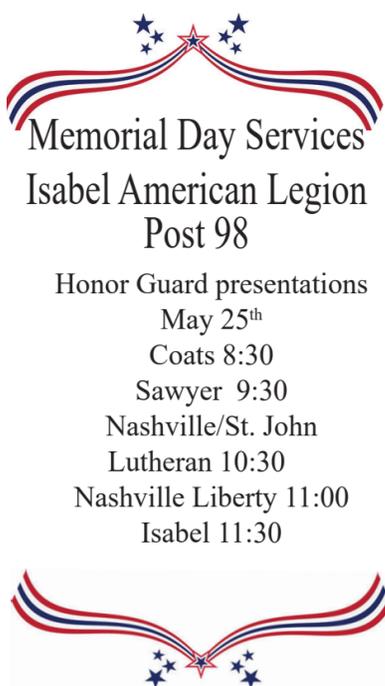
• Contactless pay is encouraged for those planning a trip to the Cosmosphere. Tickets are available online at: cosmo.org/visit/tickets or by calling the box office at: 620.665.9312.

Additionally, following a meeting between Cosmosphere Camp leaders, its senior executives and the Reno County Health Director, all summer Cosmosphere Camps scheduled to start on or after June 14 will be held as planned. For full details regarding Cosmosphere Camp safety plans, visit: cosmocamps.org/faq.

Cosmosphere museum and camp staff with public contact will be required to wear a clean face mask and disposable gloves during their shift. Staff who exhibit symptoms of illness will be required to stay at home.

General COVID-19 safety practices, like social distancing and frequent hand washing, are also being practiced by all staff.

For questions on any of the Cosmosphere COVID-19 safety procedures, or to plan your visit, call the Cosmosphere Box Office at: 620.665.9312.



Memorial Day Services
Isabel American Legion
Post 98

Honor Guard presentations
May 25th
Coats 8:30
Sawyer 9:30
Nashville/St. John
Lutheran 10:30
Nashville Liberty 11:00
Isabel 11:30

Wheat Scoop: Industry Organizations to Host HRW Virtual Wheat Tour

There's always a lot of interest in the quality of the U.S. hard red winter wheat crop during the Wheat Quality Tour, held annually during the first week of May. This tour, held for the past 50 years by the Wheat Quality Council, aims to give a snapshot in time of the crop to those who attend, including international buyers, wheat farmers, flour millers and others in the wheat industry. For many, this tour is their first time to step foot in a wheat field.

Unfortunately, with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the winter wheat quality tour was canceled for the 2020 crop year.

Others in the industry are making plans to host a virtual wheat tour during the week of May 18. While it will

be based loosely on the previous tours, there will be no caravans of cars traveling across wheat country. Alternatively, we will be working with certified crop advisors, extension agents, elevators, farmers and others in the field to make observations of the crop during that week.

The virtual tour will held via Zoom. Speakers include Aaron Harries, VP of Research and Operations, Kansas Wheat; Dr. Romulo Lollato, Wheat and Forages Production Specialist, Kansas State University; and Jeanne Falk Jones, Multi-County Specialist, Northwest Research-Extension Center, Kansas State University.

The virtual tour will open Monday afternoon, May 18, at 4:00 p.m., with an orientation and comments from industry representatives. Harries will provide an overview of crop conditions and this year's yield formula provided by USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The formula will not be avail-

able prior to that time. Representatives from K-State Research and Extension will discuss this year's crop and talk about weather challenges it has faced, including drought and freeze injury, and what to look for when identifying freeze loss. They will also go over disease pressure that participants may be seeing in the fields.

Data will be gathered Tuesday throughout crops in north central and northwest Kansas. The Day 1 wrap-up meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., will go over the observations from those areas and provide an estimated yield potential using the formula provided by USDA/NASS. Day 2 will continue through west central and southwest Kansas, and day 3 will focus on south central and central Kansas. Daily wrap-ups will be provided each afternoon at 4:00 p.m., with a final crop discussion Thursday afternoon, May 21.

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Memorial Day Services at the Cunningham and Laredo Cemeteries have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

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

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Sundays
10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Ken Keeling

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

William E. Bradley, Editor

1970

May 14 – For Sale by Auction: A-Frame Resort House, built by Nashville-Zenda High School Industrial Arts Classes; Terry Schrag, Instructor. Sunday, May 24, 2:00 p.m., Nashville-Zenda School Grounds in Zenda, Kansas. 16 x 22 feet; Bathroom, Shower, Sink; 15-gallon Fleet Hot Water Heater; Kitchen Cabinets have Formica Countertops; Room Divider; PVC Plastic Pipe Plumbing; Wired for Electric Stove; Sleeping Deck 8 x 9 feet; 2-inch Floors; 2 x 8-inch Floor Joists on 16-inch centers; Glass Front (plate glass); Exposed Ceiling including Beams; Can be Inspected Anytime During School Hours.

