

BOE Agenda for Monday

- Monday, September 9, 2019 7:00 p.m.
- I. Call to Order
 - II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
 - III. Guest Recognition
 - IV. Approval of the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting and the August 26, 2019 budget hearing. (AI)
 - V. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
 - VI. Reports
 - a. Superintendent report – Robert Reed
 - 1. Start of school
 - 2. Enrollment
 - 3. Technology update
 - b. Special Ed report – Joyce Gridley
 - VII. Executive Session for Nonelected personnel.
 - VIII. New Business (AI)
 - a. Approve Site council list for 2019-2020 school year.
 - b. Budget 2nd publication
 - c. Facility study agreement
 - IX. Other
 - X. Adjournment



Yard of the Week



Pride's Yard of the Week is at the home of Ruth and Todd Shelman, 234 North Henderson

Soar over to KWEC's Butterfly festival

All things “butterfly” will be the focus of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center’s Butterfly Festival from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 21. From magic shows to tagging monarch butterflies, and everything in between, kids and adults will find plenty to do during this free event.

Back by popular demand, The Instars, Steve Craig and Amy Short, present Butterfly Magic, exploring the mystery of the butterfly life cycle through magic and humor.

“Steve Craig and Amy Short were so popular two years ago, we wanted to have them return for repeat performances. They entertain with a unique brand of humor and magic,” said Curtis Wolf, KWEC director. “And we’re hoping for a lot of monarchs for everyone to catch and tag.”

Craig and Short have been entertaining audiences for over 30 years. Using traditional and unique props, they

perform classic and original magic to tell the butterfly life cycle story. The Instars will perform three 30-minute shows at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Pick up tickets during registration.

Nets and tags will be available for those who want to capture and tag monarch butterflies. Participants head out into the flower-filled fields and shelter belt around KWEC to hunt monarchs, with tagging leaders stationed along the trail to help with the tagging process. During the last four years, 17 tagged monarchs released at KWEC have been recovered from winter roosts in Mexico.

“From monitoring reports, this has been a good monarch production year,” said Pam Martin, KDWP education specialist. “We’ve been finding lots of caterpillars and adults in the KWEC pollinator garden.”

Weather permitting, an exhibit bee hive will be on display in the insect zoo, in addition to fluorescing scorpions, giant walking stick insects, butterflies, caterpillars, chrysalises and more. Kids can make a butterfly magnet, dress-up

as a butterfly or bee, make and sling a wildflower seed bomb, and get a temporary butterfly tattoo. Prize drawings are also planned.

Information on butterfly-friendly plants and composting will be available from the Barton County Master Gardeners group, along with exam-

ples of butterfly-friendly plants in the KWEC pollinator garden. Milkweed plants (one per family) will be handed out, along with planting advice.

For more information contact KWEC at 1-877-243-9268 or visit: wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.



Two “butterflies” fly through the KWEC pollinator garden during a previous butterfly festival. Dressing up as a butterfly or bee is just one of many butterfly-themed activities planned at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center’s Butterfly Festival, Sept. 21.



It's Been 40 Years?!? CHS Class of 1979 Holds Reunion



Someone from this bunch requested we be on the front page. So here we are-- left to right: Roberta (Thimesch) Kobbe, Tim Mertens, Lori (Rohr) Hogan, Berry Bortz, Richard Cain, Annette (Freund) Befort, Karen (Cornelius) Eck, Ronda (Simon) O'Mara, Chris Meyers, Joe Strohl, Karen (Simon) Lahey, Mary Depenbusch, Bill Osner. Dale Panek left the fesitivies before the photo was taken. Classmates not attending, but were missed and talked about: Terri (Dupee) Hopper, Kris Moore, Melva (Oller) Knox, Leah (Eck) Gibson, and Tom Crawford, and the late Kevin Huffman.

The Cunningham High School class of 1979 gathered at the Cunningham Community Center on Saturday, August 31st. There we welcomed each other as well as former teachers, Louise Armstrong, Al Rohr, and Warren Meireis. We ventured next door to visit the Cunningham Historical Museum. If you haven't been, it is worth the time to go.

We had lunch at the Community Center. Thank you to Beth Patton and Kristen Young for the great meal. Mary Depenbusch, thank you for the delight-

ful and beautiful cake.

These old folks then walked to the school and had a "tour" filled with memories and laughter. The school has changed a great deal since we attended 40 years ago, and some things were the same and will never change. Thank you, Lance McGuire, for being available to open all the doors for us.

In our walk back down Main Street, some of us had to walk the middle of the road, much like we did in high school. Some things never change.

Back at the Community Center we sat and visited and solved none of the world's problems. Some things never change.

The evening found us at Woody's in Pratt, sharing stories and memories.

We are interesting bunch. We are involved in communities and in our families' lives. We are parents and grandparents. We hold jobs in many sectors of the work place: ranching and farming, oil, gas, retail, publishing, computers, housekeeping, dentistry, nursing, education, and maintenance.

