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We’ve Lost that Convenience Building ‘cause it’s Gone. Gone. Gone.

(apologies to Phil Spector, Barry Mann, and Cynthia Weil, and, of course, the Righteous Brothers)



This past weekend we saw the demise of another Cunningham landmark--- the convenience store/gas station on the west edge of town.

My dad had used the building at one time for a “working on equipment shop” and I gleaned a bit of information from him about the history of the building.

Dad said it was built sometime in the fifties. Roy Ellis contracted Martin Pelzl to build a Derby filling station. Dad said Martin had just finished building the Schafer home south of town on the east side of the road. Dad’s brother, Jerome, had helped build the house, but Dad wasn’t sure Jerome helped with this building. Dad was pretty sure, though, that Bill Bayer helped build this one.

Roy opened the Derby gas station and through the next few years it was run by Sherman Ellis and then Shorty Ellis. Sometime in the ‘60’s, Don Wait

ran it as an APCO station. Dad reminded me that Jim McCune was there when a fire damaged the building. I contacted Karen Eck. She told me Jim McCune was operating the APCO station in 1970 when it caught fire. Jim “received minor burns on his face and arms trying to put out the fire.”

The time from 1970 to ’77 is not accounted for, but I am sure I just didn’t talk to the right person or persons.

In 1977, Dad rented the building from Irene Ellis, as Roy had passed away. My younger siblings and I would help Dad work on his equipment there. He was always fixing or rebuilding something: a truck or a dozer or a backhoe or a motor grader.... In the bays of this building, I remember a large truck being painted, paper taped over the windows. In the dirt and dust and grease of the building’s large windows, Dad

would write mathematical problems and equations, figuring the length of some piece of iron or steel. There were also notes about the equipment and telephone numbers. And, no, the windows were not cleaned.

Dad was only there a couple/three months, when Irene rented it to Northern Natural Gas. The two gentlemen told me that Northern Natural was only there from 1977 to about 1980. (I checked with Kent Scripsick and Leon Fischer on that bit).

After they vacated the building, Mark Crick used it as a mechanic’s shop for a few months in 1980 or ’81, before moving to Medicine Lodge. (His dad told me that bit of the story,)

There is another gap here, as the story picks up again in the mid 80’s. That is when the shop was sold to Diane and Marvin Thomas, and they

hired Ron Shumway to remodel it into a convenience store. (Since Bill Osner was working for Mr. Shumway at the time, I asked Bill for a remodel date, but he wasn’t sure when exactly, but I can forgive him because he’s getting old and his memory isn’t as sharp as mine.)

Next, I visited with Tayler Strickland and between her and her mother, Teresa, they worked out that the Thomases sold it to Virginia and Roger Tiesing in June of 2009. The Tiesings closed it in February of 2011.

It sat empty for a few years, then Debra Luena Engelbrecht used it for her photography studio, Luena Imaging.

And, again, it has sat vacant, until being recently purchased by Jack Thimesh, who had it demolished.

And that’s what the editor knows. I thank all my sources for their contributions to the story.



Let’s Go Luna!

Screenings at CPL

Families are invited to attend a screening of the new Let’s Go Luna! shows at Cunningham Public Library on Tuesday March 5, at 9:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. The program is free.

Let’s Go Luna! is a PBS KIDS animated social studies series that encourages kids ages 4-7 to explore and appreciate cultures worldwide, and build global citizenship and social skills.

The show follows the adventures of three friends – Leo, a wombat from Australia; Carmen, a butterfly from Mexico; and Andy, a frog from the U.S. – as they traverse the globe with their parents’ traveling performance troupe, “Circo Fabuloso.” At each of the Circo’s stops, Luna the Moon, voiced by Judy Greer, guides the trio as they get to know the local region and its people. The gang’s adventures take them through cities around the globe – from London to Cairo to Beijing – where they explore the food, music, art, architecture and other features that make each place distinctive.

In the new episode screening, the friends will learn about the cultures of Delhi, India and Sydney, Australia.

Screenings are also being held at Zenda Public Library on March 2, at 9:00 a.m., and Pratt Public Library on March 4, at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Education Met February 11th

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019, by President Scott DeWeese.

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

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 Regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$337,405.60 and the financial reports as presented YMotion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Reed updated the board on Sports and Calendar items. He informed the board about the new mat in the gym provided by the Booster club, the new picnic tables on order and 3 water fountains to be replaced by the Education foundation. Mr. Reed also spoke about the trip to Tescott schools and what was learned about school redesign. Teachers will have an In-service to work on ideas for our school. Superintendent Reed concluded with discussion on current Legislation.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that the last COOP meeting dealt mostly with personnel issues including high para turnover.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into

executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:20 p.m. until 8:25p.m.to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:25 p.m. until 8:35 p.m. to discuss teacher performances under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to go back into executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:35 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. to discuss teacher performances under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion made by Kurt Preisser, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve a teaching position to Angie McGuire for the 2019-2020 school year. YMotion carried 5-0

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 11, 2019, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

KCC order requires Kansas Gas Service to Pass Tax Break on to Customers

Topeka- In an order issued this afternoon, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) instructed Kansas Gas Service (KGS) to return just over \$17.9 million in tax savings to its customers. For residential customers, that will mean a one-time bill credit of \$22.78.

The savings resulted when the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% in January of last year. The KCC required utilities to track savings resulting from the tax cut and maintain those funds in a separate interest bearing regulatory account pending Commission review.

In a rate case filed in June, KGS asked to retain the accrued tax savings to offset its cost of service. The Commission determined that was not in the public interest and as today’s order states, “KGS has provided no evidence that returning the regulatory liability to its customers will endanger KGS’s health and viability in providing reliable, sufficient and efficient service”.

