

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Sunday, June 23, 2019

8:30 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Sunday, June 23, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Saturday, June 22, 2019

4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Saturday, June 22, 2019

5:30 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

Friday, June 21st

Swim Meet at Pratt

Monday, June 24th

Pool will be closed from 6 to 9

Monday, June 24th

6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 25th

Swim Meet

Semi-finals at Cunningham

Wednesday, June 26,

9:30 a.m.

CPL hosting

Soaring Association at fire station

Wednesday, June 26th

7:00 p.m.

Book Club

"Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate

Beverly DeWeese, hostess

Friday, June 28th

Swim Meet

Finals at Cunningham

Thursday, July 4,

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Thursday, July 4

Hamburger Feed at the Community Center

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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

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Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

June 12, 1969 – The area was lashed by a hard rain, Saturday night, inflicting unestimateable damage to the ripening wheat crop.

The rainfall was reported as an inch to an inch and a half.

This year's wheat crop appears to be a bountiful one, barring additional moisture. The wheat is very tall this year, averaging from 30 inches to four feet in many fields and more rain or heavy winds will only send the wheat down.

The price, as it has been for quite a number of years, is disappointing, ranging about \$1.20 per bushel mark.

June 19, 1969 – Rain, rain, go away, Come again some other day, time, and place.

If the rains hadn't come during the past week, the wheat harvesting around Cunningham would be in full swing.

About two inches of rain fell in three or four rains from last Tuesday night through Sunday.

June 11, 1964 – Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman this week announced the resignation of Willard Cochrane, Director of Agricultural Economics, and the appointment of Dr. John A. Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunningham, to the post.

Yields "beyond expectations" seems to be the bes phraseology to describe the 1964 wheat harvest which is breaking into full swing in the Cunningham area this week.

Area wheat farmers appear to be pleasantly surprised at production and estimates by "the experts" say the average yeild will not fall much short of 20 bushels per acre.

The first load of 1964 wheat here was accepted Sunday afternoon by the Farmers Co-op from Leroy Panek. Manager Dewey Cooley said the load tested 62 pounds, with moisture rating of 12.70 percent.

A hot, drying wind on Monday really put the harvesters to work in the field.

June 18, 1964 – A little dry, or even drying, weather is all the wheat harvesters need to wind up the 1964 wheat harvest this week.

Many farmers are through cutting, but quite a number still have a day or two to completely flange up harvesting operations.

As has happened so

many times in the past, local wheat farmers were plagued with rain coming at the wrong time. Harvest got off to an excellent start a week ago Sunday-Monday only to be halted Thursday morning, by a ¾-inch rain Wednesday night. They got back into the fields Friday only to be slowed by a .60-inch rain Sunday night.

Yield reports continue to be in the "excellent" class, with many farmers reporting the entire acreage producing 22 to 30 bushels per acre.

June 25, 1964 – A thunderstorm struck this area, Monday afternoon, about 4:00 o'clock, breaking a hot spell of several days with 1.75 inches of rain.

The rain was accompanied by some light hail, and quite severe lightning, one bolt of which struck the Daisy Harris home, burning out an electric fan.

DeWeese Variety and Hardware – Mid-Summer Clearance Sale – June 25 thru July 3

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Lee DeWeese, Owner

June 11, 1959 – Harold Baker, harvesting on land owned by Charles Lakin of Kingman, brought in the first load of 1959 wheat, Tuesday afternoon.

Brought the Gano Elevator, Manager Dewey Cooley said the wheat tested 62 pounds and contained 13% moisture.

Barley harvesting is in full swing in the Cunningham area, and the wheat harvest is expected to begin in earnest this week-end barring inclement weather conditions.

Manager Gene Thoms of the new Farmers Co-op Elevator here, states he "hopes" to be able to open the new elevator for



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business next Monday.

June 18, 1959 – Aided by perfect harvesting weather, the 1959 wheat crop harvesting in the Cunningham area has practically been completed during the past week.

Yields were reported as very good, ranging from 12 to 26 bushels per acre.

June 25, 1959 – Mrs. Francis Dafforn and the Editor had the distinction of being the first "customers" in the new Post Office, Wednesday.

"Customers" is a pretty loose word in this instance, however, for Mrs. Dafforn mailed some letters that afternoon, knowing they would not be dispatched until the next day, and the Editor didn't get over to the old Post Office until after closing time and found they had moved lock, stock, barrel, mail, stamps, etc., etc., to the new location.