A men's ping-pong tournament will be held in the Wildcat Den, Monday evening, May 18, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

A meeting of the newly chartered Cunningham American Legion Post No. 114 will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall tonight at 8:00 o'clock. New officers will be elected for 1971. Plan to attend.

Mrs. A. J. Gillen, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kitson, Curtis and Greg, spent Sunday in Lyons at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gillen and family. They enjoyed a visit with Ron Gillen, who is home on a 30-day leave from the U. S. Navy.

An additional guest was Betty Kitson of Wichita.

Fr. Eugene Robl, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, will give the sermon at the Baccalaureate Services for the graduating class of Cunningham High School, Sunday evening, May 17, at 8:00 p.m.

1965

May 13– Commencement Week activities for the 21 members of the 1965 graduating class of Cunningham Rural High School will begin with the combined high school and grade school Baccalaureate Services, Sunday evening, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school gym-auditorium.

The Baccalaureate address will be delivered by Rev. Kenneth Hull, pastor of the Cunningham Christian Church.

Commencement Exercises will be held in the high school gym-auditorium, Thursday evening, May 20, at 8:00 o'clock.

The Commencement address will be given by Dr. Alvin Allen, Head of the Department of Education at Friends University in Wichita.

The 21 members of the Senior Class are Elmer Adelhardt, Ruth Brady, Marleen Cooley, Steve Cooley, Charles Dafforn, Vicky DeLaRosa, Ervin Huslig, Margie Jarmer, Don Kitson, Jeanne Lackey, Nancy Lagree, Karen Mertens, Gray Miller, Gail Nelson, Alvin Penka, Gerald Schnitker, Bill Scripsick, Randy

Shelman, Diana Spade, Carol Strohl, and Bob Witt.

Vicky DeLaRosa is Valedictorian and Margie Jarmer is Salutatorian of the "Class of 1965."

The Eighth Graders enjoyed a class trip to Wichita last Friday, where they visited the Meadow Gold Dairy, Pepsi-Cola Co., Rainbo Bakery, Cessna Aircraft Co., and Joyland. They ate dinner at Sidman's South Seas Restaurant, and attended the Cinerama at the Uptown Theatre.

Class members making the trip were Rhonda DeArmond, Diane Dunn, Kathy Fitzsimmons, Lola Garrigues, Richard Gilchrist, Sue Hellar, Donna Gridley, Cathy Hendricks, Geronimo Kaster, Bill McGovney, John McCune, Earl Stark, Mark Steffen, and Gary Thimesch.

The Senior Class left Wichita by chartered bus last Friday on a three-day class trip to the Fin and Feather Lodge on Lake Tenkiller in northeastern Oklahoma. They returned home Sunday evening. They were accompanied by Class Sponsors Mrs. Eva Cundiff and Mr. Lewis Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooley, and Mr. Barry Price.

1960

May 12– Tony Hartle, high school senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Welday of Cunningham, was notified last Friday that he had been accepted for admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

Tony is the Valedictorian of this year's high school graduating class.

The Cunningham 4-H Club held their regular monthly meeting in the High School Library, Monday, May 2.

Bill Bradley took pictures for the Cunningham Lions Club Birthday Calendar, after which President Norma Greenlee called the meeting to order with the 4-H Club pledge, followed by a group song led by Debby Sheldon, and members answered roll call with their favorite dessert. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Joel Pelzl, after which Leader Joe Pelzl gave a report on the livestock judging school, and Loren Cooley was introduced to club members as the new Woodworking Leader.

Carolyn Witt and Mary Cusenbary played a flute and violin duet, "Grandfather's Clock," and Sherril Hutchison gave a demonstration on how to cut out a garment. Ronald Murphey, Sue Graves, Sydney Boyd, and Kathy Bainum gave

short talks on the respective subjects, hogs, health, music appreciation, and parliamentary procedure.

Carolyn and Bobby Witt served refreshments to 20 members, six guests, Mrs. R. L. Dunn and Sheryl, Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mrs. Waldo Graves, E. E. Witt, and Albert McGovney.

1955

May 12– Twenty-nine travel-weary, but jubilant Seniors returned home, Sunday night, from a 1,500-mile trip to scenic points in Colorado.

The class, accompanied by Sponsor Roy Greenlee and Mrs. Bill Bradley, left the previous Tuesday morning at 5:00 o'clock on a Bickle Buss, driven by C. V. Montgomery, and repaired a various stops along the way by a crew of expert Senior boy mechanics. A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the Lamar, Colo., City Park at noon, and that evening the group attended the Wichita Indians-Pueblo Dodgers baseball game in Pueblo. Following the game, they continued on to Canyon City, where they spent the remainder of the night in the Pioneer Motel.