Today’s order can be viewed on the Commission’s website at: <http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/ViewFile.aspx?Id=baeb37be-b6f3-42cb-a812-9236b52a11d5>

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, March 2, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, March 3, 2019

10:00 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

620-298-2601

620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

LUTHERAN

St. John's Nashville

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090

Office Hours:

Tuesdays:

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 28th

HS Ladies' Sub-State Tournament begins

Friday, March 1st,

Men's Sub-State Tournament Begins

March 1st

End of 3rd Quarter

1:30 school dismiss

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1:30 school dismiss

Tuesday, March 5th

HS HOPL Music Festival at Attica

Sunday, March 3

3:00 - 5:00

4-H at All Star Sports

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday

March 6th

HS Ladies' State Quarterfinals

Saturday, March 9th

Forensics at Fairfield

Monday, March 11th

Cunningham Women's Club

March 11th, 5:30 p.m.

community football meeting

March 11th, 7:00 p.m.

BOE meeting

Friday, March 15 7:00 p.m

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(620) 532-1253

http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

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RATED PG

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

ALL SEATS \$6.00

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6:30 SHOWTIME

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Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Cunningham Public Libaray

4C Day Care smile.amazon.com

(Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774)

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com

(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

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

Thanks for recycling

The Courier on

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March 25th

April 8th

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WIC Services Available at the Kingman County Health Department

Are you, or do you know someone who:

...is pregnant;

...is breastfeeding and infant up to one year of age;

...is a child under 5 years old;

...has just had a baby and isn't breastfeeding a baby under 6 months old;

...or has recently miscarried?

You or those people you know may qualify for the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) supplemental food program-many working people do qualify for WIC and don't realize it. Fruits, vegetables, dairy, protein, and whole-grains foods are available to WIC-eligible people.

Please call the Kingman County Health Department at 620-532-2221 for more information or to schedule an appointment!

For more information about the Kansas WIC Program, visit their website at <http://www.kansas-wic.org/families/>

Kingman County Health Department is an equal-opportunity provider.

Free Health Screenings

Kingman County Council on Aging will offer free health screenings to individuals 60 years and old living in Kingman County. Screenings for women: lipid screen, blood glucose, hemogram. For men: lipid screen, blood glucose, hemogram, PSA. Kingman Community Hospital Lab will do the testing.

Scheduled date is: Thursday, March 14, by appointment only. Time slots are limited. To reserve a time call:

620-532-5744

before Tuesday, March 5th. Fasting is required. Breakfast will be offered.

Ellen McAllister to Speak in Turon

Elaine McAllister will be speaking at Turon Community Church on March 3 @ 2pm.

Come and enjoy the afternoon learning more about intentional parenting/grand-parenting!

Isabel American Legion to hold Pancake Supper

Isabel's Lorraine American Legion Post 98 will be hosting a pancake supper on March 2nd. They will serve pancakes and other breakfast items from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The address for the hall is 201 North Main Street.

Free will offerings will be accepted. All donations will go to benefit disabled veterans' programs.

FEMA Seeks Youth Leaders for National Youth Preparedness Council

FEMA announced the agency will start accepting applicants for the Youth Preparedness Council. This program brings teens together from across the country who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in 8th through 11th grade are eligible to apply.

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, offers an opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C. During their two-year term, the youth leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations.

Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form, provide two letters of recommendation, and academic records. All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific, March 31. New council members will be announced in May.

To access the application materials, read about the current Council members, and for more general formation about the Youth Preparedness Council visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council.

Pancakes for Zenda Museum

Zenda Museum's Annual Pancake/Sausage Feed, Sunday, March 3 - Serving from 11:00am to 1pm, in the Zenda Senior Center. Chris Cakes will be back for a fun time. Free-will donation help support Zenda's Museum. Everyone welcome!

Kingman County Outreach Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in March on the following dates.

Cunningham- Wednesday, March 6th from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday, March 6th from 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday, March 7th from 1:30pm – 4:00pm

KINGMAN'S ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 10th ~ 3:00-6:30 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time)

St. Patrick School Gymnasium

Serving Fried Chicken, Country Sausage, Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Homemade Bread & Pies

Adults \$9; 5-12 \$4 Children 4 & under FREE Senior Citizens \$8

****Drawing for valuable prizes.****

Museum Winter Hours

The museum will NOT have regular hours in the winter.

If you wish to tour the facility, please contact Donna Glenn at 620-388-5602

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Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Dusty Turner, Moto Guzzi

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

A motorcyclist rides into town – and then another, and another. It’s a motorcycle rally – and not just any rally, but a rally to support a rural community and ultimately, to bring people together.

Dusty Turner is organizer and promoter of special events in Kansas and Oklahoma. He grew up in northeastern Oklahoma where, at an early age, he discovered a passion for motorcycles.

One year he and a teenage friend decided they wanted to take a motorcycle trip. They calculated how far they could go on the gas money that they had and looked at a roadmap. “We saw the name Cedar Vale on a map and decided to go,” Dusty said.

“We were a couple of typical kids who set off totally unprepared,” Dusty said with a smile. “We got there and

couldn’t afford a hotel room. We asked around if there was anyplace we could camp, and they sent us to Hewins Park. People were really nice.”

It was a memorable trip. The trip happened to take place around the time of Dusty’s birthday in late April. A late spring journey to Cedar Vale became an annual pilgrimage for Dusty as he grew up.

Dusty joined the military. After the service, he worked in the restaurant business and then did painting and contracting work in Oklahoma and Texas before moving back to Muskogee. Through it all, his love of motorcycles remained strong. After riding various kinds of motorcycles throughout his life, Dusty discovered a brand of motorcycles called Moto Guzzi. These motorcycles are produced by a company in Italy, and they have a small, but passionate following around the globe.