June 10, 1954 – The new fire truck for the city of Cunningham is now complete, and is in its proper stall in the new fire station.

The Skelly Oil Company announced Thursday that it will lay a new sixteen-inch crude oil pipeline from its Isabel pumping station in the extreme western edge of Kingman County southeasterly to tap the Grabs South Oil Field near Attica, and they also plan to extend a gathering line to the new oil pool near Spivey.

Eight carloads of pipe were unloaded in Cunningham last week destined for part of these pipelines and gathering lines.

Lon Hoagland is enlarging his grocery store and meat market. Workmen were busy this week tearing out part of the partition between the present store and the business frontage to the west of the store. Mr. Hoagland plans to substantially increase his stock of groceries and meats, using the additional space for better displays.

June 17, 1954 – Miss Janet Joyce Thome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome of Nashville, and Mr. Al Joe Sterneker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterneker of Cunningham, were united in marriage at a ceremony performed Monday afternoon, June 7, at eight-thirty o'clock in St. Leo's Church.

Excellent reports are heard every day on field

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The Courier on

July 1st

July 15th

July 29th

City Council Meeting Agenda for Monday, June 24, 2019

6:30 p.m. – Meet at City Hall, 119 N. Main

1) Approval of Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes of May 31, 2019

meeting

3) Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2019 meeting

4) Public comments, concerns, & communications

5) SCTelcom – broadband fiber optic cable / franchise agreement

6) Community Center

7) Fire Department

- Chief’s Report

8) Property Officer’s report

9) Personnel Policy – consider revisions

10) City Superintendent – consider revisions in job description

11) Executive session – personnel (if

needed)

12) Swimming Pool

13) Maintenance

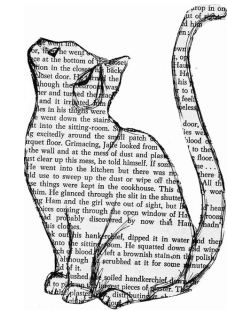
14) Planning & Zoning

15) Financial Report & payment of bills

16) Adjourn

Reminders:

City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Monday, July 29, 2019



Meanderings

Does anyone still go fishin’? Not fishing. Fishin’.

Not fishing where you take a boat out in the middle of a big lake and thread a lure on the fishing line and cast it out. Not fishing where you wear just any shirt and tennis shoes and jeans. Not fishing where you can see four dozen other boats and three times that many folks who are also fishing.

Fishin’ like Opie and Andy Taylor fishin’.

The fishin’ of a lazy summer afternoon. A lazy afternoon when you know that even with one thousand, two hundred, forty-seven television channels there’s not one thing worth watching, so you round up some friends or siblings and off you go.

Fishin’ with a vehicle loaded with poles and rods and reels; a cooler of sodas and a brewsky or two. Maybe a thermos of lemonade. A few sandwiches and cookies in case you get hungry.

Fishin’ with a worm bucket and a spade tossed in the back of the truck or in the trunk of the car.

Fishin’ when you wear your grubbier clothes: long pants and boots or shoes with tall socks (you gotta tuck those pants into something to keep the chiggers out.) You put on a t-shirt and maybe a long-sleeved shirt over that. Fishin’ with your oldest hat or cap.

Fishin’ when you have to park your vehicle along a dirt road, then crawl over (or under) a barbed wire fence. Fishin’ when you greet the curious cows observing you, and you hope their low mooing means they are friendly and won’t mind you using their watering hole. Fishin’ is a pond or a creek in the middle of a pasture. Fishin’ is noting the sand plum bushes for those summer days when sand plums need to be picked for making sand plum jelly.

Fishin’ when you flip over cow patties, finding the grub worms and tossing them in the bucket. Fishin’ is pushing the spade down into wet earth close to the water and digging up the earthworms, big as night crawlers and tossing them in the bucket.

Fishin’ is holding your tongue just so against your lip while the worm squiggles around, all slippery and twisty and difficult to get on the hook. Fishin’ is sticking a finger with the hook, and immediately putting the finger in the mouth.

My brothers and sisters and I loved to fish when we were youngsters. The culprits who introduced us to this pastime were the aunts and uncles on Dad’s side of the family. Betty Jo and her husband, Ken, would take us fishing. Gary and Connie Kay were there

as well. Sometimes our cousins Jeanette and Valerie.

