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Kingman County COVID Update

October 13, 2020 - As of 8 am today, Kingman County has 107 total lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases since our first one was reported July 3, 2020. Of these cases, 9 of these are active with 2 known hospitalizations. Another death was reported last week, bringing the total number of deaths to 3. All of the deaths reported in Kingman County have had underlying health conditions. KDHE continues to assist us in case investigations and contact tracing.

Halloween is quickly approaching, and we have had questions about recommendations on celebrating it. The traditional trick-or-treat or trunk-or-treat we have enjoyed is not recommended due to the potential for crowding. There are still creative ways to safely celebrate Fall. Check out this Halloween guidance:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1468/KDHE-Guidance-for-Celebrating-Halloween-PDF---92320>

New Dog Tags Available

Cunningham City Code requires every dog in Cunningham to be licensed annually. Tags expire annually on Sept. 30th.

The city code reads as follows: "Every owner of any dog over six months of age shall annual register with the City Clerk, his or her name and address with the name, sex, and description of each dog owned and kept within the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any newly acquired dog or any dog brought into the city to fail to register such animal within 30 days from acquisition or bringing the dog into the city. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any previously registered dog to fail to maintain current registration of such dog.

"Upon registration, the owner shall present a current, completed certificate of immunization against rabies. No registration shall follow without evidence of this document, and it shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog over six months of age to fail to maintain effective immunization of such dog."

The registration fee is \$2 for each neutered male dog and for each spayed

female dog, and \$4 for each unneutered male dog and for each unsprayed female dog. In 2019, only 45 dogs were registered with the City.

Failure to register your dog with the City will result in a fine and a possible appearance in Municipal Court. The mandatory fine for failure to register a dog as required by City Code is \$50 per dog. The fine can be paid to the City Clerk to avoid a Municipal Court appearance on the violation.

For more information, contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077.

Our office is temporarily closed to the public, but we do have a drop box.

There are envelopes provided (on a clip by the drop box.) Please include rabies certificate (with dog's name and description) and payment. = \$4 per dog or \$2 per dog if spayed or neutered.

We will return your rabies certificate with a receipt and the dog tag by mail. Thank you in advance!



Work Day at the Park

Saturday, October 10th was the perfect day to make Cunningham Park great again! A lot of work was done in a short time. The Recreation Board extends a huge thank you to the group of community members of all ages who pitched in! I hesitate to list all the names for fear that I will forget someone, but recognition is deserved for people who volunteer their time on a hot Saturday. The biggest project was setting up the new swing set, which was completed with two baby/toddler swings now in place. A lot of hands pitched in. Special thanks to T&R Excavating, R. Thimesch Construction and Jackie Ruckle and Randy Thimesch for the machinery, tools, sand and hauling. Others that were working on this project were Keith and Kandi Neufeld, Sheena Albers, Nate Sterneker, Lance and Luke McGuire, Vicki Oldham, Jason Osner, Roger Panek, and Brent Miller. There were a lot of young helpers spreading out the sand!

The grass and weeds from the playground filled several 5-gallon buckets, and now that area looks great. Thanks to Diane Wegerer, Carol Freund, Rita

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Elect Shanna Henry

For Kansas State Senate District 34

Shanna Henry is from a fourth-generation McPherson County farm family where she learned the value of hard work at an early age.

She and her husband, Tim, raised their two children at their home in Kingman County, where they have lived for over 25 years.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and enjoyed a successful career in the telecommunications and solar energy industries.

Shanna has served on the Kingman County Extension Executive Board, and on the Kingman County Economic Development Council.

As a mom, Shanna became a "full-time volunteer" in leadership roles at local schools, PTAs, and 4-H clubs. She is a choir member at St. Rose Catholic Church.

She is now ready to serve the constituents of Senate District 34, continuing her lifetime of public service.

Shanna's Priorities:

- Expand Medicaid
- Safely re-open Kansas
- Improve rural broadband
- Fully support public education
- Open markets for family farms



SHANNA HENRY

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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sundays
10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship
8:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST Church Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST Church Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adult 10:00 a.m.

Community Bulletin Board

Thurs., October 15th
PreK to Pumpkin Patch

4:00 p.m.
Cross Country HOPL

Monday, October 19th
JH VB League Tournament at Pretty Prairie (TBD)

4:00 p.m.
Scholars' Bowl at Macksville

Friday, October 16th
End 1st Quarter School dismiss at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th
9:00 a.m.
HS VB HOPL at Norwich

Tuesday, October 20th
First Grade to Pumpkin Patch

HS FB Playoffs (TBD)

Lions Club

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Thursday, October 22nd
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October 16th - October 18th
Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Museum Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
OR call Donna at 620-388-5602

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1960
October 15- The Cunningham Wildcats will play their annual homecoming football game tomorrow night (Friday) against Mullinville.

The crowning of the homecoming football king and queen will be held at 7:00 o'clock, preceding the game.