“Moto Guzzi produces maybe 8,000 motorcycles in a year,” Dusty said. (That’s in contrast to bigger companies which may produce 60,000 in a single quarter.) But Dusty and others are big fans of Moto Guzzi. “It’s a basic

twin-cylinder motorcycle that’s simple to repair,” Dusty said. “It can eat up the miles, but also works well on curvy mountain roads.”

Dusty got his own Moto Guzzi and then joined an online forum of Moto Guzzi enthusiasts. He eventually became an administrator on the site.

One day Dusty noticed that his birthday was coming up. For old times’ sake, he decided to make a motorcycle trip to Cedar Vale. “I announced on the board, ‘Does anybody want to meet me?’” Dusty said. “I thought I might get one or two, but we had eight.” It was so much fun that it became an annual event. Each year on the first weekend of May, a Moto Guzzi rally is now held in the community of Cedar Vale.

In the years since, the Moto Guzzi rally has attracted as many as 70 people from 30 states, from Seattle to New Jersey and as far away as Holland and Germany.

Organizers have turned the event into a fundraiser for the city of Cedar Vale, as well as an opportunity for big city visitors to experience life in a rural community. Part of the registra-

tion fees go to the city. Donation jars are put out at all events. Funds are used to support projects like the local museum and the poolhouse at the swimming pool. More than \$2,000 has been raised. The Lions Club, local chamber of commerce, and museum help provide meals for donations.

The gathering takes place primarily at Hewins Park, where Dusty first camped decades ago. “We interact with the locals,” Dusty said. “The city has been great.”

Dusty is assisted in this project by a friend from the online forum who knows rural Kansas. That friend is John Peters from the rural community of Walton, population 235 people. Now, that’s rural.

It’s time to leave this Moto Guzzi rally which is helping raise money for a rural Kansas community as well as sharing small town life. We commend all the Moto Guzzi riders for making a difference with this fun initiative. It makes for a good ride.

And there’s more. This event has inspired another gathering in Cedar Vale. We’ll learn about that next week.

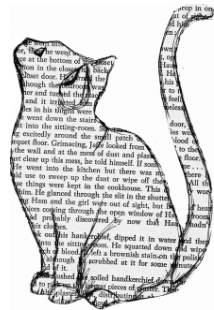
In addition to Haas, dignitaries present included National Auxiliary President Kathy Dungan, Kansas Auxiliary President Karen Hasting, American Legion Auxiliary Foundation President Doris Hammeke, and Ft. Dodge Superintendent Dave Smith. “I am very happy to have access to this great equipment,” Sellens said. “It will be very useful in developing more interesting art lessons.”

money into advertising to draw students away from other schools. It has not reached the level of the pharmaceutical industry, where 9 out of 10 companies spend more on advertising than on drug research. But it is time to ask why we allow public schools to spend money advertising for students, a cost the students pay back in higher tuition.

On campuses across the country, I often see lights and ceiling fans turned on in empty rooms where classes are finished for the day. Paper is often wasted. Conservation of resources is rare. Frugality will not save great amounts of money but it would be an indication to economically poorer students that faculty care and are trying to keep costs down.

If I was a high school graduate today, I could not attend college. This cost increase has far exceeded inflation. Today’s crisis in student debt was unthinkable in the 1960s when only the top third of high school graduates attended college. I attended a state university for \$8 a semester hour, and that was mostly

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Meanderings

Sigh. I have been busy writing this week. Just not writing my column. I slacked off on this because of the stunning investigative reporting I did on the history of the old convenience store. (If you skipped the front page, be sure and go back and read it) Then I was busy writing up a bit about the Ross Janssen talk. I took pages and pages of notes, and then had to decide what to put in and where I was going to put it and how much space I’d need.... And what to cut and what pictures to use. Put pictures in, pulled them out. Cut them down. Enlarged them...

Sometimes trying to put this little paper together is a great deal like a jigsaw puzzle with straight edges or a game of Tetris (I loved playing that game).

Then there was the thank you note on page 7 that I wrote for Bernie Albers. I hope he’s still talking to me after he reads it.

It is 9:09 on Wednesday, and I am ready to go home, but the paper needs to be finished and it isn’t going to finish itself.

So what to meander about?

I’ve been reading some rather different books this past week.

I read the "Bronze Bow" by Elizabeth George Speare. The book won a Newbery Award in 1962 and is still in print today. The story takes place in first century Galilee. Daniel is a young Jew who wants to rid his country of the Roman soldiers who are there. He has a fierce hatred for the soldiers as they are responsible for the death of his father, and ultimately, his mother. Jesus Christ was a character on the edges of the story until the end when he is called upon to save the life of Daniel’s sister. It was a good read, not a great deal of tension, despite all the animosity Daniel has towards the soldiers and others in the story.

I also read “The Third Eye” by Lois Duncan. Karen Conner has the ability to “see” or sense happenings (ESP). She is called upon to help the police search for lost children. It was a page turning book, and, alas, the pages were falling out. I tossed in the recycling bin when I finished with it.

I read "Sunstroke" by Jesse Kellerman. "A thriller" it said. I was less than thrilled about this odd mystery. I have a few more Jesse Kellerman books there to read, and I am hoping his plot development improves.

I started a book titled “The King Must Die”. I am so NOT a fan of mythology, but I must have read a review that sounded interesting because the book was there

in my bookcase.