I don’t have my siblings around to recall all the fishing stories. Most of the stories don’t even have to do with the fish themselves. They are about the actual fishin’.

These are just memories that are in my mind. Their accuracy is questionable. I am sure I will hear from the sibs if I don’t have something right.

We were with our Aunt Betty and her husband, Ken. Ken was driving the car along tree-lined dirt road. My younger brother, Mark, was probably 3 or 4 at the time. He’s standing up in the middle of the front seat, leaning against the back of the seat, his hands resting on the back of the seats of Betty on one side and Ken on the other. (Remember the days when kids stood up in the front seat of the car?)

Mark is about jumping out of himself because he’s so excited to be going fishin’. At some point he announces, “I’m going to catch a fish this big!” and he holds out his little arms as far as a three-year-old can.

Betty laughed and said, “You know, Mark, you aren’t supposed to count your chickens before they hatch.”

Mark looks at Betty like she’d just grown a second head. “Chickens? I don’t want chickens! I want to go FISHIN!”

The aunts and uncles frequently drove us up the road north, to the old Kelly place, for the best fishin'. The creek was bigger then than it is now. I can remember more than once a carelessly flung hook catching in someone’s pants or shirt or arm; then the screaming, yelling from the hurt. Good times.

On really warm days, we would abandon the rods and poles and go hand-fishin’. I was not a swimmer, and I stayed close to the shore, my feet slipping in the soft silty mud, guppies and minnows nibbling my feet. I don’t ever remember catching a fish with my hands. I am sure I would have known what to do with it had I caught one.

After an afternoon of playing and talking and fishin', we’d head back to Grandma’s and Grandpa’s smelling of the earth and the river and the fish. Dirty and sweaty and wet. Laughing. Smiling. Telling our stories.

We were herded in to the bathtub at Grandma's and while we were getting our baths, the fish were cleaned in Grandma's kitchen sink.

We watch while we waited our turn for the bath. Still smelling of fishin' water and sweat.

Once they were cleaned, the fish were dredged through flour and fried golden in a castiron skillet, and served for dinner.

Fishin' not Fishing.

Always reading,
And currently reading,
“Hostile Witness”
By William Lashner
Roberta

June 11th City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in special session Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham.

Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy; Council Members Karl Vierthaler, Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, Matt Westerhaus, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney Greg Graffman; City Clerk David Steffen.

Guests: Randy Shelman.

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

The Council approved a motion to approve the agenda as written.

The Council approved a motion providing a severance payment to Tim Strickland.

The governing body turned to a general review of the City’s personnel policies and job descriptions.

The Council approved a motion to change language in the personnel policy regarding the residency requirement to match that in the superintendent’s job description. (Change to “All employees are required to live within a five-mile radius of the City of Cunningham unless specific arrangements are approved by the city council. All employees will be required to fulfill the residency requirement within six months of employment.”).

The Council approved a motion to add language to the superintendent’s job description to include a medical examination (physical), drug testing, and a background check after an offer of employment has been made with the offer of employment contingent on the applicant passing the require tests and background check.

The Council approved a motion to re-

vise the City’s policy regarding comp time to require that it be used by the end of the pay period following that in which it was earned.

The Council approved a motion to amend the City’s vacation policy to:

“Fulltime employees are eligible for paid vacations after one year of employment.

10 days per year – one to five years of service

15 days per year – after five to fifteen years of service

20 days per year – after fifteen years of service.”

City Park – swimming pool, sports facilities, bleachers, other needs & improvements – The new swimming pool pump is scheduled to arrive Thursday afternoon. Eck Services will connect the pump to electricity Friday morning.

Bleachers – The Council approved a motion to proceed with two sets of 36 ft. bleachers,

seven rows high to be built by Zack Green and to look for aluminum planking to complete the bleachers.

The Council approved a motion to hire the first available contractor to remove the concrete pillars from the old bleachers and to level the site.

Flag poles – Todd Shelman asked the Council where they wanted the flagpole reset that had been removed when the fence was installed south of the baseball diamond.

The Council approved a motion to purchase two telescoping flag poles, one for the ball park and one for City Hall.