We aren't sure where the time has gone. When we were in high school, time stretched before us, full of possibilities and an inconceivable future.

Now at least one of us has retired from a first career, and many are looking forward to retirement before the next 10 reunion. Where does the time go?

To my classmates, I had one enjoyable day. It was more than wonderful to see all of you. And I'm looking forward to the next gathering of friends. Some things never change.

Roberta



Salad Supper Reminder

Bring a friend and a covered-dish salad to the annual Women's Club Salad Supper. The event will be held at the Community Center on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m..

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, September 7, 2019

4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, September 7, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbré

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, Sept. 5th 4:00pm:

HS CrossCountry at Pretty Prairie

Monday, Sept. 9th

CWC Salad Supper 6:30 at Community Center

Sept. 5th

4:00 p.m Here

JH VB vs Central Christian

Monday, Sept. 9th

7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting

Sept. 5th

6:00 p.m Here

JH FB vs Central Christian

Tuesday, September 10th

4:00pm

HS VB @ Home vs. Caldwell/Pretty Prairie

Friday, Sept. 6th

6:00pm

HS FB vs Moscow @ Home

Thursday, Sept.12th

4:00pm

JH VB @ Fairfield

Sat., Sept. 7th

9:00am

HS VB @ Inman Tounament

Thursday, Sept. 12th

6:00pm

JH FB @ Fairfield

Monday, Sept. 9th

Band Day at State Fair

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SEPTEMBER 6TH - 8TH

IT: CHAPTER 2

RATED PG

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

ALL SEATS ARE \$6.00

To reserve the

Cunningham Community Center,

contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

Museum Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30 - 11:30

Anyone who would like to visit the museum any other time or day. I will open for you - please call:

620-388-5602.

The museum is great to see for such a small community! Donna Glenn

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

4C Day Care Shop 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)

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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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

Sept. 11, 1969 – Two hundred and fifty-one students are enrolled in Cunningham Grade and High School, according to the office of Principal Harry Johnston.

There are 97 students in high school, and 154 enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade.

A reception honoring the Cunningham school teachers will be held in the school gym-auditorium, Monday evening, Sept. 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

Assisting at the reception will be the Cunningham churches and the Cunningham Lions Club.

The Cunningham Lions Club has allocated funds for the construction of a shelter house at the City Park. Lion Alvin Rohr is in charge of this project.

The first meeting of this fall of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church, was held at the home of Mrs. Albert McGovney last Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Frances Nossamon and Mrs. Glen Cooley as co-hostesses.

Sept. 10, 1964 – School Unification Plan is Approved by Voters –

The two-district school unification plan was approved by Kingman school patrons at Tuesday's special election.

Yes votes totaled 1,479, and no votes numbered 528 – a plurality of 951 votes.

Rural votes totaled 986 yes against 306 no, and the city vote was 493 yes and 222 no. The two-district proposal had to be approved by both city and rural voting areas.

Totals by voting districts were as follows: Nashville, 118 yes, 18 no. Cunningham, 256 yes, 24 no. Norwich, 293 yes, 58 no. Murdock, 139 yes, 53 no. Rago, 58 yes, 48 no. Zenda, 83 yes, 51 no. Calista, 39 yes, 54 no.

This was Kingman County's second election on a two-district plan. The first election in June failed by five votes in the rural area while being approved by the city area.

County Superintendent Mrs. Mamie Longnecker termed the total 2,007 votes cast "a good turnout of voters."

Sept. 9, 1954 – Principal Will M. Seacat reported this week that the total enrollment at the high school was 92 students, 28 of which are in the Senior Class. The Junior Class was next high with 23, followed by the Sophomore Class with 22, and the Freshman Class with 19 pupils.

Total enrollment at the grade school is 132, according to Principal Raymond Chaney this week. The Seventh and Eighth Grades were high with 19 pupils each, followed by the Sixth Grade with 18, the Fourth and Fifth Grades with 17 each, the Third Grade with 16, Second Grade with 14, and 12 First Graders.

Sept. 10, 1959 – The 1959-1960 school term opened at Sacred Heart Parochial School in Cunningham Monday, August 21, with a total enrollment of 57 students, a gain of 12 stu-

Thanks for recycling

The Courier on

September 9th

September 23rd

Sunday, for visitors at the Sheldon farm, the balloon was spread out on the ground. When gusts of wind swept around the house, the fabric was all but whisked away despite the efforts of a dozen men to hold it down.

A notation stated the balloon was released by the Air Force to obtain high altitude weather information and that it came from St. Paul, Minn. An attached card said the finder of the balloon could keep it as it has many practical uses, but was requested to make a report of the finding to Project Moby Dick CRHU, Air Force Resource Center, Cambridge, Mass.

No recording instruments were found, but the balloon was equipped with a harness for carrying such instruments. Mr. Sheldon found the balloon in his south field near the railroad tracks, and said that water was in the folds when he discovered it, so no actual date can be set as to when the balloon came to earth. The Air Force says that such a balloon might get as high as 80,000 feet in the air.

