

Meanderings

Well, readers, I am not sure when you are going to get this newspaper. It is printed Wednesday mornings and I drive to Hutch to get it sometime late morning or in the afternoon. If the snow comes in during the night, I probably won't be going to Hutch to pick them up. I am really, really hoping that it holds off until Wednesday afternoon. I am also unsure about Thursday. Here is another hope: The printing office will take pity on me and send the papers to Kingman. That's happened twice. Three times is lucky, right?

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about bacon being an ingredient that makes everything better. I stand

by that. I can also add 'butter' to that list. Butter, not margarine, just makes everything taste better. Oh, and another ingredient that gives a lift to recipes it is added to: buttermilk. I can't stand to drink that nasty stuff, but once it's in batter... oh, gracious. So good! Bacon, butter, buttermilk. Alliterative ingredients that make our lives tastier. It almost causes one to think that foods that begin with "B" are just wonderful and can make our lives tastier and give our palates a treat.

BUT.... Then when one really thinks about 'B' foods; Brussels sprouts (ugh!) beef liver (ugh! Ugh!) Nasty foods those two. Even they can't be improved with bacon and butter and buttermilk.

In the book "The Case of the Smoking Chimney" by Erle Stanley Gardner, Gramps Wiggins, the main mystery-solving character, gave his secret to frying bacon: "Never let bacon cook in grease. Grease gets to bubbling, makes

the bacon indigestible, and ruins its flavor. Tilt the fryin' pan up a little more, Mildred....That's right. Now keep pressing against the bacon with that pancake turner, so you squeeze the grease out..... That's right. Now pour the grease off into tht can.... No, no, no. Don't let it get down so close to the flame. Keep that frying pan tilted up! Keep the bacon up in the upper end of it. It's more work all right; but once you've tasted bacon cooked that way, you know what good bacon really is. A gentle heat to melt the grease, and then a little pressure to squeeze it out, an ' keep repeatin' the process until you've cooked your bacon gently and slowly with no bubbling grease."

I read that and thought it sounded like a great deal of work. I, myself, cook my bacon in the oven. And I have been buying bacon for my ol' redneck dog, Clarence, but that doesn't mean I can't keep my fingers from popping a bit in my mouth.

I gave Gramps' idea some thought. And came up with a solution. Sort of. I lined the cookie sheet-used- for-bacon with foil. Instead of placing the bacon strips on that as I usually do, I placed cookie-cooling racks on top of the foil, and then laid strips of bacon across the racks, put it in the oven and cooked on a low heat. The bacon was very good. It certainly didn't have as much grease on it, giving the bacon a more bacon-y flavor. There must be something to what Gramps said. Too bad I didn't read this 30 years ago as Clarence and I are almost at the end of our bacon-eating days so this isn't going to do me a lot of good. After Clarence is gone, buying bacon will become a past habit, and the occasional times I buy it, I'll have forgotten to cook it in a non-grease cooking way.

You know what I have been daydreaming about? Pie crust cookies. You know what I mean. Remember when your mom/grandma made pies

and she'd take the left-over bits of crust, brush with milk and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and baked in the oven? I can't get those out of my mind. What a pleasant comfort food.

I was worrying about writing this column this week for fear I'd have a lot of space to fill, but then Mr. Bill Thome came to the rescue and sent me a bit about the interesting gentleman who spent some time down in the St. Leo area. Excellent bit of local history. Thank you, sir, for filling up the bottom half of this page with such interesting information.

I lost track of what I was going to meander about....

Oh, I found I don't have to write as much as I thought I would have to. The main problem with this issue is trying to get all the school activities in the pages without making it into a school newspaper. I think some ball games and activities are going to have to go on the February 10th burner.

I can't even think of

how I got everything into 8 pages last year. I really need more than 12 pages as there are several interesting articles I'd like to put in, but, alas, there is no room in the newspaper pages.

Head's up: I am thinking the first of June advertising rates will be going up a tad bit. It's been three years and my costs for running this little paper keep inching up. I'll keep you posted on that.

Always reading
and currently reading,
"Chill Factor "
by Sandra Brown
Roberta

*"Oh, gods—bacon!
I promised myself that
once I achieved immor-
tality again, I would as-
semble the Nine Muses
and together we would
create an ode, a hym-
nal to the power of ba-
con, which would move
the heavens to tears and
cause rapture across the
universe.*

*Bacon is good.
Yes—that may be the
title of the song: "Bacon
Is Good."
— Rick Riordan*

The Evolution of St. Leo, Kansas

The land ownership maps of Saint Leo's Kingman Township of 1895 and 1903 reveal a stark change over that eight-year span. The 1895 map shows about 135 owners and about 15 lending institutions. The 1903 map reveals land ownership dominated by an F. H. Weinschenk who owns approximately 4,000 acres of land. St. Leo names are beginning to appear: Ford, Cirkel, Schinstock, Steffan, Annie McAdams, Liebl, Hauser, and Zenzinger, most of whom have descendants with land ownership at this time. The future site of the St. Leo church is in the northeast corner of Section 16. The landowners of just eight years prior (1895) are gone, the exception being Cirkel (Section 19) and J. Hauser (Section 6).

Many of the 1895 former landowners perhaps went to Oklahoma for less expensive land. Some would have relinquished ownership to a lending institution causing land prices to decline sharply.

Frank Weinschenk, whose substantial home was on the present-day Wayne Schwartz home just north of Willowdale, recognized this changed condition and saw opportunity.

Mr. Weinschenk pub-



lished a booklet around 1900 of about 50 pages entitled "Out There in Kansas" in which he extolled the productivity of Kingman County lands in crop and livestock production in a, perhaps, boastful manner designed to sell land. The booklet was so well distributed and appreciated that It had three publications of 5,000 copies.

In addition to flight from Kingman Township (and ownership for cheaper land) there was corruption that contributed to the exodus of landowners. In "Out There in Kansas" Mr. Weinschenk is consistently positive regarding the merits of the land and successes of some early settlers in Kingman County. This is not the case as he describes the deleterious effect of easterners with "more money than sense" providing mortgage money to landowners. The eastern loan institutions would have agents paid on a percentage basis. The greater

the loan, the greater the agent's pay. This was motivation for "Let's Go Large" and mortgages beyond the value of the land at that time. A scenario which Mr. Weinschenk describes is the following: a landowner seeks a mortgage of \$1,000 and the agent arranges a mortgage of \$2,000. One thousand for the landowner and \$1,000 for the agent. They would both leave and the lending institution would be left with land which would eventually be sold at a very low price. These speculators were not viewed kindly by Mr. Weinschenk.

Around 1900 Frank Weinschenk formed the Kingman County Colonization Company. He had arrived in Kingman County with his nine siblings in 1878, the children of Francis and Annie Weinschenk, and had prospered.

Mr. Weinschenk had about 7,000 acres of land in Kingman and Peters townships at the turn of the century. In 1901 he sold his herd of short-horn cattle in a public auction for a yield of approximately \$20,000. In the spring of 1902, he disposed of his herd of registered Percheron horses for a yield of about \$15,000.

In 1904 Mr. Weinschenk established the F. H. Weinschenk Farm Loan Agency in Kingman from which he

loaned his own money. In the same year he organized the Weinschenk State Bank in Zenda. He could now facilitate purchases and continue profiting.

In 1906 he had Bill Swope, his foreman, list all of his livestock and equipment, print up Bills of Sale for a public auction which totaled nearly \$20,000 and left on an extensive world cruise. Upon his return, "he seemed to have lost interest in the area." He turned his business over to his younger brother, Tony, and left the area.