Wednesday's agenda included a trip to the Royal Gorge (from top to bottom), a tour of the Colorado State Prison, and the scenic drive to Colorado Springs, where they stayed at the McLaughlin Lodge in the Crystal Park area of Manitou.

Thursday and Friday were spent in the Colorado Springs region, where the group visited Seven Falls, the Garden of the Gods and Hidden Inn, the Broadmoor Hotel Zoo, the Van Briggie Pottery Works, the Alexander Film Company, and the Molly Kathleen Gold Mine at Cripple Creek.

Other entertainment included swimming at the Broadmoor Hotel Pool, skating at the Broadmoor Hotel Ice Palace and Skateland Roller Rink, movies, and a City Auditorium western music attraction.

Saturday was spent in Denver, where the group toured the Capitol area, the State Museum, luncheon at the beautiful Skyline Dining room at Stapleton Airport, a visit to the Museum of Natural History, and shopping in downtown Denver. The group was disappointed to learn that Elitch's and Lakeside Amusement Parks were not to open until next week. After checking in at the Busy B Motel, they divided into groups and saw the movies, "Country Girl" and "The Blackboard Jungle," and skated at the Skate Arena.

Sunday was spent in the long and dusty, but

happy, trip home. A wonderful time was had by all.

1950

May 12– Billy Huffman won the Kingman County League Boy's Singles Tennis Championship for the third straight year as Cunningham captured three of the four county tennis championships here last Wednesday. Marilyn Oak and Ramona Zrubek won the Girl's Doubles Championship from Charlene Pagenkoph and Wanda Knuth of Nashville, and Bobby Urban and Jerry Schafer won the Boy's Doubles Championship from Dan Kincheloe and Melville Mefford in an all-Cunningham final.

Huffman won his title by beating Richard Hazlett of Cunningham. Two Adams girls, Betty Raida and Jane Allender, fought it out for the Girl's Singles Championship with Betty Raida the winner.

1940

May 10– Right Reverend Monsignor William Farrell, pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral of Wichita, will deliver the address at the High School Commencement Exercises next Thursday evening in the High School Auditorium. Members of the graduating class are John Fee, Joan Anderson, James Theis, Geraldine Riggs, Donald Huhman, Oral Mae Heck, Melvin Krug, Leroy Carter, Donna Crow, Charles Crow, Oliver Baber, Helen McGovney, and Delbert Schwartz.

James Hagler, 92, passed away, Tuesday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Dafforn. He had been a resident of Kingman County for over fifty years.

1935

May 10– Cunningham Rural High School won the Kingman County Track Meet last Friday. Event winners for Cunningham were Ray Victory, 120-yard High Hurdles and 200-yard Low Hurdles, and George Crow, High Jump.

Harve Manahan, Principal of Cunningham Grade School for the past nine years, will be Principal of Otis Grade School next year.

1930

May 9– Cunningham Rural High School won seven out of nine trophies awarded at the Kingman County League Interscholastic Contest last Saturday. Top ratings were won by Pauline Stanley, Essayist; Girl's Glee Club; Boy's Quartette; Boy's Glee Club; and Mixed Chorus.

Carl Poland is the new bulk delivery agent for the K-T Service Station.

Community Bulletin Board
Sorry folks, nothing going yet.

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Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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May 18th & June 1st

Wheat Tour
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Virtual tour participants will use #wheattour20 on Twitter. Interested persons can get the schedule and sign up to receive invitations to the Zoom discussions at <http://kswheat.com/virtualtour>.

The tour will be hosted by Kansas Wheat and K-State Research and Extension, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and other industry partners.



Dear Class of 2020,



Dear Senior Class,

Even though you can't have a graduation, you can still take pride in the fact that you finished high school. You worked really hard to get here. Just keep working hard and you will do great things in life.

Sincerely,
Ada Adams

Senior Class of 2020,

Congratulations on graduating! I bet you didn't think spring break would last as long as it did!

The last 9 weeks have been different and probably not what you thought your last weeks of high school would be. I've missed my friends, track meets, and baseball. I'm sure you're missing those things too. But not having a graduation ceremony or being around the people you've grown up with a little longer is probably harder.

The thing about the Class of 2020, is that no other class has made history like you. No other class will have your story to tell, years from now, about how they graduated without even having to go to school the last 2 months. The Coronavirus has made us all a part of history. I don't think I'll forget my 7th grade year either.

Congratulations again! The Coronavirus started 2020 off changing the world, but it's your turn now!

Good luck!
Wylan Betzen

Dear Class of 2020,

I'm sorry that your year was cut short. I'm sorry that you had to miss out on some of the most important moments of high school. I'm sorry that you don't get to walk the stage with your friends this week. You probably went through high school looking forward to these moments. Everyone has had to make sacrifices, but the one you had to make is awful. Hopefully some memories you make in college or whatever you decide to do next year will make up for the ones you lost.