Sept. 9, 1949 – Cunningham Grade School started the new school term, Tuesday morning, with the highest enrollment in its history, 157 pupils. This number, plus 66 high school students, places Cunningham schools at the top in enrollment with other schools of similar size in this area. Teachers in the grade school this year are Principal David Cowan, Miss Cozette Taylor Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke, Miss Wilma Fountain, and Miss Viola Mitchell. Buss drivers this year are Wilber Muck, Albert Wood, and Carl Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindemann are the new owners of the Hi-Way Café.

Sept. 8, 1939 – With war fever mounting, wheat jumped 2 ¢ a bushel this week, and stood at 75 ¢ per bushel as we went to press.

Total enrollment at the high school this year is 79. A total of 94 students are enrolled in the grade school.

Sept. 7, 1934 – Principal Harve Manahan announced this week that the total enrollment at Cunningham Grade School this year is 120 pupils.

Miss Geraldine Allbritten left Saturday for Upland, Ill., where she will teach English at Taylor University this year.

Sept. 6, 1929 - Cunningham Rural High School opened the new school year, Monday, with an enrollment of 72 pupils.

Kingman County automobile owners will get two tags instead of one next year when they purchase license plates. All tags will bear the number 57 and the letter C.

Put on display,



Wheat Scoop: National Festival of Breads featured at Kansas State Fair

By Jordan Hildebrand
The smell of animal barns and the quiet sizzle of frying foods fill the air. The Ferris wheel towers over the midway. The hard work of 4-Hers, FFA students and open class participants line the walls of buildings. The subtle roar of carnival barkers and the muffled screams from Ye Old Mill welcome you back to the dusty, Kansas themed streets at the Kansas State Fair.

Kansas Wheat will once again host a special tribute to the wheat industry in the Pride of Kansas Building during the entirety of the Kansas State

Fair. This year we will be celebrating the National Festival of Breads, which is sponsored biennially by the Kansas Wheat Commission, King Arthur Flour and Red Star Yeast.

The Kansas Wheat booth will celebrate the success of the June 2019 event, which included a Kansas farm tour for the eight contest finalists from all around the nation, baking workshops and demonstrations, bread sculpture displays and much more. More than 3,500 people from at least 29 states and five countries attended the event that showcases Kansas wheat and the farmers that produce it.

"The National Festival of Breads builds upon a rich tradition of grassroots support and is the nation's only amateur yeast bread baking competition," says Cindy

Falk, NFOB co-chairperson and nutrition educator for Kansas Wheat. "This contest is a way for bakers to be recognized for their baking skills and creativity while connecting them to the farmers that grow the wheat for the high quality flour that they love to use."

The 2019 Kansas Wheat Recipe Book is hot off the presses, making its debut at the State Fair booth. The annual recipe book, a staple in kitchens statewide, features finalist recipes developed by bakers from across the country. The recipes have been thoroughly tested and perfected and include the 2019 National Festival of Breads champions, Merry Graham's Blackberry Ginger Speculaas Danish Wreath and Rachelle Hubsmith's Chai Ube Rosette Rolls.

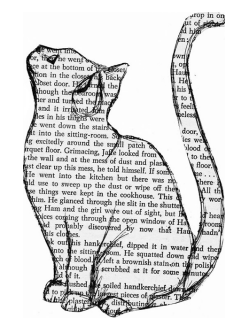
Kristin Hoffman (known by her blogger pseudonym Baker Bettie) was an NFOB finalist and is a native to Hutchinson. She will be on hand to talk about all things bread at the

Kansas Wheat booth on Saturday, September 6, from 1-4 p.m. Hoffman is a professional chef who operates BakerBettie.com, a food blog, cooking and baking resource and online baking school.

Other exhibits around the fair include the market wheat show, 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Display Awards, Kansas wheat photography contest and Kansas Wheat Bread Sculpture Contest.

Kansas Wheat representatives will man the Agriland exhibit on Saturday, September 14. Fairgoers will have the chance to ride in a virtual combine, sift grain between their fingers, milk Blossom - the mechanical dairy cow, learn about livestock feed rations and walk through the soil tunnel trailer for an under-the-scenes look at Kansas soils.

To learn more about the Kansas State Fair, which runs September 6-15, 2019, head to kansasstatefair.com.



Meanderings

It seems more folks read this column than I thought. I was recently called out by long-time friend, Berry Bortz, for weaseling out of a “book report” last week by re-printing the possum stories of a couple of years ago. (Although I’m somewhat positive he hadn’t previously read it.) I told him I’d make up for it by this week by writing two “book reports”... I hope I have the space.

I was recently sent the book “Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis” by my book friend in Indiana. I wasn’t sure I was going to enjoy this book as I’m not much of a nonfiction reader, but Fred thought I’d enjoy reading it. And I did. A great deal. I started reading Sunday morning and read off and on all day, finishing it up later that evening. I had a difficult time putting it down.