He was a young man of 45 years of age in 1906. He returned to eastern Iowa, the region of his birth, in 1909 and purchased the house Montrest on the banks of the Mississippi River with views for miles in two directions and referred to by the Bellevue, Iowa, newspaper as "The Castle." He apparently put much effort into its betterment with plantings and improvements.

This remarkable man, about whom comments such as "the most dynamic character I've ever known," "tireless worker and financier," "brilliant conversationalist" and "great generosity" were made, was in his final years an intense observer of world issues.

He had been operating an "international Information Bureau" in Washington in 1915

in which he criticized the collaboration of the U.S. and Great Britain in World War I and was pro-German. (His father, Francis Xavier Weinschenk had emigrated from Württemberg, Germany in 1848. (Weinschenk's parents are buried in Andale.) He was arrested by the secret service, sent before a government asylum and pronounced sane. Just embarrassed.

Frank Weinschenk passed away in Bellevue, Iowa, at the age of 59 years due to throat trouble, leaving his wife Mary Blessing, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Frank Shaffer and seven sisters and two brothers. They are: Mrs. Annie Anderson of Denver, CO; Mrs. Ben Hague, Denver, CO; Mrs. Mary Demouette, San Diego, CA; Mrs. Maggie Smith, Boise,

ID; Mrs. Barbara Smith, Zenda, KS; Mrs. Tillie Swope, Zenda, KS; Mrs. Lizzie Georges, Andale, KS; A.M. Weinschenk, Wichita, KS; and J. P. Weinschenk of Los Angeles, CA.

There is a great deal of additional information about Frank Weinschenk and the St. Leo-Willowdale communities in the parish centennial books of Willowdale (1884-1984) and St. Leo (1906-2006), which contains Margie Jarmer's 'The Early Days of St. Leo, KS) and Weinschenk's "Out There in Kansas."

*submitted by Bill Thome
(there were two maps included in this writing. I didn't have room for them this week. I'll have them in next week's paper)*



Montrest in Bellevue, Iowa

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Thursday, February 3rd Regional Scholars' Bowl at Peabody **** JH BB vs Fairfield at HOME (Parents' Night)	Wednesday, Feb. 9th ACT Prep class at Stafford **** Poultry & Food Science/Ag Bus. **** 8:10 a.m. Division A (JH) Spelling Bee **** 9:15 a.m. Division B (Elem.) Spelling Bee **** 7:00 BOE Meeting
Friday, February 4th HS BB vs Norwich at Home	Thursday, February 10th HS Forensics (novice) at Kingsley ****
Saturday, Feb. 5th HS Forensics at South Barber **** JH BB HOPL Tournament at South Barber	Thursday, February 10th HS Forensics (novice) at Kingsley **** HS Forensics at Medicine Lodge **** JH BB HOPL Tournament at South Barber (TBD)
Monday, February 7th JH BB HOPL Tournament at South Barber	
Tuesday, February 8th HS BB vs Central Christian at HOME **** CTI Advisory Committee Meeting	

“Out on the water, we live not by the calendar prescribed by society—the one marked in weeks, months, years—but by sunsets and sunrises, the passing of storms, the changing of tides. Time as dictated by Nature herself.”
— Emma V. R. Noyes

To reserve the
Cunningham Community Center,
contact Ruth Shelman,
(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

Zenda
Public Library

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8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791

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Carnegie Library

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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061

Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Asian Cultural Event

Saturday - February 5 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Pratt Municipal Building.

Learn about and enjoy aspects of Asian cultures with entertainers, food, vendors, crafts & more. Free event for the whole family!

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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Public Notice

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

City of Cunningham, Kansas

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 25, 2022, the Cunningham City Planning Commission will consider the following zoning application at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N. Main St., in Cunningham, Kansas:

Case No. SU 22-001. Special use requested to establish a restaurant serving cereal malt beverages as a tavern in the area described below, in the B-1 Central Business District. If recommended for approval, additional requirements may be considered to make such a use compatible to the neighborhood.

Legal description: Lot 8 of Block 6 in the Original Town of Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

The general location of the property being 115 N. Main Street in Cunningham, Kansas.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the cases, the Planning Commission may close the hearings and consider recommendations to the Governing Body which, if approved under the City Zoning Regulations, would be effectuated by ordinance. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated January 28, 2022

/s/ Molly Morgan

Molly Morgan, Secretary
Cunningham City Planning Commission

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

HAROLD G. FIESER, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 3

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 18, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Harold G. Fieser," deceased, dated August 9, 1991, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, Co-Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioners

DCF Offers Virtual Office Hours

TOPEKA – Sometimes it is difficult to make it to a meeting during the workday. The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) is offering virtual office hours every Wednesday through the end of March to make the agency more accessible.

“DCF offers a variety of valuable and essential services, but it can be difficult to find time during the day to visit our office,” DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. “The virtual office hours make it a little easier to ask important questions and learn more about resources available.”

Kansans are invited to connect virtually every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about services available to them and their families. A knowledgeable DCF representative will meet privately and securely with Kansans to answer questions about child support services, food assistance, child care programs, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), Emergency Water Assistance, employment services, foster care and other DCF programs.

The meetings will take place on Microsoft Teams at the link: shorturl.at/rGIMU. The virtual office hours will end March 30.

DCF may also be contacted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling 1-888-369-4777. Current DCF clients may log into the Self-Service Portal available at www.dcf.ks.gov.

Cupid Run - 5k Run/Walk

Saturday - Feb 12

Skyline AfterProm is hosting this family friendly event fundraiser, so bring your sweetheart or the whole family to run/walk through Lemon & 6th Street Park.

\$25 per racer - pre-register by January 31 to receive a race shirt.

\$35 to register on day of event - no shirt.

Prizes awarded to male & female top finishers for age groups 45 and up, 18-44, and 11-17. All kids 10&under will receive a small prize.

Questions can be emailed to skylineafterprom@gmail.com or contact Krystal @ 620-388-1468

Pratt Ascension's 5th Annual Trivia Night Returns February 5.

Gather a team of eight and join us for eight rounds of trivia. You'll also want to check out the silent auction which includes a Pratt Co Fair 75th Anniversary celebration package, a guided turkey hunt, a pork bundle, a quilt, and MORE! There will be plenty of action between trivia rounds to include games and a cake walk.

Team themes are encouraged with prizes for best team table theme and costumes. Don't miss this evening loaded with fun!!

Reserve your spot by texting your name/team name to 620-770-2392. Contact Shannon Bergner at same number for more information. All proceeds benefit the Ascension Lutheran Church building fund.

Upcoming Auctions

Wednesday, February 9th
Lane Co, KS Land Auction
- Lane Co Fairgrounds

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Pratt Co, KS Land Auction,
Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

When I Was Your Age

As kids, our aspirations were high. Astronaut. Millionaire. Major League Baseball Player. Still unscarred by experience, anything seemed possible. Our folks must have thought so too because they were always reminding us how easy we had it compared to them.

"When I was your age, I had to walk ten miles to school, through four feet of snow, with nothing but a hot potato in my underpants to keep me warm..."

We've all heard their stories. And I admit it - I've told them to my kids - especially in January - about how tough it was growing up in Minnesota winters.

Born and raised in Florida, my daughters once asked how cold it got in Minnesota while I was reaching into the freezer. "See this box of ice cream?" I said, amazed at the perfection of the timing, "Throw it out in the yard in November and it'll be twice as hard in March. That's Minnesota."