When the book begins, most kingdoms in ancient Greece are ruled by women, and they are a rather ruthless lot. Theseus, while traveling from his home to Athens, is waylaid in the town of Eleusis. As he rides into the town, he is greeted by the townspeople and then the queen. She has decided to day is the day the king must die, he’s been there a year, and he needs to go, and Theseus is the chosen one to kill him. A wrestling match ensues, the king is killed, and Theseus becomes the king. Now Theseus is no dummy. He knows within a year, the queen is going to have him killed, and he manages to thwart the queen and he becomes the ruler of the kingdom and the queen leaves.

I am not finished with the book, but when I left off Sunday evening, Theseus was in Crete, and the Minotaur is soon to be slayed, I’m thinking.

Even though the book wasn’t finished, I wanted to get the Book Club book read. “The Year of Wonders” by Gwendolyn Brooks. This was a book based upon a true events in the of Eyam, England. In 1666, the village quaranteed itself because the Black Plague had found its way to its inhabitants. It was very well researched (better researched than my investigative report on the convenience store). The language was interesting, and I marked a couple of words to find the meaning of: sennight. I looked it up this evening: A sennight is a week. Etymology from Oxford dictionary: Old English seofon nihta ‘seven nights’.

It isn’t the most uplifting book I’ve read, but it was interesting, and I am enjoying it. I am about 2/3 done. I also know how it ends because I went to Book Club and we discussed the book, and I read a bit of the ending. I questioned something I read there. MaryAnn said the ending was ridiculous, and it does seem that way, I will, no doubt, finish it before I return to the days of Ancient Greece and the Minotaur.

I know how the Greek story will end. Theseus will kill the Minotaur and return to Athens, but will forget put up the ship's white sail the ship’s, his father will see the black sail and, thinking his son is dead, will throw himself off a cliff and into the sea.

Makes a soul want to read more mythological tales of woe.

I have decided that when these two books are done I am going to read something fun and uplifting.

Not sure what.... Always reading and currently reading, "The King Must Die" by Mary Renault AND "The Year of Wonders" by Gwendolyn Brooks Roberta

“Men would be as gods, if they had foreknowledge.”

— Mary Renault, The King Must Die

Art Therapy Project Receives Grant

When Paula Sellens was elected American Legion Auxiliary District Eight President in 2016, she was charged with developing a President’s Project to benefit veterans. She launched an art therapy program for Fort Dodge Soldier’s Home. She obtained funding from an art auction the first year, then received two grants from the Community

Foundation of Southwest Kansas to keep pace with the growing popularity of the project.

The initiative received continued support with additional funding from Kansas Department Legion Commander Dan Wiley and the Dodge City Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association. National American Legion Auxiliary Executive Committeewoman Jeanne Haas encouraged Sellens to apply for a grant from The American

Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Sellens liked the suggestion and applied for a Veterans Project Grant to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. She was recently notified that her application was successful, and the project was being awarded a \$2,200 grant. Auxiliary members organized a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ft. Dodge on February 3, 2019. The ceremony was well attended with over thirty Legion family members participating.

Making College Affordable

Last week, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) released the website: HowCollegesMakeMoney.com.

It provides data and graphs based on the U.S. Department of Education’s Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and includes all private and public colleges and universities that participate in Title IV student aid programs. For each school, it displays the current cost of tuition and fees as well as average aid that students receive. It breaks down administrative and instructional costs per student, although it only covers the years 2009 to 2016.

The ACTA site shows money trends but does not probe into the reasons for rapid increases that nearly match exorbitant rate hikes made by pharmaceutical companies. While the percentage of high school graduates attending college has increased, state funding has decreased. Rates also went up faster than inflation simply because there was little to hold them

down. But this last year, tuition has leveled off at many schools due to declining resident and foreign student populations.

The ACTA site unfortunately shows graduation-in-four-years rates under the continuing assumption that a student should graduate in four years. But, on average, over 60 percent of college students change majors at least once. That makes 5–7 years the “graduate on time” reality. And for some students, later graduation was extended by the exorbitant cost of education and the need to work full time.

But one obvious factor from the ACTA graphs is administrative glut. Some of this may be driven by the increased burden of reporting to governmental and accrediting agencies. But there has been an even greater glut of employees for both instructional technology (IT) support and marketing that cannot be parsed from the general graphs. Meanwhile, there has been a shift from tenured faculty to cheap part time adjuncts.

The IT glut is recent. Before 1990, few staff were needed to maintain and repair equipment.

Today, the IT staff often exceeds the largest academic department in size. And they are kept busy continually migrating the campus offices and classrooms to the newest state-of-the-art equipment. Under the illusion that “you can’t teach tomorrow’s students with today’s technology” and warnings to “don’t fall victim to aging technology,” administrators spend large sums on digital media that become obsolete in 2–3 years. “Learning designer” teckies are hired to assist faculty in modernizing their courses, and usually not at the request of faculty.

Dormitories, lounges, cafeterias, libraries and classrooms are continually remodeled to appear modern and futuristic, greatly increasing the cost of room-and-board and student fees. This is both an attempt to keep up with neighboring institutions and also to market to a shrinking “customer base.” And that last phrase points to a big money pit: the corporatization of higher education or chasing after the student as customer for their tuition dollars.

Today, higher education puts substantial

Lady Cats Dig Deep In Win Over Bucklin

by Coach Eric Meyers

Cunningham opened up second round play in Regionals with a good start to the game holding a 10-5 first quarter advantage keyed by two 3-point buckets from Lauren Murphy. The second quarter was mostly Red Aces as they flipped the script to go in to halftime leading by 5, 21-16. I take the blame for the reversal of fortunes as I asked for a defensive change, an experiment with results only slightly better than my sulfur and zinc and torch experiment in high school. During this brief “in-game” experiment, one of Bucklin’s shooters, only 22% from long range during the season, canned three 3-pointers. We regrouped at halftime and during the pivotal third quarter, six different players scored for us and we reclaimed the lead, 28-26, but more importantly, we began to seize control. The final period would continue to lean our way as we took care of the basketball and shot free throws reasonably well to eventually trump the Red Aces, 46-34.