The book is written by J.D. Vance. He starts the introduction with his name and “I think I should start with a confession: I find the existence of the book you hold in your hands somewhat absurd. It says right there on the cover that it’s a memoir, but I’m thirty-one years old, and I’ll be the first to admit that I’ve accomplished nothing great in my life, certainly nothing that would justify a complete stranger paying money to read about it. I am not a senator, a governor, or a former cabinet secretary. I haven’t started a billion-dollar company or a world-changing non-profit. I have a nice job, a happy marriage, a comfortable home, and two lively dogs.”

This young man goes on to tell us about his family and the influence they all had on him... good and bad. His grandparents were raised in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. They were true hillbillies; his grandfather even being considered hillbilly “royalty”. His grandmother was considered by many to be one of the meanest hillbillies in the area.

When his grandmother was fourteen and his grandfather was seventeen, they married and headed to Ohio’s steel manufacturing mecca.

His grandfather got a job and they lived their lives there in Ohio; frequently traveling back and forth to their “roots”. Papaw became a mean and unhappy drunk, until the day he quit drinking. Just quit and became a role model for a young Mr. Vance, who gives the credit of his success to his uneducated but loving grandparents.

His mother was their daughter. She was an alcoholic and addict her entire adult life, always looking for another man to support her and her

son. Vance’s biological father gave up his parental rights, and Vance was adopted by one of his mother’s husbands; who eventually walked out their lives.

J.D. Vance barely made it through high school; frequently skipping because of his mother’s issues. He did join the Marines after graduation, then applied, and was accepted into Ohio State University and Yale Law School.

He seemed to me a rather humble person, raised in poverty and uncertainty. He is adamant that he got where he was because of his grandparents.

The story of this young man’s journey from abject poverty and familial drama to becoming a young, well-adjusted man, contributing to society’s needs is an inspiring and riveting read. Highly recommended.

The other book, read for our book club, was “Educated” by Tara Westover. Ms. Westover was raised in the mountains of Idaho. Her father was a fundamentalist Mormon, with some form of mental disorder. His children suffered a great deal because of his bullying and narcissism and control issues.

Ms. Westover didn’t have as close a relationship with her grandparents as did Mr. Vance. Other than an older brother, she had no support system to show her out of the poverty and abusive situation she grew up in.

But she overcame great odds. Her mother “home-schooled” the children. But home-school consisted of doing whatever work needed to be done to prepare for the “Days of Abomination”. Schools were government evils so her father did not allow her to attend. Tara didn’t learn to read until she was almost an adult. Despite these adversities, she managed to score high on her second ACT score, attended Brigham Young University, then Cambridge University in England, Harvard University, finally completing a PhD in history from Cambridge.

She, too, has a remarkable story to tell; and like Mr. Vance, she is only 32 years old. I believe her biggest disadvantage was that she was a woman, and with her father that meant she had no autonomy. She existed to make his life better. To make him important. To support him.

It was a story, difficult at times to read, but inspiring and well told. Highly recommended.

Always reading, and currently reading "No Passengers Beyond This Point" by Jennifer Choldenko Roberta

“Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world’s work, and the power to appreciate life.” — Brigham Young

“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.” — Confucius

Ed Berger Files for Re-Election

Senator Ed Berger, representing the 34th Senatorial District in Kansas which includes all of Reno County and northern Kingman County has filed for re-election. The leadership team that led a successful campaign in 2016 winning the primary

with 57 percent and the general election with 82 percent of the vote is still in place. The leadership team consisted of Brad Dillon campaign Chairman, Russ Reinert Treasurer, and Mike Maloney Kingman County Chair.

The past four years has

seen the state of Kansas move forward on many fronts but there is still work to be done. Issues that are on the horizon that need to be addressed include Medicaid expansion, mental health care and facilities, corrections, higher education funding and the development

of a new highway plan. Berger indicates that he is anxious to attack all of these issues and do so in a fiscally responsible manner. He plans to visit communities in the District on a listening tour in late September and early October.

Pratt Area Happenings from the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce.

Outstanding Business Awards
Nominations must be submitted to the chamber office by August 30, 2019.

Nominate the small or large business that you feel deserves to be recognized for their outstanding business leadership!

Three awards will be given at the annual gala on October 8, 2019 to recognize businesses that have made contributions to improving the quality of life in the Pratt area. One award goes to a large business (having approximately 10 or more employees) and two awards will be given to small businesses.

Multiple factors should be considered in nominating or selecting a recipient, including:

- Service to the community through civic participation
- Economic contribution through employment or business activity
- Financial support for community projects or programs
- Development of

new economic activity through growth or a new enterprise

Chamber membership Nominations can be made by visiting www.PrattKansas.org

First Friday Lunch & Learn at the Vernon Filley Art Museum featuring Amy Clarkson
Friday, September 6 – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Vernon Filley Art Museum
Bring your sack lunch and enjoy the lunch hour with featured artist Amy Clarkson. This event is free and open to the public.