Truth is, sometimes people DO exaggerate the windchill factor of January mornings in the Twin Cities. But only because they have to - even frozen food case

thermometers only go to minus 20.

But 46 winters ago, as paperboys for the morning Minneapolis Tribune, best-buddy Dobbs and I stepped into a particularly severe January morning.

WCCO Radio had proclaimed a windchill factor of 80 below zero before we'd left our toasty homes, and our toasty dogs, who were curled up on the toasty floor vents, exposing their even toastier bellies to the petting from our toasty fingers.

Thankfully, our prayers to become dogs that day, remained unanswered.

We walked backwards the entire half mile to the newspaper drop, hiding

from the wind, praying we'd finish our routes before the weight of our clothing caused our collapse. Had we been hit by a car -- which was entirely possible because it was 4 a.m., pitch dark and only the middle of the road was plowed -- it would've taken the rescuers 10 minutes and a Jaws of Life to pry us out of all those layers of flannel.

Anyway, on mornings like this, it was pretty certain the paper truck would be late. It was. Evidently, most of the drivers wished they were toasty dogs too.

So Dobbs and I salvaged our misery by digging a survival tunnel under the snow-laden limbs of the paperstop pine tree, and drifted off to sleep until

the squeaky brakes on the Tribune's panel truck jarred us awake.

It was then that our first newspaper career dream was sparked. When that truck's side door slid open, and that wave of heat and steaming coffee and 'CCO radio washed over us, we just knew. We were going to become paper truck drivers.

In less than the space of an hour, the Minnesota winter had reduced the grand aspirations of our youth -- becoming astronauts, millionaires or ballplayers -- to pleading for nothing more significant than becoming dogs or truck drivers.

This dangerous temptation to escape from something miserable into

something that makes the same misery more tolerable, has buried more aspirations than any January blizzards.

Luckily, most of us eventually realize that the same energy it takes to make our misery tolerable, could be used instead to get us out of those Minnesota winters all together.

And years later, if we found the strength to let go of that toasty misery, we too, might find ourselves in warmer climates, barking to our kids, "When I was your age, I had to walk ten miles to school, through four feet of snow..."

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Earning Trust

Nancy was suddenly a single mother. Her husband of 17 years passed away leaving her with kids to finish raising and no savings. Nancy was from a hardworking family but she lacked skills. Desperate for work she answered an ad for a housecleaner. The house turned out to be a luxury apartment, one of many properties the eccentric owner moved between as he went about his International business. The interview was short. A little paperwork and an assignment: clean the apartment. Anxious to impress, Nancy got right to work thoroughly turning over cushions, vacuuming the hidden places, scrubbing down the tiled places and not cutting corners on cleaning the windows. The first handful of change she found in the couch. The second she found under the bed. A few crumpled dollar bills and some coins could not mean much to such a rich man who seemed to

be nonchalant with his spare change. But a few dollars to Nancy would mean she could come home with a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread. She smoothed the paper dollars and placed them in an ashtray and stacked the coins on top. When she was done cleaning, she left the apartment and locked the door behind her.

Dr. Brené Brown, a leading authority on human behavior, outlined the Seven Elements of Trust. Integrity is at the center. "You choose courage over comfort. You choose what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy. And you choose to practice your values rather than simply professing them."

Nancy returned home to hungry and anxious kids. She remembered the lessons taught by her immigrant father: work hard, be honest. But the words didn't put food on the table. The next day, Nancy got the job. Turns out the scattered money was the interview. Anybody can clean but few can be trusted. Nancy made enough

money to take care of her family. And she became a confidant of her eccentric employer. He soon promoted her to his bookkeeper. And as time went by, she was trusted with finding the right legal and financial counsel. In every task there are the same elements: don't cut corners, check the details everybody else passes over. Stick to your values. Nancy became a trusted personal assistant. To her, managing millions of dollars was like a handful of coins, something to be trusted with to the penny.

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CDC COVID Update for Kingman County

Transmission rate:	High
Everyone in Kingman County, Kansas should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.	
How is community transmission calculated?	
February 1, 2022	
Cases	47
Case Rate per 100k	657.16
% Positivity	24.31%
Deaths	0
% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated	48.9%
New Hospital Admissions	1

CDC COVID Update for Pratt County

Community Transmission	
High	
Everyone in Pratt County, Kansas should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.	
How is community transmission calculated?	
February 1, 2022	
Cases	70
Case Rate per 100k	763.86
% Positivity	15.26%
Deaths	0
% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated	50.8%
New Hospital Admissions	2

To Give Away

Cunningham Historical Museum has replaced their lighting. They now have 8-foot T-12 fluorescent light bulbs to give away. Call Mike 620-770-9503 or Carol 620-298-3301

“The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

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Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)



Catholic Churches
Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday 4:00 p.m.



St. Leo
Sunday 8:30 a.m.



St. John, Zenda
Sunday 10:00 a.m.



St. Peter Willowdale
Saturday 5:30 p.m.



Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370



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St. John, Nashville
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9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



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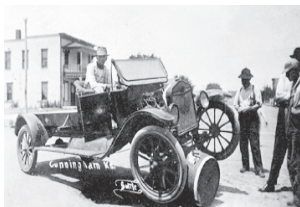
Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090



Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Town of Olcott is being moved away. This city has passed away. Oblivion has taken root here and this city is no more. Once a flourishing city with many business houses and residences, now all that is left is being moved to other sites. Yet this city was once a junction and still is one. On January 25, the Missouri Pacific Railway ceased to operate its depot here. That was the last business to be killed in the city. Billy Amerine has been depot agent here for the past 25 years. He is now one of the oldest agents on the road and will move on to some other station. The Missouri Pacific has two lines. One, a branch, runs to Iuka, and the main line north to Larned. The depot is being moved away.

At the last regular meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening the proposition of grading the streets in the city was discussed and finally approved that all the streets needing grading be done as soon as possible. They decided however, that they would do nothing with First Street or on Main Street, outside of hauling in some gravel and putting it in the low places. Mayor Cannon states that he will look after the grading of the streets himself. W. A. Lash will furnish the tractor to pull the grader and thus the grading will be done.

1932

There was a small fire at the Jones' Café last Saturday afternoon about four o'clock which could have proved quite serious if it hadn't been discovered just when it was. A small boy who was in Dr. Thompson's office noticed the roof of the restaurant on fire and gave the alarm.

The fire engine was rushed to the scene, but as it was a very cold day, the hose was frozen. This made it necessary to get hand extinguishers to quench the fire.

Only by prompt work of those fighting the fire was it controlled to a patch about eight feet square on the top of the roof. It apparently had started from sparks on the roof, as the burning all appeared to be from the outside.

The damage is estimated to amount to around \$50.00.

There is not much news concerning the oil wells in this vicinity this week. At the Wetherall test south of town, they are still trying to get down through the quicksand. The Skelly test on the Miles farm north-west of town is still flowing and the men who were here and drilled the hole deeper have cleaned the place up and left. For the past ten days an oil company has been hauling in a rotary rig and storing it on the lots back of the Texaco Service Station. It is reported that they may be looking for a drilling location somewhere in this locality, which we hope they will find.

Wetherall Bros.

Kansas Best Flour, 48-lb. sack, \$1.00
Sunshine Crackers, 2 lb. box, 19c
Sunshine Fancy Marshmallow Cookies, 2 lb., 35c
High-Up Wheat Cereal, 5 lb. bag, 25c
Mother's Oats, lg. pkg., 15c

Duane Shinliver enrolled in the fourth grade this month, bringing the enrollment at the grade school to 115.