The Council approved a motion to adjourn. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



tions with the Derby Oil Company’s Service Station, Wednesday, and Charles English of Mulvane assumed management of the station.

June 15, 1934 - Miss Bernice Miles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles, and Mrs. Alva Poland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poland, all of Cunningham, were united in marriage in a ceremony performed in the Methodist Church, Tuesday evening.

June 22, 1934 – Wheat harvesting operations are in full gear this week in this vicinity and reports from various farmers say yields are running from six to twenty bushels per acre.

June 14, 1929 – Carl Hart and S. A. Hart and Ted went to Wichita, Wednesday, to visit George Hart, Cunningham’s transplanted aviator. Carl got in the big monoplane

and flew with George to Kansas City, Mo., and got back the same evening in time to milk his cows. Who would of thought ten years ago that they would be doing such things?

June 21, 1929 – Eck Hoagland informed us this week that he had moved the house his father built on the Hoagland claim on June 6, 1884. Eck recently purchased the old Basset place and moved the house onto it this week.

The newly organized Cunningham baseball team won their first game of the season last Sunday when they defeated Willowdale by a 19-9 score on the local diamond at the Leo Zrubek farm south of town.



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yields, and averages are running all the way from 15 to 30 bushels per acre.

The only thing hampering the farmers in this year’s harvesting operation was, as usual, a lack of elevator storage room.

June 10, 1949 – High school graduating classes of the years 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1929, held a reunion last Sunday at the Rufus Leiter home, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Huffman of Monerey, Calif.

June 17, 1949 – The Class of 1944 of Cunningham Rural High School held a reunion at Cooley’s Grove, Sunday.

June 24, 1949 – Miss Esther Sheldon left Sunday for New York City where she will attend the Julliard School

of Music this summer.

June 9, 1939 – Over 300 people attended the annual Maud School Picnic and Reunion at Cooley’s Grove last Sunday.

June 16, 1939 – More than seventy shelterbelts have been planted in Kingman County. About six hundred thousand trees have been planted here since the conservation program started.

June 23, 1939 – Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Buckner of Knoxville, Tennessee, were guests of friends here last week-end. Dr. Buckner is a former Cunningham dentist, practicing here over fifteen years ago, preceding Dr. D. E. Thompson.

June 8, 1934 – Harry Nossaman severed his Cunningham connec-

front is separating cold with below-normal temperatures to the north and west and above-normal temperatures to the south and east,” said Chip Redmond, manager of Kansas Mesonet, a system of weather stations across the state that detect and record weather data. “Where the front sets up daily will be the focus for the heaviest flooding rains.”

Because of already saturated soils, Redmond and his colleague, assistant climatologist Mary Knapp, do not expect flooding issues to end in Kansas anytime soon.

“It is almost a guarantee that water control issues will continue into June, if not worsen,” Redmond said. Areas in

the central and eastern part of the state have been hit particularly hard.

Springtime temperatures have also been below normal, said Knapp, who added that it’s a trend likely to continue. That will also be a factor in how quickly the soil can dry out.

Beyond June, Knapp and Redmond expect temperatures to warm seasonably but noted that soil surface moisture may increase evaporation/transpiration rates, injecting moisture into the atmosphere. That in turn may result in above average shower and thunderstorm activity.

With ponds and lakes already near or at capacity in some areas, even without more moisture,

it is likely to take months before flows return to normal, Knapp said.

“Every rainfall we get in the process will push back that return, possibly substantially,” she said.

More information is available on the Kansas Mesonet website, Office of the State Climatologist website, and in the latest K-State Agronomy eUpdate weekly



Waterlogged Kansas may be in for even more rain, flooding

K-State weather specialists say wet pattern will persist

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Rainfall patterns that turned lawns and farm fields into unintended ponds and swelled rivers to capacity and beyond are likely to continue into June, according to weather specialists at Kansas State University.

“The persistent pattern has consisted of back and forth movement of a stationary front across the central Plains. This

St. Leo Church Gets New Roof



Joyce Deppenbusch photo



Bernie Albers photos

Mattie Giefer's G C I company has completed the roof replacement at St. Leo. There is just no way I could be a roofer. This appears to be one of the scariest jobs in this part of the country.

Talent Sought for “Saturday in the Park” Variety Show



Attention singers, dancers, jugglers, or amateur nose-flute players: On Saturday evening, July 20th, a variety show featuring local talent will be held in the Cunningham City Park.