Sincerely,
Ava Bock

Dear Seniors,

I'm sure the year didn't go as you planned. You don't get to walk the stage this week, and you weren't able to see your friends and classmates through the end of your senior year. Now you are moving on to be adults, and your lives have inspired the little ones who want to be just like you when they grow up. I wish you the best of luck in the new world.

Gage Elliot

Dear Class of 2020,

I am sorry to hear about the cancelling of your graduation. Graduations are one of the things I look forward to each year, because it means your older friends and family are now old enough and smart enough to start a life of their own. I read a quote the other day that said, "No one is perfect; that's why pencils have erasers." This pandemic is not perfect at all, but it will soon erase itself. We will be back to normal, but I will miss you next year. Have fun in college or whatever you decide to do!

Good Luck!
Julia Hageman

Dear Seniors,

Since you don't get to have a graduation ceremony, I just want y'all to know that the hard work you have put in is amazing. It's been really cool to see you guys since I've been here. You have been an inspiration to me to work harder in school and to play harder in sports. Graduating high school has always been kind of a cool thing to me, because I'd be able to survive on my own, whether I went to college or not. I appreciate the work you've put in, not only to make the school better, but to help people like me to really get to know my way around the school and to get to know people.

Lucas Hageman

Dear Class of 2020,

I am very sorry that you had to miss out on all the traditions of a senior, but I'm sure that you will have plenty of chances for new adventures later on. My mom was listening to a book, and we thought this quote would be good for you. "Although I already knew this back when I graduated from college, I didn't do it enough: trust your instincts. Deep inside you, you already know what you need to do to pursue your goals, and just as importantly, do not seek permission to pursue your goals."

Sincerely,
Emma Harden

Dear Seniors,

This year has been crazy for all of us, but you have almost had the worst of it. I feel so terrible that you had to miss big activities like Prom and Graduation. Let's just be thankful that this horrible virus did not start earlier. You guys have stayed strong through all of this. Keep believing and hoping.

Sincerely,
Ellie McGuire

Dear Class of ZOOM 2020,

I know things didn't work out how you guys wanted them to, but just think, in ten years, y'all can tell your kids about all this (if you have kids, if you don't, you can tell your dogs). That is not the point; the point is you guys are making history. When you guys make it to college you are gonna have lots of fun memories, but you will never forget the year of 2020.

Dagim Reed

Dear Senior Class of 2020,

Things may not have ended the way you wanted, but I'm sure you will make the most of it. Best of luck in years to come.

Sy Romine

Dear Seniors

Congratulations! You've made it out of high school, but sadly you didn't get a graduation party. Good luck next year.

Trent Schnittker

Dear 2020 Seniors,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! I am sorry that you do not get to see your friends for the last 9 weeks. You are also missing out on Prom and track. Also you won't have a graduation ceremony and party until some of this COVID-19 clears up. I hope that you have class meetings on the computer, so that you can at least see your friends! I hope online schooling wasn't too bad for you. I like it, because I can help my dad on the farm.

I'm sure you are excited for your future plans, and I wish you luck! I hope that you are successful in the future. I feel bad for you, because you are not in school and doing all the fun stuff with our friends. I hope you stay connected with the Cunningham community!

Sincerely,
Nate Sterneker

Dear Senior Class,

Congratulations on completing your senior year! It would be so sad to work hard all high school and senior year just for it to end up like this. We are thinking of you, and we hope that you can get some sort of reward for all the work you put in. Good luck in your future!!

Sincerely,
Will Wegerer

Hey Seniors,

I'm sorry you weren't able to have your graduation this week. I hope you go far in life.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Hennessee

Third Graders Take Field Trip to Alaska

Our final Zoom meeting was a virtual field trip to Kodiak, Alaska! Teresa Hedges, who is a native of Kiowa, has lived and taught in Alaska most of her adult life. She gave the students clues about the landforms, climate and told about her daily sighting of bears and they had to guess where she was. Then she asked the students to think of things that Kansas and Alaska have in common. The answer she was looking for was the wind and how it can be used. The class was given a link to a project where they can make their own wind turbines using common things found at home. As a STEM teacher, she reminded us all that working with our hands is the best kind of learning! Thank you, Miss Hedges, for an awesome field trip!

Cindy Panek 3rd grade teacher



Libraries -- call to verify openings

<p>Cunningham Public Library Monday - Wednesday - Friday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. 298-3163 Closed Holidays</p>	<p>Zenda Public Library Hours Monday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 620-243-5791</p>	<p>Kingman Carnegie Library 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays</p>
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water, which they drank immediately. They asked for coffee and I left them menus to peruse. I poured coffee into two cups, set the cups on saucers, tucked a spoon on each saucer and delivered the cups to the couple.