1937

Wm. Stanley was quite painfully injured last Friday evening when he fell behind the car, as he attempted to push the car into the Gibbens driveway as they turned off the Highway. He and Mr. Gibbens were returning from Kingman, and due to the icy condition of the pavement, and the heavy crust of snow against the edge of the paving, the car could not easily be turned into the driveway.

Hills Bros. Coffee will be furnished FREE by Hauser's Market. This is Centennial John Deere Celebration sponsored by Dafforn Motor Co. at Cunningham, next Thursday, February 11.

E. C. Dafforn of the Dafforn Motor Co. of Cunningham, motored to Zenda, Monday afternoon on a business trip. Zenda was the former home of Mr. Dafforn.

Calvin Nossaman met with a very serious accident on ice, Tuesday noon, when he slipped and fell cutting

a deep inch long gash in his tongue which required four stitches to be taken. The accident occurred at the Fee home as their son Phillip and Calvin were returning to school after the noon hour. He was taken to Dr. Burnett's office, then removed to the Ninnescah Hospital at Pratt, where Dr. Campbell took the necessary stitches in the wound.

1942

Warren Allen of Cunningham, and Victor Renner, Joe Kampling Jr., and Peter Scheonecker of St. Leo, were among the 26 Kingman County draftees leaving for induction into the United States Army, Sunday. Thirty-five boys from Kingman County were taken to Wichita, Monday, for their final physical examinations and will be leaving for military service the end of this month. Included in this group were Pete Bell, Richard Cozens, Frank Cain Jr., Lawrence DeWeese, Dean Morton, and Marvin Shelman, all of Cunningham.

The Cunningham High School basketballers took over undisputed first place in the Kingman County League by downing previously undefeated Belmont, 36 to 12, last Friday evening. Austin Luce, guard, was the main point-maker for Cunningham with 11 points, most of them long shots over the tight zone defense set up by Belmont. Norwich threw a scare into Cunningham for twenty-one minutes Tuesday night, but the Wildcatters scored 25 points in the remaining 11 minutes to defeat them, 43 to 25. Junior Neagle was high point man for the locals, making 17 points, 16 of them in the last half. Russell Stanley received a badly cut eye-lid in a pile-up under the Norwich goal in the second quarter.

The best fishing hole in Kiowa County is in the Classic Barber Shop in Greensburg, says the Kiowa County Signal. That's where the big ones are caught.

1947

The high school basketballers won two more games during the past week, rolling over Isabel and Cullison. Cunningham, sporting a 12-3 record, will be odds-on favorites to win their sixth straight Kingman County League Tournament next week. The local school has won the tournament every year since 1942.

The Cunningham City Council signed a 20-year electric franchise agreement with the Western Light & Telephone Company this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ball and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Huhman, Mrs. Martha Huhman, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Huhman of Ellinwood, attended a family reunion at the Ray Hoyt home near Isabel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Yarberry, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Yarberry and children, Mrs. Daisy Harris and Mrs. Roy Nossaman and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rose and family.

1952

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Wetherall will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, Feb. 10. They were married in Pratt, February 12, 1902, and have spent their entire married life in the Cunningham community.

Cozette Taylor, Betty Amick and David, and Mrs. Laverna Bradley spent last Saturday in Wichita. Mrs. Keith Smith and Lynda and Beverly Amick returned home with them, Mrs. Smith and her daughter remaining to spend this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Amick.

The Cunningham High School basketballers won and lost during the past week, losing to Haviland, 46 to 42, and winning from Harper, 49 to 41.

The grade school basketballers are proud of the first place trophy they won in the Sawyer Grade School Invitational Tournament last week. They defeated Preston, Iuka, and Sun City in tournament play. Walter Becker was the tournament's leading scorer with 65 points in three games.

1957

1957 – The Methodist Men's Brotherhood of the Cunningham and Cairo Churches, entertained 106 fathers and sons of the two communities at a Father and Son Banquet in the local Methodist Church undercroft, Wednesday evening.

The Sacred Heart School boys' basketball teams lost both games to Lyons here, Sunday afternoon.

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1962

The Cunningham Odd Fellow Lodge will hold their annual oyster supper in the Lodge Hall next Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and bring a guest.

Jack Meyers purchased three lots just south of the Anna Steffen property from Mrs. Steffen this week. He has started construction on a new three-bedroom brick veneer home on the property Wednesday. Martin Pelzl is the contractor.

Cunningham won their ninth and tenth straight Ninnescah League games during the past week, keeping their league record unblemished and running their undefeated season's record to 13 wins. The Wildcats slapped Arlington 60 to 36, last Friday night, but barely edged past Sylvia, 55 to 53, Tuesday. Robert Leiter with 20 points plus Roger Krug's 15 and Eugene Huston's at proved too much for Arlington. On the Sylvia court, Tuesday night, three Wildcat players scored in double figures – Krug had 16 points, Leiter made 14, and Bob Meyers 11.

For Sale – Six thoroughbred white rabbits. Dennis Raney.

For Sale – First and second cuttings of alfalfa hay in barn. \$20.00 a ton. John Schnittker.

For Sale – 1959 Edsel 4-door in A-1 condition, new tires, air conditioning, \$1,050.00; 1954 Chevrolet 4-door in A-1 condition, Powerglide, \$375.00; 1940 International pick-up with Chevrolet motor and transmission, and 15-inch wheels, \$100.00. Bob's Repair Shop, Cunningham, Kans.

1967

Danny Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers, was named "Basketball King of 1967" between the first and second team games with Partridge here at Cunningham High School's annual homecoming basketball game last Friday night. King Danny, in turn, crowned Donna Lacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heimerman of St. Leo, "Basketball Queen of 1967." The queen's attendants were Joann Rohling, Jean Brady, Sue Graves, and Shirley Park. Their escorts were Danny Theis, Harold Stark, Ned Albers, and Jim McCune. Sheryl Duell was the flower girl, and Mark Crick served as crown bearer.

The Cunningham Wildcats won their fourth straight Ninnescah League victory by rolling over Partridge here last Friday night. Paced by Danny Meyers' 20 points, Jim McCune's 15, and Frank McClellan's 14, the Wildcats scored an easy 70 to 43 win.

Is your wardrobe down in the dumps? We'll help you out with this! Special from February 9 thru February 15 with any order of \$3.00 or more, we'll finish one pair of trousers, or one shirt, or one sweater, absolutely free! Ace Cleaners, Cunningham, Kansas

1972

February 3 – Kandi Bradley has been named Cunningham High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. Kandi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley of Cunningham. During her four years in high school she has been active in music, speech and debate, Kayettes, and girl's athletics. Her teacher during three years of home ec has been Mrs. Louis Armstrong.

Norwich made it "two out of three" over Cunningham, slipping by the Wildcats by a 59 to 55 score in a non-league game played here, Tuesday night.

The game was close all the way, with a 15-15 tie score at the end of the first quarter, Norwich on top 28-26 at halftime, and 46-41 at the end of three quarters of play. Norwich opened up a 55-46 gap in the fourth quarter, but three goals by Bob McGovney had the Wildcats back in the game until the final buzzer.

Mike Schrant paced the Cunningham scoring with 19 points; McGovney had 12; Steve Albers 10; Leon Fischer 8; Randy Fischer 4, and Dean Simon 2.