(Breaking News: There’s a good chance this portion of the day will be held inside.) This will be in conjunction with the West Kingman County Education Foundation’s Family Fun event. At

least a portion of the evening will feature a USO-type show honoring our veterans and our country with period pieces and patriotic songs. If you are interested in performing, please con-

tact Mary Stackhouse at 298-3062 (leave a message) or email merri-lyslp@gmail.com. Group rehearsal time will be limited, so performers will be asked to practice on their own time

before the event. A keyboard, accompanist, and equipment for accompaniment CDs/phones will be available.



Painting Class at CPL



photos and stories submitted by Kerri Steffen

Andrea Stitt, Art Instructor, Pratt Skyline Schools shared some painting tips with a group of 18 at Cunningham Public Library on Tuesday, June 13. The evening class was part of A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program and was an opportunity for adults and children to paint together. Mike McGovney provided some extra tables and chairs to accommodate the large group. It was a fun evening and one we hope to repeat sometime in August.



Coming UP!

Glider Plane Presentation – See a glider plane up close!

Wednesday, June 26th, at 9:30 a.m., at Cunningham Fire Station, our Universe of Stories program will take us skyward, but this time not in a rocket! Harry Clayton and Sue Erlenwein will present a glider plane presentation. This is an opportunity to get an up close look at a glider plane, learn the history of glider planes, and learn how they can fly at great distances and stay up in the air for hours. The presentation will include a Powerpoint presentation, a Q & A time, and a table where children can make foam glider planes and paper airplane glides. You won’t want to miss this community program for all ages.



courtesy photo

Stomp Rockets July 4th!

This 4th come to the library between the hours of 6-8 p.m. and build a stomp rocket with your family. This is a come and go family program. Supplies for the stomp rockets will be provided by the library while they last! Parents please bring a clean, dry empty 2-liter plastic bottle!



July 12th Kansas Cosmosphere Program – Summer Reading Finale!

It’s Not Rocket Science – Oh Wait, Maybe it is! This program sponsored by Cunningham Rec. Board and Cunningham Public Library will take participants on a trip back in time to the 1930s lab of Dr. Robert Goddard, the father of modern rocketry. This interactive show – packed with some explosive surprises – uses live demonstrations on a journey through the history of rockets. A special hands-on activity will include Liquid Oxygen Ice Cream – Space is cold, and so is liquid oxygen! Learn about the liquid that helps power rockets and enjoy a tasty treat at the end!



These middle and high school students from Vacation Bible School travelled to HeartSprings in Wichita to donate the money (over \$400) all the "vacationing" kids raised during the week of Bible study.

photo courtesy of Mike McGovney



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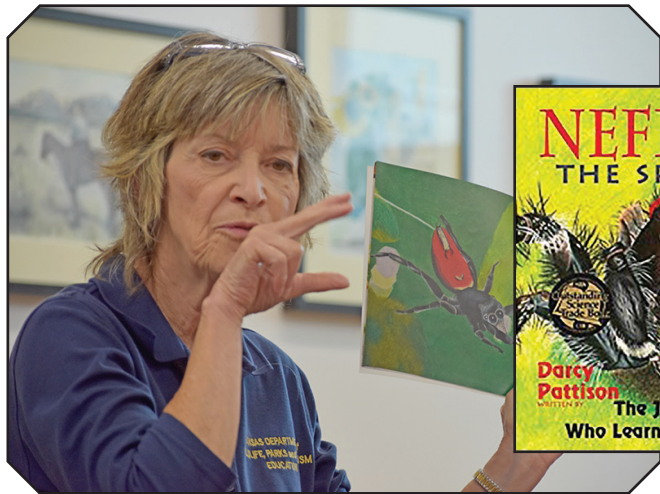
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Celestial Creatures



Pam Martin, of Kansas Wetlands Education Center, shares the story of Nefertiti, a Johnson jumping spider, who lived on the International Space Station for 100 days in 2012.



Ms. Martin brought along her own jumping spider; that wasn't jumping. It is in the little white cocoon-like sac.



ReAD



A scorpion was shown to the audience of about 75 adults and children. Scorpions are fluorescent...even when fossilized.