They were discussing what was the cheapest, but most filling food to order. They had decided on pancakes, which I told them were the best they would ever eat. The woman lifts her cup to take a sip of coffee and stops. She looked across the room and says in an awed voice, "Look how beautiful she is!"

Her companion and I both turned to look. Her eyes were locked on the cook coming out of the kitchen. Eighty-year-old Addie had flour on her cheek, her apron had spots on it, and as usual, she was smiling. She was carrying a gallon-sized plastic pitcher and heading for the milk dispenser.

I looked at the young woman. One could tell she was smitten, and she said to the man, "Look at her beautiful white hair! And she has apple cheeks! She is gorgeous. I want to look just like her when I am an old woman. I want to wear glasses on the end of my nose. I want a big bosom and I want to put my hair up in a bun and I want a plump lap." The man laughed.

The woman asked me what the cook's name was. I told her. "What a perfect name for her. She is the most beautiful person I have ever seen."

The couple sat and drank their coffee, ate their pancakes, which I told them were made by Addie, and they agreed were the best pancakes they had ever eaten. They sat a bit and talked quietly and finally got up to pay. They counted out change very carefully, put on their helmets and left.

Yes, I did tell Addie what the young lady said, and Addie, in her usual way, laughed. I can still hear her chuckle. But I assured her the young biker chick was right. She was beautiful.

The tip those two left me that day was this memory and a life lesson. You really can't judge a person by their appearance. That tired, young woman dressed in biker clothing, embraced and appreciated the beauty and dignity of aging more than any person I have met. I hope she is still riding motorcycles, and I hope she is growing old, has put on weight, has big bosoms, and a plump lap. I hope she is wearing her long white hair in a bun and wearing glasses on the end of her nose and I hope someone is telling her how beautiful she is.

I hope we all have someone to tell us how beautiful and handsome we are in our old age, because we are.

Always reading, and currently reading "Following My Own Footsteps" by Mary Downing Hahn AND "Those Who Wish Me Dead" by Michael Koryta Roberta

Meanderings

In January of 2109, I decided to cut off most of my long hair. The gray was getting a bit unmanageable, and I thought if it was shorter, it would be easier to care for.

I cut off a few inches, then a few more. I learned that when hair is short it is much less easy to tame. I absolutely can't abide hair hanging in my eyes and with that short cropped hair, I felt I was forever trying to keep it off my face.

I was contemplating growing it out again, when someone saw me on the street and said, "Roberta, I hardly recognized you--with your short hair you look twenty years younger!"

I've been growing it out since. What is wrong with looking one's age? I don't want to look like I'm 38. I want to look wiser than 38. I want to look like I know what life's about and have a lived a good one.

That being said, I'm copping out of writing a column... I am not in the writing mood on this rainy day. Here's a favorite from Nov. 9th, 2017:

I have never colored by hair. I remember that first silvery glint on my right temple that said "you are no longer in the prime of your youth". I was 32 years old -- the same year I started wearing bifocals. My hair once was a pretty auburn-ish color. It is now a not-so-auburn-ish color with grayish-silver highlights.... All natural. I don't anti-age my skin or worry about wrinkles. I have a memory to share that makes me appreciate the fading glory of youth.

About a hundred years ago, or maybe just 40, I was working for my dad at the Hiway Café. It was a hot summer day. Late morning. A couple came into the restaurant and sat down in the second booth from the back. They were bikers. As in motorcycle riders, and they placed their helmets on the seats next to them.

The man had long, tangled hair and a long beard in need of trimming. He was wearing leather and chains and clunky boots. He had a red bandana tied around his head. His voice was gruff and raspy. A few tattoos adorned his arms.

The woman's long hair was braided into a thick rope and draped over her shoulder, hanging down to her waist. She was tall and rail thin and her clothes seemed a bit too big for her. She was wearing a red bandana tied around her head. She had on clunky boots, leather and chains.

I couldn't tell how old they were as their skin was tanned and weathered; mid to late 20's maybe. They looked tired and hungry and thirsty. I delivered glasses of

Spotlight on CHS Seniors

Hollace Nicole DeWeese
Co-Valedictorian



Holly is the daughter of Judy and Scott DeWeese. She plans to attend Kansas State University and major in accounting.

Dylan Hensley



Dylan is the son of Patty and Glynn Hensley. He plans to continue working on the family farm a couple years and then, hopefully, haul cattle alongside his father.

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Rebekkah McDonald



Rebekkah's plans for the future are undecided.

Amaya Washburn



Amaya is the daughter of Mandi Mattal. Her future plans are undecided.