"Brownie" Northrop visited "Ralph" Dafforn, Saturday morning.

Cunningham Police Judge Mrs. Mary McClellan resigned her position by letter, effective January 12.

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Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

JH Lady Wildcats Fall to Pretty Prairie

On Thursday, January 27, 2022 the Cunningham JH girls traveled to Pretty Prairie for Heart of the Plains basketball and came up short, losing to Pretty Prairie 27-16. Pretty Prairie took control early, with the help of several Lady Cat turnovers, as they raced out to a 12-0 first quarter lead. Cunningham was able to play even (6-6) with the Lady Bullpups in the second quarter but trailed 6-18 at the half. Points were difficult to come by in the third for both teams as Pretty Prairie would score the only basket in the third quarter to increase their lead to 20-6. The Lady Wildcats put together a much better fourth quarter as they put up 10 points to Pretty Prairie's 7 to bring the final score to 16-27. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Rylee Miller 6, Emily Ogg 2, Kyra Morgan 6, Whitney Mead 2. In the B-team game, the Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 6-3 first quarter lead, but Pretty Prairie would outscore Cunningham 10-4 over the next two periods to take a 10-13 lead into the final quarter. The Lady Cats defense was able to hold the Bullpups scoreless in the fourth and trailed by just one in waning seconds when Morgan Oldham was able to hit a baseline shot to give the Lady Cats a 14-13 victory. Scoring for the B-team: Janessa Schnittker 4, Kaylee Mertens 2, Morgan Oldham 4, Brynn Wyatt 4.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Molly Morgan Photos

clockwise from upper left:
Brynn Wyatt (with ball)
and Kortni Fischer

Kyra Morgan

Morgan Oldham



JH 'Cats Beat Pretty Prairie

Junior High Basketball is all of a sudden starting down the last part of the season! With only 3 games left before HOPL tournament play, the Cats traveled to Pretty Prairie. Our usual mode of operation is to start slow and shoot inconsistently, but consistency was not a problem Thursday. The Cats scored 11/12/12/12. Double digits every quarter is a fun offensive night. Shooting was still not the strength of the team, but when you rebound with authority and hold the opponent without a point in the first HALF, shooting woes can be overlooked (except maybe by the coach and parents).The third and fourth quarter was not our best defensive effort but we still tallied a win 47 to 24.

Kendall and Skyler tied for the tops in rebounds with 6. Layne led in steals with 5 followed by Dylan and Kendall who had 3.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Molly Morgan Photos

Top row of photos:
Blake Swope
Kollin Fischer
Layne Green

Bottom row:
Logan Kinsler (#14)
and
Kendall Rogers (#10)
Skyler Thimesch



Wildcat Scorers	
Stephen Kerschen	12
Dylan Halderson	10
Layne Green	9
Kendall Rogers	6
Skyler Thimesch	6
Tyler Osner	2

JH Lady Cats Come Up Short Against Norwich

On Monday, January 31, 2022, the Cunningham JH girls' BB team traveled to Norwich to take on the undefeated Norwich Lady Eagles in HOPL action. The Lady Wildcats were not intimidated by the Lady Eagles and played toe-to-toe with them but fell 22-29. The Lady Wildcats trailed by one after the first quarter 5-6, but used a strong second quarter (10-5)

to take a 15-11 halftime lead. The Lady Cats were able to increase their lead to 19-11 early in the third before they got careless with the ball and allowed Norwich to go on a 10-0 run to end the third with a 21-19 lead. Baskets were hard to come by in the fourth as the Lady Cats were only able to score one field goal and one free-throw to Norwich's three baskets and two free-throws to make the final 22-29. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Grace Hageman 2, Rylee Miller 4, Emily Ogg 3, Kyra Morgan 8, Whitney Mead

5. In the B-team game the Lady Cats led 7-4 at the half, but failed to score in the third while Norwich was able to score 4 of their own to take an 8-7 lead into the final period. In the final period, Cunningham was able to put up seven and held Norwich to four to come away with a 14-12 victory. Scoring for the B-team: Brynn Wyatt 2, Andi Young 2, Nora Huff 8, Kourtnei Fischer 2.



Photo taken by Martha Hellar.

Lady Cats Lose After Hard Fight

The Lady Cats had their best start of the year Monday, January 24, when they traveled to Wichita for a meeting with the Saints. They were hot, putting up eighteen points in the first quarter with 6 three pointers. Maranda Lohrke hit an old-fashioned 3pt play. Kaitlyn made a three pointer. Ellie made 4 three pointers. The ten point lead after the first felt good for a while, but the Saints chipped away at it in the second by 5 points. The third quarter was almost even but the Lady Cats held only a 4 point lead after three quarters as the Saints warmed up on both offense and defense. It wasn't enough. The Saints had a big 4th quarter and made their free throws handing the Lady Cats a hard fought loss. There were lots of physi-

cal bruises, but when you leave everything you have on the court and still lose it takes an emotional toll, too. It was hard to see the hurt in their eyes, but it was good to see the fight was still in them after the loss. The final was Lady Cats 28, Saints 37.

by Coach Lance McGuire



photos by Molly Morgan

Left to right:
Ada Adams
Matie Jump
Katie Hennessee

	Name	#		Name	#		Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Kaitlyn	6		Maranda	5		Alice	4	Ellie	4
Steals Leaders	Matilyn	4		Ellie	1					
Assists Leaders	Ellie	2		Kaitylyn	2					



Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire 15
Kaitlynn Hennessee 10
Maranda Lohrke 3

Wildcats Fall to the Saints

Cunningham traveled to the Classical School of Wichita to make up a game scheduled before Christmas break to take on the Saints on January 24, 2022. The Cats were defeated by a score of 51 to 40.

Cunningham started off hot in the first quarter scoring 17 points. The Saints managed a comeback and scored 15 points. Lane Halderson worked inside for eight points. Trey DeWeese added six points and Will Wegerer made a three-point basket.

Neither team scored much in the second quarter as the inconsistent officiating affected the flow of the game for both teams. Cunningham manage five points and held the Saints to three points and took a four-point lead to the locker room at halftime. Luke McGuire made the only basket for the Cats and DeWeese and Halderson made two and one free throws, respectively. The score was 22 to 18 at the half.

The Saints made their run to close the gap and take a slight lead during the third quarter until DeWeese sank a three-

point basket to tie the game at 33 at the end of the quarter. Wegerer, DeWeese and Halderson each scored three points and Erik Paris made two points.

The Saints pulled away in the fourth quarter using the free throw line as their main offensive weapon making 9 out of 11. They also added four baskets for an 18-point quarter. Cunningham could only muster seven points and fell to the state ranked Saints 40 to 51. DeWeese had three points in the quarter with McGuire and Isaiah Reed each scoring two points.