Bucklin deserves to still be playing, but we benefitted from having more “players” than they did. Not people, but “players”. We’ve had 6 different players score in

double digits this season, at one time or another, and a 7th player score 9, so we keep the other team’s defense honest, and that’s such a plus.

We shot the ball reasonably well, managing to succeed on 44% on 14 of 32. I was happy with our free throw shooting where we connected on 15 off 22 attempts for 68%. Anytime we can manage 1.00 points per possession we usually win, and we achieved a 1.03 mark against Bucklin.

On this night, it was Lauren Murphy leading the way with a game high 16 while Maddison Panek returned from an injury to net 10 points. Others contributing to the scoring punch were Morgan Meyers (6), Hunter McGuire (5), Holly DeWeese (5), and Alayna McGuire (4).

Maddison led the way in rebounds with 8 and three others – Holly, Madie McGuire, and Lauren – added 4 apiece. Morgan managed 2 steals on a night when there were few, and Morgan also had 5 of the team’s 8 assists.

With the win, we have advanced to the finals of Regional play and will tackle the homestanding Timberwolves of Southcentral, a team with a good number of seniors playing on their home floor, so our task is tall.



Top left: Morgan Meyers dives for a steal... and comes up dribbling.

Above: Lauren Murphy shoots from the 3point zone

Left: Alayna McGuire looks to break the Bucklin press.

Far left: Holly DeWeese blocks a shot.



photos by Molly Morgan and color commentary as well

Lady Cats Struggle to Score, Fall in Regional Finals

by Coach Eric Meyers

It was an atypical night for the Lady Cats who have had very few cold shooting nights this season, but in an important game, “cold” doesn’t come close to describing the frigidity of the evening. Southcentral opened in a 3-2 zone defense which generally poses not issues, but their strategy seemed to focus on interior protection until given a reason to extend their defense. We were unable to give them any such reason. We were getting shots, but perhaps the results would have been different if just a shot or two would have fallen early, or if our inside play had been more physical. We couldn’t seem to seal any defenders to provide space for entry passes, nor did we move the ball with any pace, and without the ability to enter the ball in to the post, we became one dimensional. A stunning statistic is this: Of our 34 shots, 29 were from beyond the arc, certainly not by design. There were actually a few more than just 5 shots taken in the paint, but those attempts that drew fouls on the opposition don’t count in the tally. Nevertheless, you get the picture. Southcentral won every quarter, 7-2 in the first and 14-8 in the second. The halftime score of 21-10 was not insurmountable, but since second half shooting improved only scantily, the results were solidly in

place for our third loss of the season, a lopsided 51-29 defeat. The good news is we had a clunker that wasn’t fatal. We live to play another day, now slotted to engage the South Grey Rebels at Pratt Community College on Thursday at 7:30 in Sub State action.

To put some perspective on our loss, we shot just 21% from the field. Had we not shot 10 of 12 from the free throw line (83%) their senior guard, with 28 points, would have scored more than our entire team. Morgan Meyers managed 13 points, all in the second half, while Madie McGuire had 6, Holly DeWeese 4, Maddison Panek 3, and Hunter McGuire 3.

Maddison continues to rebound well, grabbing 6 while Holly added 5 and Hunter 4. Hunter also led us in steals with 2 as well as showing up on the assist leader board, sharing that honor with Morgan as both had 2.



Above left: Holly DeWeese shoots from inside

Above: Lauren Murphy passes to Holly DeWeese

Left: Maddy shoots from under the basket

Below: The ladies display their team pride and their trophy for Regional Runners-Up!

photos by Molly Morgan and color commentary as well



Wildcats Finish Season with loss to Attica

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Cunningham traveled to Attica for a first round Regional game against the Bulldogs of Attica on February 20, 2019. The Bulldogs put the end of the season for the Cats with an 84 to 22 victory.

Daylen Schnittker and Taner Hansen provided the scoring in the first quarter with Five and three points, respectively. Attica put in 23 points to lead after one quarter 23 to 8.

Hansen continued his scoring ways in the second quarter with five more points. Attica put in an additional 24 points to lead 47 to 13 at the half.

Hansen was again the lone scorer in the third quarter adding four more points. Attica had their biggest quarter scoring 27 points.

The final quarter ended with Schnittker putting in one point and Vitor Abreu scoring four points. Attica scored 10 more points to finish the game with a final score of 84 to 22.

Hansen led the rebounding with five. Schnittker had three assists and three steals.



4-H Day is March 2nd

The Cunningham 4-H club met on February 10nd at the community center. It was reported that one of our main fundraisers, the concession stand held during the 54 Classic basketball tournament, did well on profits. Club members were encouraged to participate in the Kingman County 4-H Day on March 2nd. At 4-H Day, kids from the five different clubs in our county compete against each other. 4-Hers can present a talk, play an instrument, preform a skit, read a book, preform a dance, etc. The club voted to determine where we should go for our annual “fun” meeting next month. We selected the west Wichita All Star Sports and that “meeting” is March 3 from 3:00 to 5:00. Tyler Osner presented a talk about James Naismith. Gunner Glen gave a talk about Jordy Nelson. Taylor Shultz gave a Powerpoint presentation on Toronto, Canada. Refreshments were provided by the Ogg and McGuire families. Recreation was led by the Adams and Ellis families.