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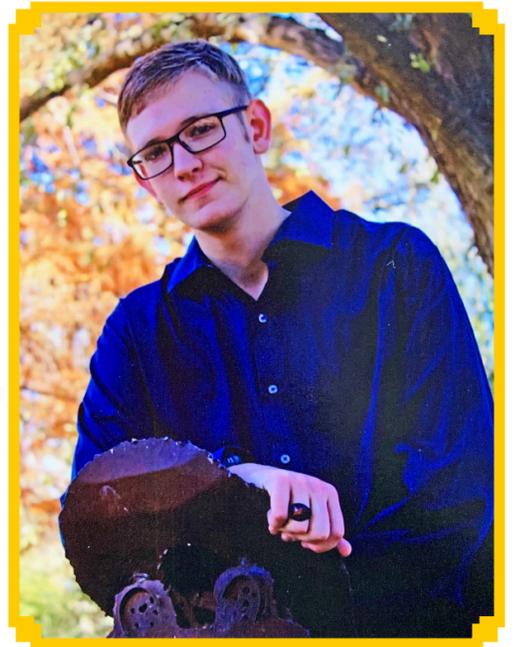
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*Hunter Dawn McGuire
Co-Valedictorian*



Hunter is the daughter of Angie and Clint McGuire. She plans to attend Bethany College and major in biology while continuing her athletic career.

Matthew Jesse Mercer



Matthew is the son of Yvonne Mercer and the late Jesse Mercer. He plans to attend Hutchinson Community College for two years and attain an associate's degree in welding.

Austin Snow



Austin the son of Jennifer Dale and Austin Snow. He plans on attending Pratt Community College to study automotive technology.

Jessemy Taylor Stalcup



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USDA Reminds Producers to Complete Crop Acreage Reports

(Kingman, KS), May 12, 2020 – The Kingman County office for USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently open to phone appointments only but can still work with producers on timely filing crop acreage reports. FSA staff can provide assistance over the phone or by email.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Kingman

County:

July 15, 2020 spring seeded crops

“In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline,” said Shevell Bowman, FSA’s County Executive Director in Kingman County. “Our FSA staff is still able to assist producers in completing acreage reports.” Our office will be conducting phone appointments for spring-seeded certification.

After all acreage reporting information is received, FSA will make software updates and mail or email producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through mail or email by July 15, 2020.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15

calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no

later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA’s Risk Management Agency.

For questions or to schedule a phone appointment, please contact FSA’s Kingman County office at 620-532-3116.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and

using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



Governor Kelly, K-State President Myers confer degree upon Kansas farmer who sent N95 mask to New York

Ruhnke shows the best in humanity, encapsulates what it means to be Kansan

Governor Laura Kelly today joined Kansas State University President Richard Myers to confer a bachelor’s degree upon Dennis Ruhnke, of Troy, Kansas.

Ruhnke recently garnered national attention when he sent a letter to New York Governor

Andrew Cuomo, in which he enclosed an N-95 mask to give to a nurse or doctor in New York.

Ruhnke wrote to Governor Cuomo: “I am a retired farmer hunkered down in Northeast Kansas with my wife who has but one lung and occasional problems with her remaining lung. She also has diabetes. We are in our 70s now and frankly, I am afraid for her.

“Enclosed find a solitary N-95 mask left over from my farming days. It has never been used. If you could, would you please give this mask to a nurse or doctor in your city. I have kept four masks for my immediate family. Please keep on doing what you do so well, which is to lead.”

“Dennis’ donation, at

the height of our country’s protective gear shortage, showed us the best in humanity when we needed it the most,” Governor Kelly said. “I would like to thank Dennis for the example he’s set on how to serve – and how to be thoughtful and generous in an extraordinary way.”

In 1971, Ruhnke was studying agriculture at Kansas State University when his father passed away. At that time, he was two credits away from earning his degree, but chose to leave school to take care of his mother and the family farm.

“After speaking with President Myers, we both agreed that Dennis perfectly encapsulates K-State’s democratic mandate to be of service to people,” Governor

Kelly said. “Which is why I am very honored that I was able to help present Dennis with his well-deserved bachelor’s degree in agriculture.”

“Along with his fantastic demonstration of kindness and generosity, Mr. Ruhnke’s academic work at K-State in his chosen field of agriculture qualifies him to receive his degree,” President Richard Myers said. “Kansas State University is proud to



officially recognize Mr. Ruhnke as an alumnus and valued member of the Wildcat family.”

A video of the presentation can be found here: <https://governor.kansas.gov/governor-laura-kel->

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Breeding Success Strategies for Beef Cattle

K-State beef cattle experts offer advice on ways to manage heifers and cows

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Bulls are often the focus when cattle producers are thinking about the breeding season, but experts at Kansas State University’s Beef Cattle Institute said it is important to prepare the females as well.