Will Wegerer



Molly Morgan Photo

Luke McGuire

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.
McGuire	2		0/2	4	4	3	1
Halderson	5		2/5	12	7		2
Wegerer		2		6			
DeWeese	4	1	3/6	14	4	2	2
D Reed					4		1
Paris	1			2	3	1	
I Reed	1			2	8	3	1

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	17	5	11	7	40
Classical	15	3	15	18	51

Lady Cats Lose in Opening Game of 54 Classic

The Lady Cats opened the 54 classic just two days (thanks to a snow delay) after a trip to Wichita to face Wichita Classical. The opening round found the Cats as the eight seed facing the number one seed Norwich Eagles. It was a struggle game from the beginning. Against a good team one or two good passes is not enough, and the Cats

did not string together enough good passes to get into good shooting position. The Lady Cats kept their heads up and battled through, but the speed of the game against the Eagles was a tough learning experience. Points were hard to come by. The final was a first round loss 16 to 64.

by Coach Lance McGuire

	Name	#	Name	#		Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Ellie	3	Kaitlyn	1		Matilyn	1		
Steals Leaders	Ellie	2	Matilyn	2		Elizabeth	1	Maranda	1
Assists Leaders									

Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire 8
Kaitlynn Hennessee 3
Matie Jump 3
Maranda Lohrke 2



Lady Wildcats pose for a team photo during the 54 Classic Tournament.
Back row: Julia Hageman, Ellie McGuire, Ava Bock, Maranda Lohrke, Elizabeth Paris, Ada Adams
Front row: Katie Hennessee, Joanna Hansen, Matie Jump, Alice Huelskamp

The Courier will have more tournament action in next week's paper.



Molly Morgan Photo

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for January 24, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 24th, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; LaDawn Segman.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Tammy Miller

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Chairman Foley would like to add the resolution for the opioid settlement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution of the opioid settle-

ment. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in with bids for a mailer on the 2022 Change of Value Notices.

Postalocity for \$4173.61

The Master’s Touch LLC \$4907.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the mailer being done with Postalocity for the amount of \$4173.61. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Hartley asked the Commissioners if a check could be made now so she could get the mailer done earlier and the company requires it before work can be done.

Commissioners agreed to have the check run now.

Chairman Foley discussed an amendment to the Resolution 2021-R18 on the Statewide Litigation regarding the opioid epidemic.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R3, **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

TO JOIN THE KANSAS STATEWIDE LITIGATION REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND AMENDING THE PRIOR RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approve upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed correspondence received for membership to the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve membership for 2022 to the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley discussed correspondence received from an individual with no name on it but approving the bio-methane plant and an article was submitted from a paper.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the January 10th, 2022 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners,

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the

January 11th, 2022 Special Meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley opened correspondence from the Kingman Council on Aging.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went over capital equipment reserves with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley discussed the cash fund balances with the Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in to introduce LaDawn to the Commissioners for the Internal Auditor position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to hire the part time/seasonal person for the Register of Deeds office.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted vacation extension for Lori Mertens and Mary Schwartz.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve vacation extension for Lori Mertens and Mary Schwartz.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz gave information to the Commissioners on the planning/zoning meeting tonight.

Mr. Goetz submitted a copy of the Resolution for solar power that will be discussed at the meeting tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 9:50 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a design for the Hot Mix for FAS 361 & FAS 607.

Commissioners will wait until next week to make a decision.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the new CDL license requirements to become effective February 7, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits to the Commission:

Haviland Telephone Co to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 21 & 28, Township 29, Range 8 (Belmont).

Haviland Telephone Co to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 2 & 11 and Sections 1 & 12, Township 29, Range 5 (Allen).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a vacation extension for himself.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to extend the vacation extension for Mr. Arensdorf.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer gave a short update to the Commissioners.

County Clerk discussed NRP with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 24, 2022

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse with the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Sherry Wenrich, Registrar of Deeds and Mark Graber, IT director. Also present, Eric Killough, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhower reminded everyone that the meeting is being streamed over Zoom.

Darcie Vadervyver, health director, gave the COVID update. The numbers are posted every Monday, Wednesday

and Friday on the KDGE website. Contract tracing ends on 02-01-2022 with school have a 30-day exemption. The governor has deployed the National Guard to set up testing sites. Pratt has testing available at the Community Center from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Monday through Friday until February 18, 2022. Darci presented a list of the services provided by the health department. A report was given on the ELC grant that will be completed with a sidewalk being installed starting at the back door of the health department. The immunization action play grant has been approved and funds will be used to replace both sets of double doors at the Community Center.

Richard Sanders reported that he is retiring from the hospital board. He will stay on until end of June of this year. He

also addressed the new signs at the Community Center and the health department for insurance coverage. The city is responsible for the sign at the Community Center. Darci was able to provide the purchase costs for him.

Commissioner Jones made a motion and Chairman Shriver seconded to give permission to cross the county road right of way for a water line on NW 90th Street, a half mile west of 281 Highway. This is starting in the NW/4 of 21-26-13 and ending in the SW/4 of 26-13. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022, as presented.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to pay 3491.25 for certificate #20

to Landmark Architects. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Graber, IT director, presented a list on the cost for the improvements in the commission room. He will get detailed description of these items to Heather Morgan, economic development advisor, for use of ARPA funds.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, requested a five-minute executive session to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 2:29 p.m. for five minutes to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams mad a motion to return from executive session at 2:32 p.m. with no action. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion

carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the terms of engagement letter from Loyd Group, LLC for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Scott Loyd will set up a schedule beginning in April 2022. Shriver gave an update on the public safety building after he and chase Galle did a walkthrough.

Chairman Shriver brought up the question of the balance of the county’s capital improvement account. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported that he was in contact with Amy Jones, county treasurer. She responded that the balance was currently \$3,718,203.40 which includes the wind farm money. He also noted that approximately a half million dollars will be used out of this for the bonds on the public safety

building.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for January 24, 2022. Chairman Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development advisor, said that the forms for the landfill have been filed with KDHE. Heather reported that a new company is looking at relocating to Pratt which will have a few employees. She also said that there is a lot of talk in Topeka about Rural Housing Incentive Districts that would allow an increase in taxes to help go toward housing and childcare.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 23rd	
Traffic stops	1
Traffic complaint	NE 50 St & NE 70 Ave. area Kingman
Traffic complaint	4000 block N Berry Ave. Kingman
Traffic complaint	14000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Assist other agencies	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Burglary	200 block W. D ave. Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	SW 20 St & SW 40 Ave area Kingman
Theft	7000 block Kingman State Lake Road Kingman
Welfare Check	1700 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Monday, January 24th	
Traffic stops	3
Traffic complaint	12000 block SW 90 Ave. Zenda
Animal	120000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
Vehicle disabled	NW 170 Ave & W. Hwy 54 area Cunningham
Welfare check	NE 20 St. and N Hwy 14 area Murdock
Tuesday, January 25th	
Traffic stop	2
Traffic assist	1300 block SW 170 Ave. Cunningham
Traffic complaint	14000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Assist other agencies	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Welfare check	13000 block SE 140 Ave. Norwich

Wednesday, January 26th	
Traffic stop	4
Smoke Investigation	4000 block E Hwy 42, Rago
Suspicious person	13000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Suspicious vehicle	4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Theft	200 block W Stanley Ave. Spivey
Thursday, January 27th	
Traffic stops	4
Traffic complaint	NE 10th St. & NE 120 Ave area, Murdock
Damage	1300 block W D. Ave. Kingman
Suspicious vehicle	NW 10 Ave. & NW 50 St. area, Kingman
Welfare check	13000 block SE 140 Ave. Norwich
Friday, January 28th	
Traffic complaint	900 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	NE 20 AVE & E Hwy 54 area Kingman
Animal	NE 30 St. & NE 90 Ave area Kingman
Animal	3000 block NW 40 St. Kingman
Assist other agencies	400 block W. E Ave. Kingman
Fire - outside	SE 30 St & SE 140 Ave area Cheney
Saturday, January 29th	
Traffic stop	4
Traffic complaint	7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

1) Norwich

Saturday 2/5/2022
11:30

8) Stafford

Monday 2/7/2022

4) Skyline

Saturday 2/5/2022
4:30

5) Fairfield

Monday 2/7/2022

2) Central Christian

Saturday 2/5/2022
2:00

7) Pretty Prairie

3) Cunningham

Saturday 2/5/2022
9:00

6) South Barber

Game 16
Thursday 2/10/2022

1st
Place

Game 14
Thursday 2/10/2022

3rd
Place

1) Norwich

Saturday 2/5/2022
10:15

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Wildcat Powerlifting

by Eric Kerschen

Saturday, January 29 Cunningham powerlifters had the opportunity to stay home and lift in a virtual powerlifting meet. This opportunity allowed more athletes to participate in a comfortable environment. With powerlifting just starting to build up steam I was very happy with the overall turn out. There were six Cunningham lifters participating and several community members, parents, teachers and students there to support them. The event started at 8 a.m .on Saturday morning and we were finished by 9:25 a.m. Short and sweet!