The candidates for king are David Schnittker, Alan Rohr, and Larry Eskew. The queen candidates are Kris Sheldon, Jill Rose, and Cathy Simon.

A dance for the high school students, alumni, and friends will be held in the school gym-auditorium following the game. A band from Wichita, "The Medium," will play for the dance.

Three Kingman County 4-Hers will be "going places" again next week. They are Marsha Helm of the Penalosa 4-H Club, Delbert Osner of the Busy Bee 4-H Club, and Marvin Oller of the Cunningham 4-H Club, and from October 17-20 they will be attending the American Royal 4-H Conference in Kansas City.

1965
October 21- The announcement of the proposed re-location of US-54 was made last Wednesday by the State Highway Department.

The decision following six months study by the department, was to re-locate the highway north of the present route-distances varying from one-half to one and one-half miles.

Needless to say, the re-location decision drew much comment, particularly from business men and civic leaders in the cities to be by-passed by the re-location, which will include Garden Plain, Kingman, and Cunningham.

The Highway Department said the project would take 10 years of construction, and save about three and one-third million dollars over the proposal to convert the present US-54 into a four-lane route. The new road, of the "free-way" type, will be limited in access, with seven places across Kingman County to get on and off the new road. The project will end northeast of Pratt.

1960
October 20- Mrs. Ferd Burnett was hostess to the Community YWCA in her home, Monday evening, October 10, with Mrs. Dan Cusenbary assisting.

President Mrs. Bill Bradley opened the meeting with a poem, after which the members answered roll call and Mrs. Bradley conducted a brief

Glasco.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tap moved to town this week to their home west of the White Eagle Filling Station.

Rev. W.E. Shuler was returned to the Cunningham -Cairo charge of the Methodist Church for the fourth year.

1930
October 17- Rev. J.P. Groom was returned to the Cunningham-Cairo charge of the Methodist Church for the fourth year.

A Cunningham landmark, the cement center post and flag pole in the intersection of First and Main Street, was removed this week. The increasing traffic on the Cannonball Highway made the obstruction very dangerous to motorists.

Wheat is 60¢ a bushel at the local grain elevators, and bread is selling for 6¢ a loaf in Cunningham's grocery stores.

1920
When Silence is Sometimes Golden
The editor is popularly supposed to see everything, hear everything, know everything and publish everything that is going on.

But sometimes he doesn't see it-doesn't want to see it-because being an editor and trained to view all angles of every question, he knows that it is better for the community if he does not see it. There are many things the editor does not publish because they contain no element of news, are discussing to many innocent people, and their publication could serve no good purpose.

Sometimes the editor is criticised for his forbearance, but at least some of his critics do not stop to remember that possibly the paper is just as forbearing regarding an incident or two of their own lives.

There are many things to be considered before putting it in cold type.

W. M. Cooly was in Wednesday and ordered cards for distribution during his campaign for County Representative. Mr. Cooly is a might fine fellow and believes in doing things right. He will appreciate your support at the election November 2nd.

John Irsick and Joe Kimminau were in Tuesday and renewed their subscriptions to The Clipper for another year, for which they have our thanks.

FOUND-Automobile Tire. Rim and Cover on Cannon Ball Road east of Cunningham. Owner can get same at the Clipper Office by proving property and paying for this notice and trouble.

Ollie Renner motored to Wichita Sunday and visited the wheat show

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Thanks for recycling The Courier on October 19th




YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

William E. Bradley, Editor

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until Tuesday evening. George Hart was home over Sunday from Southwestern College at Winfield. He returned Monday morning. Well, it is about time you got busy and clean up that back yard and alley. The marshall is going around telling you that you must clean up. Better get busy and get it done. The family of F. B. Sellon are quarantined for scarlet fever. Every precaution should be taken to prevent the further spread of this dreaded disease.

Maud Doin's John Sternecker has been having bad luck with his broken leg. Dr. Morton took him to Kingman Tuesday and re-set it. Jessie and John Vermillion were absent from school Monday. Marie and Anna Sternecker started to school Monday morning. Ethel Mercer, Marie Hellar, and Marie Sternecker were absent a few days last week. Ray Nehr fixed the school phone which has been out of commission for several days.

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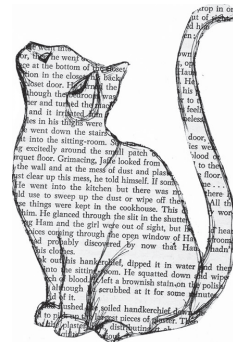
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These delightful flakes are made of the finest white Indian Corn, steam-cooked, daintily seasoned, rolled and toasted—crisp and golden-brown.

Post Toasties reach you fresh and delicious, perfectly protected and ready to eat. They are mighty good with milk or cream, or with any kind of fruit.

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—sold by Grocers everywhere.