South Central Community Foundation 25th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, September 14 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm
Park Hills Country Club
Join SCCF for a fun evening of food, drink and celebration. There will be a guest appearance by a famous Chef, silent auction and more! Tickets are \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple. Tables and sponsorships are available!

Lunch & Learn with the Pratt County Extension Master Gardeners

Wednesday, September 18 – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Pratt County Fairgrounds
Join the Pratt County Extension Master Gardeners’ as they welcome guest speaker, Evelyn Neier. Evelyn will share her secrets to growing and incorporating bulbs into your garden landscape. Please call the Extension Office at 620-672-6121 to RSVP for the meal and reserve your spot. Tickets are \$10 and include the workshop and lunch.

Movie in the Park
Saturday, September 21 – 8:00 pm
Lemon Park
Bring your blankets and chairs for a family friendly movie night under the stars. There is no admission fee and there will be free drinks and popcorn! This is event brought to you by Pratt Community Theatre, Inc. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown at the Pratt Community Center located at 619 N Main.

Quilt & Garden Tour
Saturday, September 28 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Rain or Shine!

The Pratt County Extension Master Gardeners and the Pratt Area Quilt Guild invite you to visit five unique gardens enhanced with beautiful handmade quilts. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Chamber, The Flower Shoppe or the Pratt County Extension Office. For more information contact Sue Buhler at 620-770-2899 or Carol Stull at 620-770-1352. Tickets may also be purchased at any of the participating gardens the day of the event.

Third Annual Pratt Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 28 – 5:00 to 10:00 pm
Green Sports Complex
Dust off your Dirndl and Lederhosen and join us for the 3rd Annual Pratt Oktoberfest. Music provided by the Waterloo German Band, yard games, beer and German food. Tickets \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Contact Dakota Holtgrieve, Cassie Goyen or Scott Goodheart for information on becoming a sponsor, which includes a reserved table for 8 and event souvenirs. Tickets will be available at the Chamber soon!

Libraries			
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	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	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.	Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Fri. - Sat. 10:00 - 6:00 Closed on Sundays



They are OFF and Learning.....



Kindergarten class poses for their teacher, Mrs. Hartley



Kindergarteners practice their reading skills.

First book is ordered! Thank you to everyone who is sponsoring a reader! Each student will get a book each month from Scholastic Book Club. Sponsors included Colleen Kerschen, Shawna Sterneker, Tina Meyers, Linda Chambers, Patricia Patton, Robin Reed, Mary Stackhouse, Pam Liebl, Kelly Hartley, Sean Crowley, Donna Crowley, Jackie Ruckle, Liz Miller, Bill Hartley, and Kathy Hartley!

Kathy Hartley photos

Mrs. Reed had a donut party celebrating the students who completed their summer activity book. The summer activity books were purchased by the West Kingman County Education Foundation for all students at Cunningham Elementary School, kindergarten through 5th grade. The summer activity books allow students to stay actively engaged in learning during the summer months, and prepares them for the next grade level. Great job, students!!



Landon Green



Jalynn McGuire



Wyatt Neywick, Kailyn Elliott, Jaxon Barber, Brody Henning and Kaitlyn Ogg



Carson Elliott, Tyler Osner, Alyssa Osner, Kane Reid, Kaitlyn Ogg, Kailyn Elliott, Jaxon Bryer, Landon Green, Jalynn McGuire, Brody Henning, and Wyatt Neywick.

Not pictured: Lianna Jaquez



Also participating in the summer activity book challenge:

- Left:
2. Kollin Fischer, Nora Huff, Macy Neufeld, Kourtnei Fischer, Morgan Oldham, Trenton Pitcock, Calvin Fischer, Cooper Neufeld, Jace Oldham, Mackley Glenn, Jax Thimesch, Lux Thimesch, Ava Neywick, Leah Rogers, Owen Pitcock
- Right: Caitlyn Pitcock, Colton Rohlman



Robin Reed photos

Students became archeologist in social studies where they found many artifacts!



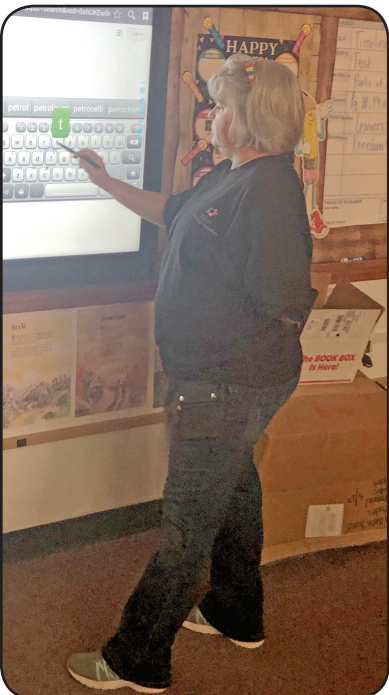
Dylan Halderson



Tyler Winter



Kendall Rogers



Mrs. Hageman teaches the sixth grade about cave paintings!