The kids did a great job showcasing their weight lifting capabilities. A handful of them set new personal records! Congratulations to Jack Ruckle for placing 4th overall in his weight class out of 36 lifters.



Erik Paris senior 181 weight class.
Best lifts: Bench 190 Clean 205 Squat 285 PR
Total weight lifted: 680
Ratio: 3.84



Jack Ruckle, sophomore 181 weight class.
Best lifts: Bench 250 Clean 235 PR Squat 350
Total weight lifted: 835
Ratio: 4.62 Overall 4th place out of 36 lifters in his weight class



Alice Huelskamp, junior PWR weight class
Best lifts: Bench 110 Clean 135 PR Squat 225
Total weight lifted: 470
Ratio: 2.38



Kory Morgan, sophomore 220 weight class.
Best lifts: Bench 170 Clean 165 PR Squat 260
Total weight lifted: 595
Ratio: 2.86



Scott Wyatt, sophomore 165 weight class.
Best lifts: Bench 135 Clean 155 Squat 190
Total weight lifted: 480
Ratio: 3



Leo Hageman, sophomore 165 weight class.
Best lifts: Bench 150 PR Clean 155 PR Squat 200 PR
Total weight lifted: 505
Ratio: 3.1



Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank,
National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lahoma S. Wiens; Unknown
Spouse, if any, of Lahoma
S. Wiens; John Doe (Tenant/
Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/
Occupant),

Defendants.

Case No. 2021-CV-000024

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

The State Of Kansas, to the
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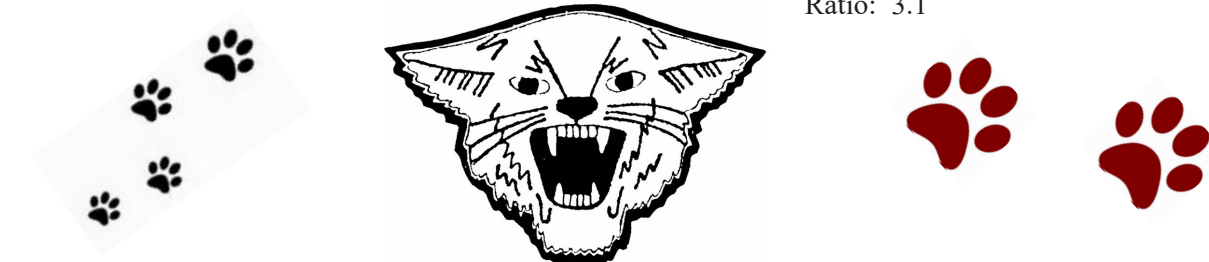
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"Property")

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January Total Tax Collections Continue to Exceed Estimates

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced that total tax collections for January were \$944.5 million. That is \$119.6 million, or 14.5%, more than the monthly estimate. This is also an 18.7% growth over January 2021.

“Over the past three years my administration

has taken steps to restore the Kansas economy, and that fiscal responsibility has paved the way to provide direct tax relief to Kansas taxpayers,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “That relief will come specifically through proposals like axing the state’s sales tax on food. I urge the Legislature to send a clean bill to my desk quickly, so we can get this done for Kansas families.”

Individual income tax collections were \$542.2 million. That is \$82.2 million, or 17.9%, more than

the estimate and 18.4% more than the previous January. Wage withholding remains strong going into 2022 reflecting both improved statewide employment and accompanying wage growth.

Retail sales tax collections were \$258.2 million for January. This is \$18.2 million, or 7.6%, more than the estimate and 14.9% more than January 2021. Compensating use tax collections also exceeded estimates by 5.2%. Those collections are also 30.2% more than the previous January.

Both retailer’s sales tax and compensating use tax collections established new monthly collection records in January 2022.

“Individual income tax, corporate income tax, retailer’s sales tax, and compensating use tax all continue to perform well as the state’s primary revenue sources,” Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart said. “Increased holiday spending in December accounts in large part for the record sales and compensating use tax collections in January.”

Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast

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“As soon as these kids grow up, I’m moving to a sandal in Florida”

Governor Announces Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) Grant Application

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly, today, announced the launch of the Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) program. BASE is a new grant opportunity to help support infrastructure development and advance economic development opportunities across Kansas.

"Programs like this provide vital funding to ensure Kansas communities continue to recover from COVID-19 and grow their economies," Governor Laura Kelly said. "These dollars represent an important opportunity for communities to build econom-

ic foundations for the future."

The grant program will be administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce. As proposed by the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Executive Committee, the program offers matching funds to address economic development opportunities with the goal of expanding the state’s base of businesses and residents as we continue to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This program will help Kansas remain competitive in business attraction and retention in critical sectors of the economy,” Senate President Ty Masterson said. “SPARK is committed to positioning Kansas for long-term economic growth.”

In December 2021, the SPARK Executive Committee approved

\$100M in available federal COVID-19 relief funding for eligible economic development and infrastructure proposals. Projects that qualify under the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) may receive matching funds to facilitate project completion.

Projects submitted are required to document how the project was delayed or affected negatively due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting negative economic conditions. Additionally, there is a minimum 25% match requirement by the applicant.

“The modernization and development of Kansas’ economic infrastructure is vital to positioning our businesses for success into the future,” House Speaker Ron Ryckman said. “I look forward to seeing how these dollars are lever-

aged by our communities to advance economic growth.”

County and local governments, Economic Development Organizations, local Chambers of Commerce, and other stakeholders are eligible to apply. Awardees will be provided with 50% of award allocation in calendar year 2022. The remaining 50% of funding will be provided no earlier than January 2023.

“The Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) program enhances our state’s competitiveness and resiliency in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “The BASE Grants will provide a foundation for communities to develop infrastructure and economic assets that will set the stage for long-term

business and community growth across Kansas.”

Projects to be funded by BASE would support infrastructure investments associated with economic development projects including:

- Development of new business parks
- Development of infrastructure required to support business expansions
- Renovation of existing business parks to bring them up to modern standards
- Development of infrastructure such as railroad spurs, water, wastewater, stormwater and other utilities
- Driveway aprons
- Business park signage
- Parking facilities directly associated with business attraction projects
- Speculative industrial office and residential space
- Development of infrastructure related to cyber-

security investments

Other projects that achieve the goal of expanding the state’s base of businesses and residents.

The BASE grant application process opens Monday, January 31, 2022 at 1:00PM with a Monday, February 28, 2022 11:59PM deadline for submissions. Grant awardees will be announced no earlier than March 25, 2022.