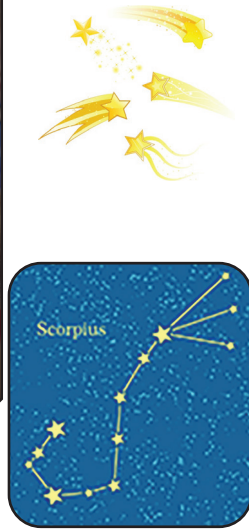
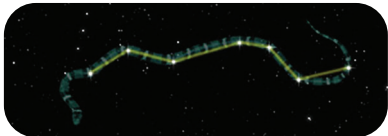
Children check out the scorpion that has been placed in a dark box with a black light lighting the inside. The thing did actually glow. Nature is odd.



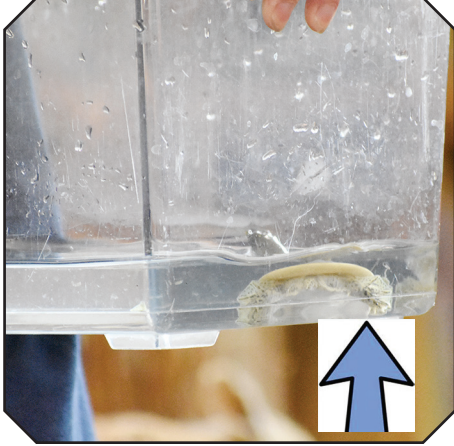
In this photo Pam Martin shows the students how rattlesnake rattlers work .



A King snake made the rounds for the students to touch.



By the time "show and pet" was over, the King snake was a bit worried. Pam Martin had quite a time untangling it from her arm.



A turtle was part of the program.



County Commission Meeting

June 10th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on June 10th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Robert Metoyer, Project Architect; Rob Davis, LK Architecture; Chief Lux.

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Executive Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

John Caton, County Counselor would like to add the agreement with Sheriff Hill for Assistant Emergency Manager and the Agreement for Anna Porter for the Appraiser’s office.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Memorandum of Agreement for Sheriff Hill and the Anna Porter agreement for the Appraiser’s office. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen

asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran asked if they would look at video conferencing for first appearances and skype visitation as options for the new law enforcement center to help with security and safety.

Larry Landwehr said that he heard discussion last week about the support of the Historical Museum and he would like to see them help with funding.

The minutes of the June 3rd, 2019 Commission Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the June 3rd, 2019 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk Carol Noblit let the Commissioners know that Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse was not going to make her appointment time. Also, Ms. Noblit let the Commissioners know that the ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zone) Resolution would need to be reviewed and signed if accepted.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to remove Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse from the Agenda and add the review of the ROZ Resolution. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$129,445.10.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with a department update and let the Commissioners know that he will need part-time help and would like to put something in the paper.

The Commissioners told Mr. Wimer to get with Stan Goetz, HR and they would talk with Stan later.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Executive Director was in to request being put on the KWCH 12 advertisement. The Commissioners agreed to do the advertisement.

Ms. Frampton discussed doing a emergency plan for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that she had talked with AP Roofing & Specialty Coatings about guttering and painting the Expo Center and received a quote proposal for budgeting purposes.

The Commissioners discussed the drainage at the Expo Center and would like to bid the drainage.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that 9 panels need to be fixed on the west side.

Commissioners would like Mendy to get the 9 stall panels fixed.

The Commissioners reviewed the Rural Opportunity Zone Resolution for continued funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve RESOLUTION 2019-R10 for the Rural Opportunity Zone Resolution. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director was in with an update on the last incident. Mr. Schott said

that Kingman County has met the threshold for assistance and he is currently reaching out to the Townships.

Mr. Schott discussed with the Commissioners that FEMA may be opening to individuals for flooding damage.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he found a course ICS402 for Senior Executives which is an excellence course that is 3 hours for Commissioners, City Manager, Fire Department and can have them come to Kingman to do the training class. The G0191 Emergency Operations/Incident Command Course is a course at he would really like to have the Commissioners take and it is an 8 hour course.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he is looking into purchasing a laptop for his office as his laptop has Windows 7 and is a security risk.

Robert Metoyer and Rob Davis with LK Architects were in to discuss the Kingman County Law Enforcement Center update. Mr. Metoyer went through the plans submitted to the Commissioners.

Mr. Metoyer discussed that there will be phase plans that will be covered.