Trey DeWeese,
Reporter

College

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covered by a \$100 state scholarship provided each semester to all students in the state with high grades. My family did not take out loans but they could save up for the \$300 per semester room-and-board. And I covered incidental



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Thursday, 2/28 @ 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS

SUB-STATE CHAMPION 2019

Students Compete in Academic Olympics

photos by Molly Morgan



Cunningham High School students recently attended Pratt Community College's Academic Olympics. Lance McGuire sent me the following information about the students' performances:

I have the overall results but not league standings. They will be released at a later date. Overall results are for every student who was entered regardless of school size.

Here were the 8 CHS students who placed top 3 Overall.
Mikhail Donskoy 3rd Algebra II/Trig
Zac Osner 1st Nutrition
Matthew Mercer 3rd

Welding
Alexa Fischer 3rd
Creative Writing Short Story
Lauren Murphy 3rd
Photography General Digital/Color
Annabelle Hansen

1st Photography General Digital/Black and White
Lillian Reed 1st
Photography Digital Manipulation
Madison Dowsey
3rd Photography Digital Manipulation

Three Cunningham Junior High Cheerleaders Dance at WSU Half-time



Ava Bock, Hannah Ellis and Maranda Lohrke attended the Wichita State University Jr. Shocker Dance clinic on Saturday, February 16th. The girls learned a routine and some new dance moves from the WSU Dance Team. They performed the routine on Wednesday Night, February 20th during the half-time of the WSU Women's Basketball game. This was a great opportunity for the girls to learn from dancers at the collegiate level and perform in front of a large crowd.

photos and story submitted by Leah Ellis and Angela Lohrke



expenses working as an assistant for 50 cents an hour. Today, no part time jobs and few full time jobs can cover the least expensive public college tuition.

My education was good because I had small classes where my professors were highly talented and knew us personally. Today, expensive digital

devices isolate students from such professors. And luxury dormitories and continuous renovations do nothing to improve education. I was fortunate to attend college when I could afford to be a student, and not become a deep-in-debt “customer.”

Only Eight Teams Competed in the First NCAA Tournament

(gleaned from history.com)

Oregon, nicknamed the “Tall Firs” due to the height of its starting frontcourt, beat out seven other teams to win

the first NCAA men’s basketball championship in 1939. The field began growing soon after, reaching 16 teams from 1951 to 1952 and varying between 22 and 25 teams from 1953 to 1974. It then steadily increased from 32 teams in 1975 to 64 teams in 1985. The most recent expansion came in 2011, when 68

teams were invited to participate.



County Commission Meeting

February 11th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 11th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; Deanna Gerhardt; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Rick Horn; Charles Mueller; Douglas Lloyd, Lloyd Architect and Mattie Giefer, GCI Construction.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Sheriff Randy Hill and Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 4th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the February 4th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the Township Board Meeting on March 11, 2019 meal selection and that half will be paid by Foley Tractor.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the bid from Sons of Briskets out of Murdock, KS for \$1080.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that quotes for a track loader will be opened on March 11th, 2019. Also, there will be quotes opened for the 2019 Asphalt will be held on March 4th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his departments January Financial Report to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a request from Dresden Township for consultation.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the consultation for Dresden Township. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg gave the Commissioners a copy of the CIP(Capital Improvement Plan) from last year and asked them to look at them and let him know if there needs to be any additions or changes.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed that they haven’t received any information

yet from the Murdock curve project.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Goetz discussed with the County Commissioners the conference call that was held this morning with Semptra.

Stan Goetz, was in with Richard Horn for an interview for the Emergency Preparedness Manager position.

Mr. Horn let the County Commissioners know his history and that he has his training certification.

Charles Mueller was in to request placing a dumpster on the counties property while he cleans out the old walker building.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the County Commissioners know that she has made some changes on the way she is handling the investment income.

Ms. Luntsford would like to change CD’s to six months instead of 90 days.

The County Commissioners were in agreement to go with six month CD’s.

Todd Lawson, Field Appraiser was in to discuss abatements with the

County Commissioners.

County Commissioners signed abatements:

Douglas Lloyd, Lloyd Architect was in to discuss the window project with the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners would like Mr. Lloyd to get with the Contractor and Katrina from the State and see what needs to be done.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Lloyd know that they would like to see him handling the window project.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with an agreement for VOIANCE language interpreter program.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve agreement with VOIANCE.

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

Stan Goetz, was in and requested executive session for non-elect personnel evaluations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 3:05 p.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss employee evaluation.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session at 3:20 p.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss employee evaluation. pursuant to the excepThe County Commissioners returned to regular session with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 3:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 3:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session with no binding action taken.

Mattie Giefer, GCI Construction was in to talk about the window project and the wrapping of the window pricing. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

View from the Capitol

by Senator Ed Berger
Kansas 34th District

After a quick start to this year’s legislative session, matters have slowed noticeably on the Senate side of the Dome. Early action was taken by the Senate in passing two key pieces of legislation, Senate Bill 22 and Senate Bill 9. Senate Bill 22 decouples Kansas from the Federal Tax code while Senate Bill 9 provides payment of \$115 million to the school group of the Kansas Public Employee

Retirement System. The House voted on SB 9 Friday, passing it without any amendments sending it to the Governor’s desk.

The recent calm was disrupted by a 3.5-hour debate on Senate Bill 32. This was a bill proposed by Farm Bureau that allows them to offer healthcare benefit coverage to their members. The bill reflects concerns that those in agriculture have about the escalating cost of healthcare coverage ultimately driving families from the family farm. Two amendments were offered during floor debate to the bill. One of the

amendments, deemed not germane to the bill, would have added Medicaid expansion. The other amendment, which was narrowly defeated, added preexisting conditions to SB 32. In the proposed bill, the Farm Bureau plan would be exempt and not have to comply with typical insurance mandates such as covering preexisting conditions. Objection to the amendment was concerns that requiring coverage for preexisting conditions would have had negative implications on the effectiveness of the program. Farm Bureau in Tennessee has a similar

program which resulted in cost reductions of all insurance costs and it was estimated that 85 percent of those with preexisting conditions received coverage. The cost of the health coverage offered by Farm Bureau is estimated at being as much as 30 percent less than other existing coverage and there may be as many as 42,000 individuals interested. I believe it is important for individuals to see it as one more option for health care coverage but not necessarily a solution to all concerns with health care insurance.