An informational webinar on BASE will be available to the public on Wednesday, February 2 at 3:00PM. Registration for the webinar and guidelines for the grant application can be found at kansasccommerce.gov/basegrant. Applicants can contact CommerceSPARK@ks.gov for any questions regarding this funding opportunity.

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Sex: Male

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
HAROLD R. HART, Deceased.
Case No. 2022 PR 4
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mona Schmitz, an heir of Harold R. Hart, deceased, praying:
Descent be determined of the following described mineral interest for real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:
The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Eleven (11),
Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Five (5)
West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Mona Schmitz
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
EUGENE J. ALBERS, Deceased. Case No. 2021 PR 3
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on January 13, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sharon K. Albers, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Eugene J. Albers, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 8, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
Sharon K. Albers, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Ruth Lam

Ruth A. Lam, 92, died Jan. 30, 2022 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born May 13, 1929, at Cheney, Kansas the daughter of Henry and Laura Schierenbeck Kohler. A longtime resident of the Kingman community, she was employed at the Kingman County Courthouse, Calverts, Kingman Flower Shop, Kingman Memorial Hospital; and was recognized by the State of Kansas with her work as Conservator for many individuals.



Ruth was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the VFW Auxiliary, Mizpah Rebeka’s Lodge, all of Kingman.

On Jan. 9, 1949, she married Ernest W. “Ernie” Lam at Wichita; he died Aug. 30,2006. Survivors include daughters Judy Doss, Joyce Hart, Janice Lam, and Jeana Lam-Pickett; grandchildren Heather, Haylie, Jake, Sophia and Zoey; and great-grandchildren Trevin and Max Kent, Jaxon Hart, Cady and Chloe Zoeller.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, 2022 at the First Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022 at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the First Presbyterian Church, the Kingman County Humane Society or Mizpah Rebeka’s Lodge all in care of the Livingston Funeral Home.

Joyce Clark

Joyce M. Clark, 85, died Jan. 31, 2022 at the Cheney Golden Age Home, Cheney.

She was born Feb. 17, 1936, at Mitchell, Kansas the daughter of Joseph “J.B.” and Jessie Bain Rife. A longtime Kingman resident, she was operations manager at Great Plains Dental in Kingman.

Joyce was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Rotary Club, both of Kingman.

On Nov. 5, 1977, she married Kenneth Clark; he died March 6, 2020. Survivors include two sons and their wives Bobby and Marnie Mellott and Tommy Mellott and Angela Courage; daughter Carolyn McClafflin and her husband Dallas; sister Josephine Yager; 10 grandchildren; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Jimmy Mellott; and sisters Joann Feldman and Jean O’Dell.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Cheney Golden Age Home in care of the funeral home.

Carla Voran

Carla Anne Rudicel Voran, 78, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022 at Olathe Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 14, 1943, at Kingman, Kansas, the daughter of Donald C. and Ruby Billie Clark Rudicel. A longtime resident of Kingman, more recently of Hutchinson and Paola, she was the Food Service Director for the Kingman, Buhler and Paola school districts.

Carla was a member of the Paola Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing piano, organ and singing in several church choirs. One of her proudest moments was performing with the Chamber Singers of Hutchinson at Carnegie Hall in New York.

She married Ben Voran; they later divorced. Survivors include daughters Dianne Hake (Brian Emmons) and Brenda (Craig) Kirkegard; brother Donald Rudicel; sister Joni Cornelius; and grandchildren Aaron and Elizabeth Gelvin.

Funeral services were Tuesday, at Livingston Funeral Home. Burial was in the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Paola Senior Center or Olathe Health Cancer Center in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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Annual Kansas Day Photo Contest Winners

TOPEKA –Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced the winners in the "Happy Birthday, Kansas!" Student Photo Contest in advance of Kansas Day. Video messages and congratulations were released as part of the virtual announcement from Lieutenant Governor David Toland; Jennie Chinn, executive director of the Kansas Historical Society; and April Barker, representing the legislative spouses.

"Kansas Day is a perfect day to celebrate and highlight our students' creativity, innovation, and talent," Governor Laura Kelly said. "These students captured what we all love about Kansas - and I am incredibly impressed by their remarkable skills."

The statewide contest, now in its eighth year, invited students first through 12th grades to shoot photographs based on the theme, Favorite

Place in Kansas in 2021. The contest received 506 entries from 38 Kansas counties.

The winners in the 2021 photo contest are as follows, and you can find their artwork here:

- First grade:
- First place: Estrella Segovia, “Enjoying the Weather,” Walnut Elementary, Emporia
- Second place: Ella Strunk, “Ready for Christmas,” St. Andrew’s Elementary, Abilene
- Second grade:
- First place: Alisa Rud, “Yes, We Are Open!,” Andover eCademy, Andover
- Second place: Naomi Martin, “4th of July Sunset,” Grand Star Elementary, Gardner
- Third grade:
- First place: Jarett Riley, “Washed Out Creekbed,” Canton-Galva Elementary, Galva
- Second place: Amelia Higgins, “My Kansas Wishing Tree,” St. Mary’s Grade School, Salina
- Fourth grade:
- First place: Rebecca Barnhardt, “Beautiful Kansas Sky,” Lebo Elementary, Lebo

- Second place: Jorja Beeman, “Cowboy Silhouette,” Madison Elementary, Hamilton
- Fifth grade:
- First place: Ashlynn Buchmann, “Countryside,” Riley County Grade School, Manhattan
- Second place: Tanner Riley, “Bison at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge,” Canton-Galva Elementary, Galva
- Sixth grade:
- First place: Grayson Maxwell, “Sunflower in Kansas Wheat Field,” Larned Middle School, Larned
- Second place: Kaden SinghDhillon, “Kansas is Sweet,” St. Marys Grade School, St. Marys
- Seventh grade:
- First place: Rachael Barnhardt, “Family Time Checking Cows” Lebo Junior High School, Lebo
- Second place: Hazell Horsch, “There’s No Place Like Home,” Our Lady’s Haven, Haven
- Eighth grade:
- First place: Emerson Hoppes, “Carnival,” Canton-Galva Junior/ Senior High School, Galva
- Second place: Allie

- Kneisler, “Do You Hear Me?” Lyndon Middle School, Lyndon
- Ninth grade:
- First place: Harlee Tilley, “ADandy Sunset,” Bucklin High School, Bucklin
- Second place: Cora Schamp, “On a Walk with Walter,” Canton-Galva Junior/Senior High, Galva
- 10th grade:
- First place: Kaci Dirks, “Wheat Field Beauty,” Rawlins County High School, Ludell
- Second place: Regan Hedstrom, “Feeding Time,” Cheney High School, Cheney
- 11th grade:
- First place: Johanna Walker, “Game,” Girard High School, Franklin
- Second place: Kaitlin Schmidt, “Sundrops” Arkansas City High School, Arkansas City
- 12th grade:
- First place: Eric Shapland, “Monument Rocks Chalk Pyramids,” Scott Community High School, Scott City
- Second place: Gwen Van Leeuwen, “Keeper of the Plains,” Seaman High School, Topeka

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EUNICE M. SMITH, Deceased. CASE NO. 2022 PR 6

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Prisca Krehbiel, an heir.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court,

Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Prisca Krehbiel, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke Ricke Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioner

Washburn University Announces Alexa Smith is a Fall 2021 President's List Honoree

Washburn University is pleased to announce its President's List honorees for the fall 2021 semester. Alexa Smith of Kingman has earned this designation. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Almost 750 students qualified for the President's List. Washburn University is proud of these students and their commitment to excellence.