“Achieving a successful breeding season starts long before the cows are turned out with a bull,” said Bob Larson, Kansas State University veterinarian. “What happened last year or the year before has a big impact on how this season will go.”

Larson and his

K-State colleagues recently focused on management tips for how to set up heifers and cows for breeding success during the weekly podcast, Cattle Chat.

“A good goal is to have at least 80% of those females bred in the first 45 days of season,” said Sandy Johnson, a guest on the podcast and beef cattle extension specialist with the Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby.

To help achieve that goal, it is important to have the cows in good body condition, she said.

“To get the cows bred early you have to make sure you are managing their body condition year-round, especially from weaning through the third trimester,” Johnson said. She added that thin cows often will be delayed in resuming their estrous cycles.

K-State Research and

Extension beef cattle specialist Bob Weaber said it is important to genetically match the breeding program that produces replacement females to the production environment.

“The genetic predictions that we have available in terms of growth and mature weight and milk EPD (Expected Progeny Difference, an estimate of an animal’s genetic value as a parent) are all helpful in producing cows with optimal levels of body weight and milk that fit their environment,” Weaber said.

Synchronization protocols

Whether it is cows or heifers, there is usually a mix of cycling and non-cycling females at the start of the breeding season. Johnson said a progestin (hormone) included in an estrus synchronization protocol can help induce non-cycling females to cycle.

She advised producers select an estrus synchronization protocol from the short list of recommended protocols on KSUBeef.org.

“From a management standpoint, it is easier to set up heifers in a synchronization program because oftentimes they are in a group separate from the rest of the cowherd,” Larson said.

Many of these protocols involve administering a progestin such as a CIDR (controlled internal drug release) or MGA (melengestrol acetate).

Today’s synchronization protocols allow cow-calf producers to eliminate heat detection and time artificial insemination to fit their schedule. Some producers want to capture the benefits of estrus synchronization, but still use natural service sires.

So that the bulls aren’t overworked in breed-

ing cows, Weaber and Johnson suggested turning the bulls out with the females for five days and follow with a prostaglandin injection to trigger estrus in the unbred cycling females. Then, turn the group back out with the bulls to let them breed again. That will keep the breeding season tight without stressing the bulls.

“One of the great benefits of this protocol is that you don’t synchronize so tightly that you overwhelm your bull power. In this case, it is reasonable to plan on turning out one mature bull for every 20-25 females,” Weaber said.

Regarding heifers, the experts agreed it is important to put selection pressure on how early they conceive, meaning that heifers that conceive early bring more long-term value to the herd.

“We know heifers that

get bred early are the most successful down the road — they are in the herd longer and have higher pregnancy rates,” Johnson said. “I only want to keep those that are bred early and allow others to be marketed as long yearlings in the form of stocker cattle.”

For more information about heifer breeding strategies, the experts advised referencing the Heifer CONSULT link that is shown under the tools section of the Beef Cattle Institute website.

“This online tool was developed by several beef cattle experts working together from across the country to help producers troubleshoot reproductive performance problems,” Larson said.

More information on this topic is available on the weekly BCI Cattle Chat podcast.

Reducing Food Waste Saves Money, Says Food Safety Expert

K-State’s Nwadike says cutting waste is even more important during pandemic

OLATHE, Kan. – In normal times, it benefits consumers and the environment to not waste food.

But Londa Nwadike knows it’s even more important now, when the COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in the food supply chain.

“In 2014, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic

Research Service estimated that 30% to 40% of edible food in the United States went to waste,” said Nwadike, a food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension. “And, at the household level, the average U.S. family of four loses an estimated \$1500 per year on wasted food.”

Nwadike, who is located in Olathe, Kan. and has a joint appointment with the University of Missouri, has worked with staff at both universities to publish a fact sheet to help consumers cut the waste and save money at home.

“Working Together to Reduce Food Waste” is available for free from

the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

Nwadike said the publication outlines a few strategies for reducing waste, including things consumers can do at home; donating to food banks; and building a compost pile.

She said consumers should try to reduce the volume of surplus food they have in the home to start. Some of the strategies for doing that include:

Shop your refrigerator first. Before buying more food, eat perishable food in the refrigerator, or incorporate it into meal planning.

Strategic grocery shopping. Once you plan meals, make a shopping

list – and stick to it. Avoid impulse buying.

Store food properly. Maintain your refrigerator at 40 degrees F or less, and freezer at 0 degrees. Store food in packaging that is designed for storage in the freezer, refrigerator or possibly at room temperature.

Extend the life of food. Frozen food can be safe for extended periods of time; follow recommended storage times. Canning properly is another way to extend food life.