Pennies for Patients

Dates: Sept 5 through the end of the 1st quarter
A Nine-Week Race to Help Fund Cancer Research

Who: Cunningham students, staff and school community

Brief Summary: The Cunningham High School KAYS Club has

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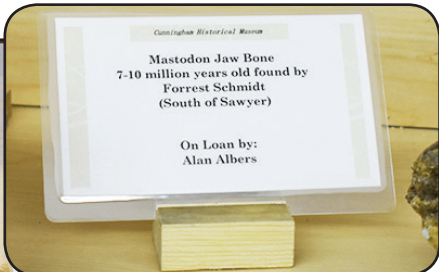
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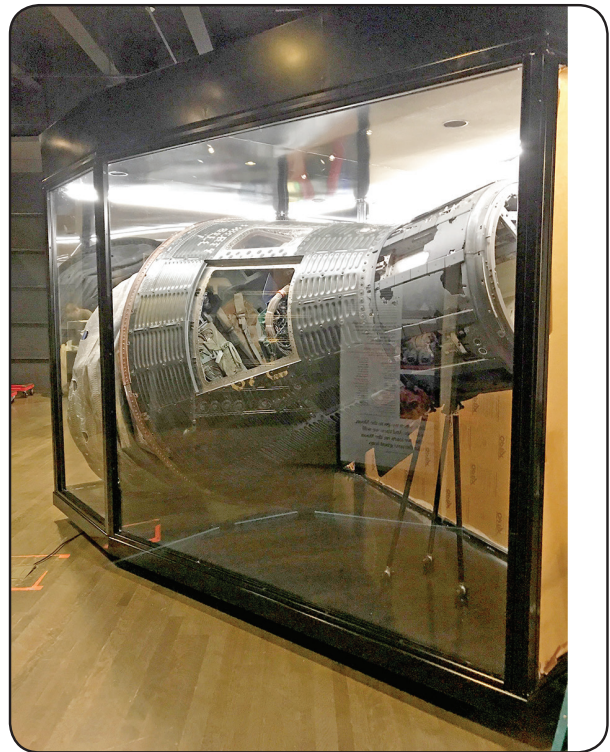
Left: Donna Glenn, museum caretaker, sits by the new display of sewing patterns donated by Mrs. Beverly DeWeese. Not shown are several old sewing machines and other sewing items.

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Liberty Bell 7 Mercury Spacecraft Set To Land At Museum At Prairiefire



Overland Park, KAN.— On Friday, Aug. 30th, visitors to the Museum at Prairiefire in Overland Park, KS, will have the opportunity to see an amazing piece of space history when the Mercury spacecraft Liberty Bell 7 is unveiled in a new exhibit called: “Liberty Bell 7: The Peril and Promise of Space Exploration.” Opening to the public at 10 a.m., this new traveling exhibit produced by the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, features the spacecraft which

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Celebrations of Life

Edwin Steffen

Edwin A. “Eddie” Steffen, 92, died August 28, 2019, at his home near Cunningham, Kansas, surrounded by his children. He was born June 27, 1927, at his parents’ home in Cunningham. He was the son of John C. and Anna Harms Steffen. Eddie attended Cunningham schools, graduating from Cunningham High School in 1945, after enlisting in the U.S. Navy in March of that year.

Eddie married Mona Wilcox at her parents’ home in Cunningham on October 9, 1947. Mona passed away on July 17, 2018. Eddie and Mona lived and farmed in the Cunningham community all of their lives, celebrating Eddie’s 90th birthday and their 70th wedding anniversary with a large family reunion at the Steffen homeplace in the summer of 2017. Eddie enjoyed farming, carpentry, working in his yard, fishing in western Colorado, traveling with his family, watching the Kansas City Royals, and playing dominoes and Qwirkle using “house rules.” He and Mona refinished many pieces of furniture, usually with a story to tell behind each project. Working side by side, Eddie and Mona restored two old farm homes.

Eddie was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, Kansas, where he enjoyed worship services and visiting with his church family every week. A lifetime of weekly trips to Nashville, beginning years before the road was paved, meant that only in recent years was weather allowed to be an excuse for missing Sunday services.

Eddie is survived by his children: Mark, David (Kerri), Suzanne, (Mark) Stillwell, and John (Vicki); grandchildren: Heidi (Steve) McKennon, Amy (Sean) Slattery, Jay (Corrie) Steffen, Emilie (Alex Smith) Steffen-Smith, Andrew (Ashlynn) Stillwell, Laurie (Chris) McLouth, Allison (Zeke Herrera) Steffen, and Ellie (Robert Simms) Stillwell; step-grandchildren: Kim (Jason) Ghum, Erin (Frank) Strohl, Chris Huffman, and Chad (Lea Anne) Huffman; 21 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; and a community of friends.

Mona and Eddie made each child in their lives feel loved and there was always room in their hearts for one more. When Mona retired from Hilltop Manor, she promised her friend and co-worker Julie Huhman that she would babysit her next child. Seventeen years ago Eddie and Mona gained another grandchild and gave Macy another pair of grandparents to love.