In the legislative pro-

cess it is interesting that at the conclusion of debate and passage of legislation in either House or Senate, there is a sense of finality, when really the process has just begun. The House or Senate needs to pass similar legislation, and if there are changes, the bill will then go to conference committee and then returned to the respective chambers for action. Bills that come out of conference committee cannot be amended on the floor.

On the committee side, Ways and Means, the budget committee, has divided the budget into agencies with a sub-

committee reviewing and making recommendations on each agency budget. After the hearing process is completed the agency budgets will be assembled into the mega budget. I serve on the Social Services, Corrections, Health, KPERS and Chair the Higher Education Subcommittee. It is a great process producing a valuable product.

Always great to have district visitors. This week I had Andrew Auxier as a page. I still have several page openings in March. Just contact me at ed.berger@senate.ks.gov

Growing Growers: KDA-Funded Program Helps New, Experienced Produce Farmers in South-central Kansas

Workshops plus one-on-one mentorships guide growers in urban, rural areas

WICHITA, Kan. – A new program based at K-State Research and Extension – Sedgwick County is helping fruit and vegetable growers from all backgrounds, skills and income levels.

The Growing Growers ICT program is an expansion of the

Growing Growers Kansas City program and trains and supports farmers in Sedgwick County and south-central Kansas. Growing Growers ICT — funded by a Kansas Department of Agriculture 2018 Specialty Crop Block Grant — uses apprenticeships and a workshop series to provide education and hands-on learning opportunities to new farmers in both urban and rural areas.

“Through our outreach at K-State Research and Extension – Sedgwick County, we have seen a true need for this program in the Wichita area,” said Rebecca McMahon, horticultural food crops agent and grant manager. “The Growing Growers

program in Kansas City has been very successful and we want to follow that model to help new farmers, whether in urban Wichita or rural, south-central Kansas.”

A key feature of the Growing Growers program is apprenticeships, where new farmers work on fruit and vegetable farms in south-central Kansas to gain first-hand, practical farming experience. Apprentices attend workshops and receive one-on-one mentorships with local host farmers. The program also will partner with Common Ground Mobile Market and Legacy Garden Works to provide apprenticeships to inner-city residents.

Growing Growers

ICT includes six workshops during the spring and summer production months to provide research-based knowledge on growing fruits and vegetables in Kansas. The workshops are open to the public and class fees apply. Workshop dates will be announced in the spring and posted on the website.

Although the workshops are geared toward beginning farmers, they also offer information and skill development for more experienced farmers, McMahon said.

The core workshops include:

- introduction to soil management.
- production planning and plant propagation.
- post-harvest handling.

small farm equipment and drip irrigation.

insects, disease and weed management.

farm business management.

Applications for host farms and apprenticeships are available at the Growing Growers web page. Host-farm applications were due Feb. 4, and apprentice applications are due March 4. Scholarships are available for the participation fee in the apprenticeship program.

More information is available at sedgwick.k-state.edu/growinggrowers.

K-State Research and Extension is a short name for the Kansas State

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

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The hippest hipster, Bernie Albers, would like to thank family and friends for all the cards, thoughts and prayers during and after his recent hip-replacement surgery. He extends a special thank you to everybody at the Pratt Regional Medical Center for the care and concern of his well (and ill)-being. He would also like to give a loud shout-out to the American Red Cross and the volunteers who donate blood. They are life-savers. *(Bernie left the writing of this thank you up to the editor, so this is what he gets.)*

Public Notice

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The Cunningham City Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham. The planning commission will not meet on its scheduled date of March 14, 2019. For more information or special needs considerations, contact (620) 298-3077.

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DARREN PARKER
Filley First Friday
“Lunch and Learn Series”
March 1st, 2019 (12-1pm)

Join us at The Filley for Darren Parker's artist talk and demo for our "First Friday Lunch & Learn Series" which features artists represented in the Filley gift shop. Darren is a watercolor painter and Pratt area native; several of his pieces depict local iconic scenes. Bring your lunch and your questions for this well known talented painter! Thank you for your interest and support of local and regional artists!

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KWEC showcases “Birds of Columbia”

Take a photographic journey to Columbia, one of the three most diverse countries for birds, with professional photographer Bob Gress, at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Gress’s ten-person group recorded 523 bird species found within the Columbian Andes Mountains, which branch into three distinct chains. The diversity of habitats within each chain includes plants and animals found nowhere else on Earth.

“Colombia conjures up images of emeralds, coffee, guerillas and cocaine. Of these, the only one this group encountered was coffee!” said Gress. “Today, Colombia is a country that is safe, friendly, clean and incredibly beautiful. This program is for all those who appreciate the value of wild places and wild things!”

Showcasing the rich biodiversity of South America, the event is held in collaboration with the Shafer Art Gallery’s show “The Connected World: Biodiversity in the Art of Carel Pieter Brest van Kempen”, March 1 - April 18. A dedicated conservationist, van Kempen uses hyper realistic mixed media paintings to depict nature’s intricacy.

Gress, former director of the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita, and co-founder of www.BirdsInFocus.com, has photographed wildlife in wild places throughout North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, New Zealand and Australia. He has an M.S. in environmental biology from Emporia State University. Over 4,400 of his wildlife photos have been published and are seen in a variety of magazines, and in more than sixty books, including Birds of Kansas, The Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hot Spots, Faces of the Great Plains, Kansas Wildlife, Watching Kansas Wildlife, The Living Gulf Coast, The Smithsonian Book of North American Mammals and The Guide to Colorado Mammals.