Mr. Metoyer, Mr. Davis, Sheriff Hill and Chief Lux left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:35 a.m. to discuss an employee’s performance .

Stan Goetz was in to discuss information that he received from Merleta Moore with Choose Networks on security information and

Computers that will need to be updated or replaced by the end of 2019.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Ben Worner with KWORCC did an audit of the offices.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the nuisance case in Murdock has been filed but the hearing will not be until the first part of July.

Mr. Goetz talked to the Commissioners about Semptra selling to American Energies and had not heard anything until last week he heard from Richard Nerzig and they are at a crossroads at this point because the power has not been purchased yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:46 a.m. for non-elect personnel matter for an employee’s performance.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:52 a.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners discussed the agreement for the Sheriff to help the Emergency Management Director.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the amended Memorandum of Agreement for the Sheriff to assist the Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion.

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

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an updates on SE 20 St Hot Mix Overlay; FAS #12 Bridge Failure and the road damage claim resulting from a vehicle fire.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed some bridges and the conditions that they are in.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he talked with Scott Mollen about a railroad crossing.

Amber Hartley, Deputy Appraiser was in with Anna Porter who will be helping with Appraisal services for Kingman County. Mr. Caton submitted a copy of Anna Porter’s contract with Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the contract between Anna Porter and Kingman County for Appraisal Services. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Quitclaim Deed between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kingman, Kansas and Ninnescah, LLC. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Flooding in Kansas causes concerns over impact on trees

The Kansas Forest Service warns that Kansans should check trees for three major concerns after a flood-ing event.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Heavy rains in much of Kansas have caused localized flooding in some areas this spring, and one of the results has been concern over the impact on trees.

“There are three major concerns when it comes to trees and too much rain,” said Ryan Armbrust, forest health and conservation forester with Kansas Forest Service. “First is the immediate destabilization of the tree caused

by saturated soils or soil erosion. Second is the deposition of significant amounts of silt on the root system. Third is the duration of flooding.”

Trees that suddenly begin to lean or even fall over due to the force of high water, wind or soil erosion should be treated as a hazard if they are near people or structures, Armbrust warns. An assessment by a certified arborist is likely justified, especially for large trees.

High water may also deposit a significant amount of silt on the root system of a tree.

“If more than an inch of silt is deposited, then some careful removal of that silt will benefit the tree,” said Armbrust. Burying the root system beneath a heavy layer of silt will reduce the root system’s ability to ex-

change gases and negatively affect the tree.

The duration of flooding or of saturated soils will have a direct impact on a tree’s ability to recover. This is largely dependent on tree species. Most trees will recover from being inundated for less than a week, especially if the water is flowing instead of stagnant.

Trees most sensitive to short-term flooding include redbud, walnuts, mulberry, upland oaks, most pines and conifers such as spruce and Eastern redcedar.

Honeylocust, elm, birch, and lowland oaks are more tolerant, surviving even a few weeks of flooding and saturated soils.

“The most tolerant

trees include typical riparian forest species such as maples, pecan, hackberry, persimmon, ash, sycamore and cottonwood,” Armbrust said. “Baldcypress and willow are perhaps the most tolerant of all.”

Regardless of species, though, some care must be taken to help trees maintain vigor and reduce stress after flooding.

“Almost all species will have some dieback of the root system due to lack of soil oxygen, reducing the tree’s ability to take up water later in the season, so supplemental irrigation in the hot, dry days of summer will help your trees continue to flourish after the flood,” Armbrust said.

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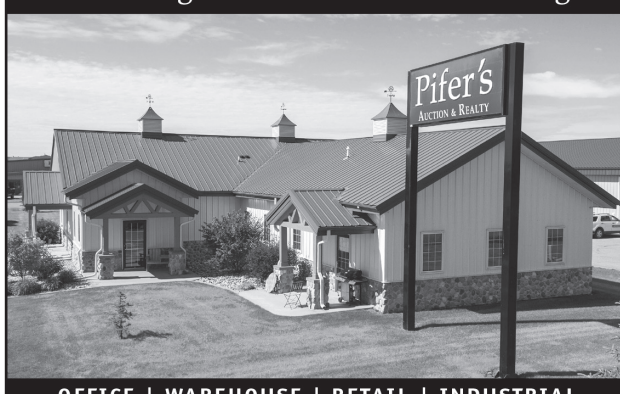


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Case No. 15CV26

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(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

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Celebrations of Life

Lois McGuire

Lois Dale Busick McGuire, 90, died June 16, 2019 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born March 26, 1929, in Reno County, Kansas the daughter of Clifford, Sr. and Zena Blew Busick.