Eddie was preceded in death by his wife Mona; his infant daughter Melanie; parents John and Anna; brother Elmer; sisters Velma Wilson, Florence Low, Helen Link, and Dorothy McElwain; daughter-in-law Barbara Steffen, and infant great grandson Elijah Steffen.

Funeral services were Saturday at the St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, Kansas. Burial was at Maud Cemetery in Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, the Cunningham Public Library, or the charity of the donor’s choice in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

Arthur Huslig

Arthur E. Huslig, 83, passed away in Elinwood, KS on August 26, 2019. Born in Great Bend, KS on January 14, 1936 he was the son of Anton F. and Louise (Maneth) Huslig. He graduated from Cunningham High School in 1953 and later married Mercedes Hoffman in Great Bend, KS on April 27, 1963. Art was an Ellinwood resident since 1957 where he truly enjoyed his work as an auto mechanic.

Memberships include St. Joseph’s Church and St. Joseph Council 1187 Knights of Columbus and former member of the Ellinwood Fire Department and Ambulance crew. He also donated time as a scout leader for the local boy scouts.

Survivors include son, Eugene G. Huslig & wife, Chelle, Edinburg, TX; daughter, Christina D. Befort & husband Steve, Lacrosse, KS; brothers, Paul Huslig, Great Bend, KS, Jerome Huslig, Ellinwood, KS, and Charles Huslig, Ellsworth, KS; sisters, Mary Ann Wondra, Great Bend, KS and Helen Schnitther, Kingman, KS. Other survivors include grandchildren, Makenzie, Ezekiel, Finn, Rebecca, and Heather. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mercedes Huslig; three children; and brothers, Lawrence, Ervin & Marcus.

Funeral Mass was Friday, August 30th at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood, KS with Father Klein officiating. Interment followed at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Fund or Ellinwood Fire Dept. in care of Minnis Chapel, PO Box 246, Ellinwood, KS 67526.



Connie Vanlandingham

Connie L. Vanlandingham, 85, died Aug. 29, 2019. She was born April 6, 1934, at Harper, Kansas the daughter of Ross and Lota Pepper Vanlandingham.

A longtime resident of the Kingman community, she was a retired Registered Nurse and former co-owner/operator of the Flower Cart.

Connie was a member of the Kingman United Methodist Church; O.E.S and PEO.

She was married to Jake Branstetter; he preceded her in death. She married Duane Byers on June 7, 1977; he died Aug. 21, 2012.

Survivors include: a son, Jeff and his wife Brenda; daughters and their husbands, Jana and Don Thimesch and Julie and Daryl Pacino; brother, Bill Vanlandingham; step-sons, Don and Mike Byers; step-daughter, Deb Gonzales; companion, Bob Wunsch; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by: a son, Jim; and sisters, Donna Tarbutton and Mary Ann Vanlandingham.

Funeral services were Monday at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Family committal services will be at a later date in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Library or Share the Love both in care of the funeral home.

Livingston Funeral Home, 620-532-3322.

Leon Lowery

Leon J. Lowery, 87, passed away peacefully at Wheatlands Rest Home on Sept. 1, 2019.

He was born in Kingman on March 30, 1932 to Thomas J. and Agnes S. Wallace Lowery. Leon graduated from Norwich High School in 1950. He was drafted into the Army and served from 1952-1954. Leon received his Flight Engineer License at Spartan Flight School in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1960. Leon flew for Flying Tigers Airline from 1962-1992. He moved up to Co-Pilot in 1972, and became Captain on DC-8-63 in 1976. Leon checked out as Captain on Boeing 747 in 1980. He flew many trips carry Troops and Supplies into Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong and Korea. Leon also flew flights of Air Cargo and Military Passengers, carrying Horses, Deer, Dogs, Cows and Pigs to various countries. Leon retired from Fed-Ex in 1992, after the company bought Flying Tigers Airlines.

Leon married Ayako Suda on Sept. 16, 1970 in Tokyo, Japan. Ayako passed away on April 21, 2017. Leon is survived by twin sisters Joyce Elaine Reid (Arnold Ray), Joanne Estelle Ziegler (Carl J); sister-in-law Karen McCullough Lowery (Darwin); nieces Sandra Kay Brown (Bryan), Diana Jo Thornton (Andy), Tiffany Jill Holmes (Jay); nephews Brian Paul Ziegler, Thomas Jeffery Lowery, Terry James Lowery and 6 children; Grand-nieces Emily Thornton, Jenna Thornton, Erin Bryce Holmes, Jordan Paige Holmes, Emma Grace Lowery; Grand-nephews Jason Ray Reid, Thomas Jackson Lowery. Leon was preceded in death by his parents Thomas J Lowery and Agnes S. Lowery; his brother Darwin F. Lowery; and nephew Sammy Ray Reid.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a .m., Friday, at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kingman Co. Humane Society in care of the funeral home.