Understand and check food product dates. A “Sell by” date tells the store how long to display the product for sale. “Best by” or “use by”

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Jayden McNerny Graduates from ACCHS



Jayden is the daughter of Leann McNerny and Joel McNerny. She is the valedictorian of the 2020 graduating class of Atchison County Community High School. Her future plans are to attend K-State and major in psychology and sociology.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration/Assignment



Thank you to Angie McGuire for the Cinco de Mayo cooking assignment. Nate (Sterneker) made sopapillas and they were excellent!

Shawna Sterneker photo

Nate's Sopapillas Recipe

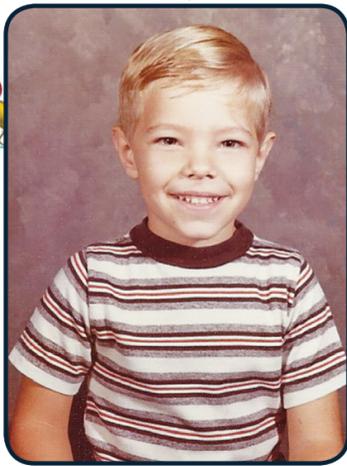
4 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
4 Tbsp shortening
1 1/2 cups warm water
Oil for frying

stand for 20 minutes.
Roll out on floured board until 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. Cut into 3" squares. Heat oil to 375 degrees. Fry dough until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels and serve hot. We sprinkled with cinnamon sugar.

In a large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, salt, and shortening. Stir in water, stir until dough is smooth. Cover and let



Mark Thimesch Will Celebrate a Half-Century-Plus-One Birthday on May 20th



4-H Club Holds Parents' Night



Alice Huelskamp at her computer during the 4-H Zoom meeting



Henry Huelskamp and his mom, Rebecca, attend the Parents' Night Zoom meeting.

On May 3rd, at 6 p.m., the Cunningham 4-H Club held their second meeting through Zoom. This meeting was the annual Parents' Night. Parents of the 4-H officers performed the roll of their kids for this meeting, such as being the club president or

secretary. Roll call was, "What is one of your favorite board games?" Answers included Monopoly, Candy Land, Life, and Checkers. During the meeting, there were two project talks. Ada Adams talked about the pig breeds of Kansas, and Hank Adams ex-

plained the life of a 4-H pig. Members should remember that any pictures they have of their projects can be sent to the historian, Ada Adams, for the scrapbook. The next meeting will be on June 7th.
-Alice Huelskamp



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4-H Discovery Days will go Virtual This Year

Annual event will include some live sessions May 27-29

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas 4-H officials have announced that the popular Discovery Days event, which brings together several hundred youth from across the state each year, is moving to an online format at the end of May.

Discovery Days is one of K-State's longest-

running traditions, now in its 96th year. More than 400 youth from 84 Kansas counties who attended last year.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on mass gatherings, however, Kansas 4-H is adapting to still offer a learning opportunity for youth, said 4-H and youth development specialist Shane Potter.

"We realize this will not replace the in-person pieces and the friendships and connections that are made during Discovery Days, but we can still do some great things," Potter said. "We are going to move forward and offer a great virtual learning environment for youth at the same time as the original event."

Kansas youth are encouraged to register online through the Kansas 4-H website. This year's program, set for May 27-29, includes live sessions each morning as well as interactive, small group sessions in the afternoon. There will also be many recorded sessions available for youth to view at their leisure.

"We strive for hands-on learning, where youth are immersed in content," Potter said. "A lot of things may be similar, but we know it won't be the exact same experience. This is what we see as kind of a supplement to what we've done in the past. If it works, this may help us be better in the future by maybe incorporating some technology, or deepened learning, during in person events." Ironically, Discovery

Day organizers – including several Kansas youth – had already planned this year's event around the theme, '2020: A Vision for the Future.' With the move to an online format, some of that future is happening now, according to Potter.

"Technology is great, and we really want to use it to the best of our abilities," he said. "Being able to break out in small groups, ask questions, engage with one another -- even though it can be difficult -- is really providing growth. So as we're looking at career and college readiness, these are skills that can help youth in the future. By being able to engage in an online platform, they may be more prepared to do a video interview someday."

In the past, Discovery Days activities were open to youth ages 13-18.

While the content may be more applicable for that age group, Potter said that youth of all ages are welcome to participate in this year's online format.

"We want to provide a safe environment for all youth, so we will ask youth to register for the live sessions," he said. "We would prefer that people register by the week before, at least by May 22, and then we will send information to them so that they can connect to the live sessions."

Potter added that Discovery Days continues to focus on career and college readiness, community service and hands-on learning. He said youth also will have an opportunity to purchase a Discovery Days

t-shirt, as in past years. "Regardless of what is happening in our world, we are building resilience for our 4-Hers, and this is an example of that," he said. "The youth voice is still guiding what we're doing and how we're moving forward to provide things in difficult times."

For more information on Discovery Days and to register, visit www.Kansas4-H.org.

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