Growing up on the family farm between Abbyville and Partridge she graduated from Partridge High School in 1947. She taught school for a year at a rural grade school in Reno County.

Lois was a stay at home mom until 1963 when she began working as a cook for the Utica school district. In 1968 she began working summers as a cook at the Ransom Hospital where she was encouraged to explore the possibility of earning an Assistant Dietician's license. In 1970 she moved to Kingman where she finished her license and worked as an Assistant Dietician at the Kingman Hospital.

In 1983, she moved to Hutchinson to take care of her mother and to work at the Hutchinson Hospital until she retired in 1997. In later years she worked at the Alco Store in South Hutchinson and several other jobs. In 2003 she moved back to Kingman.

Lois loved her five children and worked hard to see that they had all that they needed. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons and their wives, Terry and Linda, Mike and Sara, David and Cheryl; sister Joyce Jozwiak; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Mark; and a daughter Patricia Ramsey; and a brother Clifford "Pinky" Busick, Jr.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the United Methodist in Kingman. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday at the Abbyville Cemetery, Abbyville, Kansas.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home.

Carol Stalcup

Carol Bernice Stalcup (Hoffman) passed away on May 18 in San Diego, California at the age of 85.

She was born on July 26, 1933 in Preston Kansas to Esther and Walter Hoffman, where she grew up with her four brothers, Walt Jr, Bill, Bob, and Keith. She married Tommy L. Stalcup, also of Preston, in 1953. Tom's service in the U.S. Navy took them to San Diego, where they returned to settle in 1956. Carol worked proudly as a housewife and stay-at-home mom until eventually going to work for the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, from which she retired. Carol and Tom enjoyed their retirement traveling to all 50 United States as well as China and Europe.

Tom preceded her into rest in 2007 after 54 years of marriage.

She is survived by her only child, son Mark, and her brothers Walt Jr and Bob Hoffman.

There will be a memorial service on August 2, 11:30 a.m., at Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma (San Diego), where she will be laid to rest beside Tom.

Donations may be made in Carol's honor to her three favorite charities: The American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or the Sharp Hospicecare Fund.



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Lauren is the granddaughter of the late Fred and Rosemary Dragastin, Kansas City, and the late Bill and Leora Adelhardt, Zenda. Ethan is the grandson of Galen and Dorothy Hammes, Eleanor Connell and the late Gene Hammes, all of Seneca.

Lauren is a graduate of Cunningham High School and Kansas State University. She is a registered dietitian at Kramer Dining Center at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Ethan is a graduate of Nemaha Valley High School and Kansas State University. He is employed at Hammes Seed in Seneca.

The couple will be united in marriage on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

It's a Girl! Announcement



Penelope Onida McGinnis

was born on June 12, 2019. Her proud parents are Stevi and Jesse McGinnis of Creswell, Oregon. The little girl weighed in at 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has been welcomed home by her siblings: Samairah, 14, Aabel, 12, Aaven, 9, Blaz, 5, Acotas, 2. and Jaiden, 14.

Grandparents are Jackie and Ray Schonlau of Kingman; Jacque and Ken McGinnis of Kingman; Ed Pape of Kansas City, Kansas.

Penelope's great grandparents are Joan and Bob Thimesch of Cunningham, Barbara McGinnis of Kingman, and Elizabeth Pape of Fredonia.

Great-aunt is the editor of the newspaper. Congratulations to the McGinnis family!

photo by Stevi McGinnis

Baptism Announcement

Charlotte Mae Bzdawka



was baptized on May 26, 2019, in the Lutheran Church of the Living Christ in Madison, Wisconsin. She is wearing the same dress that her mother and maternal grandmother were also baptized in. Charlotte's parents are William and Erin Bzdawka of Madison, Wisconsin. Grandparents are James and Sue Bzdawka of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Norbert and Beth Blasi of Zenda, Kansas. Great-Grandparents are Catherine Blasi and the late Ernest Blasi of Zenda, Kansas and the late Harold and Ethel Westerman of the Nashville/Pratt communities.

Blasi photo and story



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Library Recycling!

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