David Tritt

Preston, Kansas – David LeRoy Tritt, 79, passed away Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born December 7, 1939 in Pratt to Irwin J. “IJ” and Esther “Leotta” (McVey) Tritt. On July 22, 1960, he married Judy Marlene (Oller) Tritt in Pratt. She preceded him in death on August 8, 2015.

David was a member of First Christian Church, Pratt, BPOE Pratt Elks Lodge #1451 for 37 years and Lions Club for 5 years. He was the mayor of Preston for 2 terms and served on the Preston city council for 2 years. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his sons, Jason (Sheri) Tritt of Preston and Alan (Teri) Tritt of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter, Alicia (Roy) Wilcox of Sterling, Oklahoma; sister, Sherilyn Johnson of Kansas, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Alliebeth Wilcox, Tyler Tritt, Jacob Wilcox, Nick Wilcox, Corey Tritt and Kaleb Tritt; and 6 great grandchildren with another on the way.

David is preceded in death by his wife, Judy Tritt and his parents.

Funeral service were held Friday, August 30, 2019 at First Christian Church, Pratt with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Martina Holmes

Martina Marie Holmes, 95, passed away August 25, 2019, at the Ness County Hospital in Ness City, Kansas. She was born on May 17, 1924, in Nonchalanta, Ness County, KS, the daughter of Wendelen A. and Margaret (Herrman) Rohr. Martina graduated from Ness City High School in 1942 and went on to graduate in 1945 from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita. During her second year at St. Francis, she enlisted in the U.S. Nurses Cadet Corp and served until World War II ended in 1945.

She then returned to Ness County where she married Joseph Munsch, when he returned from the War, on September 10, 1945, and started a family. The family moved to LaCrosse for a short time where she worked for Dr. Baker at the Baker Hospital.

After returning to Ness City, Martina was busy with her family responsibilities until when in 1954, she helped open the doors to Ness County Hospital and continued on as a Registered Nurse there for 32 years. She was widowed on January 1, 1958, when her husband, Joe, was killed in a car accident.

In February, 1960, she married Melvin Max Holmes. He died September 25, 1970. Also, sadly, she lost her youngest daughter to an illness, Lisa Ann Holmes, on July 17, 1975. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Esther Herrman. Martina was very active with her children’s activities including being a Girl Scout Leader for many years. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church where she served on the Altar Society and was a Christian Mother. She also served as the school nurse for Sacred Heart School. She was very active with the American Legion Auxiliary serving as the first Chairman of the 8th District. Also, for many summers, she was one of two nurses working at the American Legion Auxiliary’s Girl’s State program held at the University of Kansas.

She will be missed with great love in their hearts by her survivors which include: two sons, Stan (Bernus) Munsch of Hays, KS, Kenneth (Darleen) Munsch of Loveland, CO; two daughters, Kathy McCammond of Ness City, KS, Terri (Mike) Dann of Lawrence, KS; two brothers, Levane Rohr of Larned, KS, Alvin Rohr of South Hutchinson, KS; two sisters, Ida Belle Gassman of Dighton, KS, Vera Mae Schmidt of Larned, KS; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary and Parish Vigil were held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, in Ness City. Funeral service was on Thursday, August 29, 2019, at the Sacred Heart Church, Ness City, followed by burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund. Words of sympathy and support may be left for the family at www.fitzgeraldfuneral.com.

Editor's note: It was brought to my attention that the obituary of Mrs. Trimpe-Hope in last week's paper had her name misspelled. There is the corrected obituary

Lois Trimpe-Hope

Lois Trimpe-Hope was born March 31, 1929 in Manhattan, KS, to Arthur and Bessie Cederberg and died August 16, 2019, at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, KS.

She married Gerhardt (Ace) L. Trimpe on September 26, 1948, in Manhattan, KS. Ace passed away December 22, 1990, and Lois later married James (Jim) R. Hope April 3, 1999. She became a widow again when Jim died January 27, 2003.

Lois was a self-employed beautician (and farm wife) at her home in rural Preston. After Ace’s death she later moved to Pratt and continued her hair styling business also in her home. She loved dancing and after Jim’s death she became acquainted with Ivan Phillips and they frequented dances at the Pratt Senior Center and also the Senior Center in Hutchinson, KS. One bitter cold snowy evening when the Highway Patrol was discouraging travel, her sons discovered that Lois and Ivan had gone to Hutchinson to dance. They were finally contacted by cell phone on their way home and Lois instructed us not to worry...there wasn’t much traffic on the road!

Lois also volunteered at the Food Bank, Senior Citizens Center, Pratt Museum, and Pilot Club. She also loved quilting with the Lutheran ladies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ace; husband Jim; sister Violet Justice and brother Richard Cederberg.

Lois is survived by her five children; daughter Linda (Mike) Woodman of Carson City, NV; son Gary (Corrine) of Preston, KS; daughter Jolene (Danny) Ring of Overland Park, KS; son Daryl (Tracy) of Pratt, KS and son Kirk of Iuka, KS. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor or the Food Bank in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com