This sword-billed hummingbird is just one of the 523 species of birds, professional photographer Bob Gress observed in Columbia. Gress will share highlights of his photo safari in “Birds of Columbia” at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Ross Janssen, meteorologist from KWCH, invited by Fitzsimmons Insurance, spoke at the Cunningham Community Center on Monday, February 25th.

He spoke first about Millie, the weather dog. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi did not accompany him to the event. He said Millie is slowing down as she is now 14 years old, and her public appearances are rare these days.

He shared a bit of weather trivia with us and explained the difference between El Nino (warm Pacific air brings moisture) and La Nina (cooler Pacific air means dry conditions) phases of weather and what they bring us here in Kansas.

Mr. Janssen discussed the varying ways that

weather information is gathered and new technology that has come about, helping meteorologists better predict what the weather will do.

He was very nice when he broke the news to the audience that winter isn’t going away soon. March will be colder than normal, and we can expect at least another 3 to 4 weeks of this cold and yuck. He predicts we will have near to or above normal precipitation with a mild, wet, but early summer.



Ross Janssen shows his audience a weather balloon and the radio attached to it.



Courier photos and story

Keeping Pets and People Together
RedRover and Purina Partner to Make more Domestic Violence Shelters across the U.S. Pet-Friendly

RedRover + Purina Purple Leash Project will Offer More than \$500,000 in Grants to Keep Pets and People Safely Together While Escaping Domestic Abuse

The bond between pets and their owners is unbreakable, but the lack of pet-friendly housing options for domestic violence victims often leaves them with a heartbreaking decision – endure abuse in order to stay with their beloved pet, or leave their pet behind. It is a decision that no pet owner should have to make, which is why RedRover and Purina are joining forces to introduce the Purple Leash Project. This project will empower more domestic violence shelters across the United States to become pet-friendly, so domestic abuse victims can escape with their pets and begin to heal together as survivors.

Beginning this year, Purina is committing more than \$500,000 over the next four years to establish RedRover + Purina Purple Leash Project grants. These grants will be awarded on a biannual basis to provide funding and resources to transform domestic violence emergency shelters into safe spaces for survivors with pets. The Purple Leash is a visible symbol of an invisible struggle for domestic violence victims and their pets --purple representing domestic violence awareness and the leash symbolizing the unbreakable bond between pets and their owners.

“We have a responsibility to our family mem-

bers, friends and neighbors and their pets who may be silently suffering from domestic abuse to create safe places where they can escape and heal together,” said Nina Leigh Krueger, President of Purina. “Together with RedRover, we can reshape the way domestic violence victims and their pets are served and strengthen our communities in the process.”

Today, only roughly 10 percent of domestic violence shelters in the US allow pets. And, sadly, nearly half of domestic violence victims won’t leave their abusers because they can’t bring their pet, creating a barrier for the safety of the entire family, including those with four paws. By working together, RedRover and Purina hope to offer more resources for domestic violence victims with pets, so that a beloved pet is never again an obstacle to leaving -- instead, a leash comes to represent a lifeline that leads to a brighter future together.

RedRover + Purina Purple Leash Project grants, an extension of RedRover’s Safe Housing program, will contribute to RedRover’s goal of establishing at least one pet-friendly domestic violence shelter in each state. Since the inception of the Safe Housing program in 2012, 83 grants have been awarded to assist domestic violence shelters efforts to become pet-friendly for a total of \$598,018.77. There are currently no pet-friendly domestic violence shelters in Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

“For more than 11 years, RedRover has been working to support domestic violence survivors trying to escape abuse

with their pets, and together with Purina, we’ll be able to accelerate our goals with a hope of having a pet-friendly shelter in all 50 states by 2020,” said Nicole Forsyth, President and CEO of RedRover. “Alongside Purina, we encourage any domestic violence shelter that is ready to become pet-friendly to apply for a Purple Leash Project grant. We are ready to help!”

Domestic Violence shelters interested in learning more about becoming pet friendly and applying for a RedRover + Purina Purple Leash Project grant can visit RedRover.org/relief/safe-housing-grants. To learn more about the Purple Leash Project, visit PurpleLeashProject.com.

Purina has been committed to keeping pets and people together as they escape domestic violence for more than five years and is a founding member of the PAWS Act Coalition, which has been working alongside other for-profit and non-profit organizations to advocate for more and better protections and services for domestic violence victims and their pets at a federal level. As part of the Purple Leash Project with RedRover, throughout the year, Purina volunteers and RedRover Responder volunteers will also work alongside domestic violence shelters to help transform their spaces into safe and inviting places for pets. Purina will also provide grant recipient shelters with a donation of nutritious Purina pet foods to ensure the dogs and cats in their care have a consistent, high quality and complete and balanced diet as they begin a new chapter with their owners. Watch the story of one survivor and her dog,

Princess:

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an estimated 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be a victims of some form of domestic violence in their lifetime. Domestic violence transcends ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race and social status and comes in many forms beyond physical abuse including emotional, sexual, psychological and financial. If you or someone you love is being abused by a spouse or partner, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 for support and resources: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Bilingual advocates are available.

About RedRover

Since 1987, RedRover has focused on bringing animals out of crisis and strengthening the human-animal bond through emergency sheltering, disaster relief services, financial assistance and education. Through their RedRover Relief program, they have helped thousands of animals and provided thousands of safe nights across the United States and Canada. For the fourth consecutive year, RedRover has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. To learn how RedRover is creating a more compassionate world, visit RedRover.org.

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