Meanderings

"In fourteen hundred ninety-two Columbus sailed the ocean blue. He had three ships and left from Spain; He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain. He sailed by night; he sailed by day; He used the stars to find his way. A compass also helped him know How to find the way to go." Children's poem used to teach about Columbus.

I think this column is going to be a meandering about Columbus. Which is fitting as he was a meanderer as well. He SEEMED to know where he was going, but he really didn't, he was a good faker.

Most of the information here is 'stuff' we know. Others came from meandering around the world wide web. History.com, wikipedia, and britannica.com.

I saw a joke on Facebook this week, something along the lines that Columbus was rescued by Native Americans while sailing lost in the ocean.

Monday, of this week was the federal holiday to commemorate Christopher Columbus's initial landing on the shores of the Caribbean islands. I have friends and they eschew Columbus and promote Indigenous People Day, and from what I have read about Columbus, I suspect he wouldn't like to know he was honored for "discovering America".

Columbus Day was first federally recognized in 1934 after heavy lobbying by the Knights of Columbus. Although it finally became a federal holiday in 1968, many states do not recognize it as a state holiday.

In 1992, the 500th year after Columbus's landing, I was teaching 4th grade. I planned several activities for this day. Two I actually remember. I took the students to the playground and, we measured out the size of the ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. They were surprisingly small.

The other activity included food and a picnic, so, of course, I remember it. The class was divided into two groups. One group was to bring, for the picnic, foods Columbus or some other European explorer brought over here, and the other group brought foods native to the Americas.

It was very interesting and fun. No, I don't remember what food were brought by which group. I could do some research tonight, and give you an idea, but it is 11:30, and I have my jammies on. (Another advantage to having my office at home. Disadvantage: my

Skippy Jones is distracting me with her snoring in the office chair. I think she's doing it on purpose because I booted her off the desk because she kept blocking this monitor.)

Columbus was not a nice person. He was a mess. He tortured and enslaved the native people in his quest for gold and spices. He treated his men abysmally. In one instance, he promised a reward to the first man to sight land. When Rodrigo de Triana called out that he spotted land on October 12, Ol' Chris said he'd seen a light there first. He kept the reward for himself. (I'm sure it was gold or silver)

Columbus was finally arrested for poor management of the colony (and a host of other charges) during his third voyage and sent back to Spain in chains. Although the captain of the sailing vessel transporting him, ordered the chains removed, Columbus, in all his stubbornness, refused.

He was a mess. I have read several books about Columbus (yes, they were books for kids). My favorite, written by favorite author, Jean Fritz, is "Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?" Ms. Fritz was a researcher extraordinaire, and she covered her subject well.

I also read Michael Dorris' "Morning Girl", I really enjoyed reading the story of a young girl watching the approaching ships and her observations of the men who came to her island to disrupt their lives.

Jane Yolen's picture book, "Encounter", illustrated by David Shannon is a first-person account of a young Taino youth and how he escaped a kidnapping by Columbus and his men.

Columbus never would admit, or want to hear, that he discovered a new land for Spain. He maintained, until he died a disappointed and bitter man, that he had reached the East Indies.

So while Amerigo Vespucci was exploring and creating maps of this world, Christopher was whining and complaining the East Indies were right there. Amerigo got the land named after him, Columbus got a holiday. I don't believe he even deserved that.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Bone Tree" by Greg Iles Roberta

"Gold is a treasure, and he who possesses it does all he wishes to in this world, and succeeds in helping souls into paradise."— Christopher Columbus

"As an explorer Columbus was mediocre at best. He knew less about the sea than did the average sailor on his ships, could never determine the latitude and longitude of his discoveries, mistook islands for vast continents, and treated his crew badly. But in one area he was a genius: He knew how to sell himself."

— Robert Greene, The 48 Laws of Power

Rebates Totaling \$10 Million Now Available to Fund School Buses that Reduce Diesel Emissions and Protect Children's Health

WASHINGTON The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in celebration of Children's Health Month, announced the availability of approximately \$10 million in rebates to public school bus fleet owners for replacing older school buses, helping improve air quality in communities and better

protect children's health. From 2017-2020, more than \$32 million is expected to be awarded, helping to replace or retrofit more than 1,700 school buses across the country.

"The Trump Administration is improving school bus fleets across the country with retrofits, replacements, and idle reduction practices. These improvements are critical to meeting the Agency's goal of reducing children's exposure to air toxics," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "This DERA funding reflects our ongoing commitment to ensure children live, learn, and play in healthy and clean environments."

New diesel engines meeting EPA standards

are more than 90% cleaner than older ones. Many older diesel engines that predate these standards, however, are still in operation. Older diesel engines emit large quantities of pollutants such as particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), pollutants which have been linked to serious health problems such as aggravated asthma and lung damage.

Every year, the nation's 450,000 public school buses travel more than 4.3 billion miles transporting students to and from school and other activities, providing the safest transportation for nearly 24 million American schoolchildren. However, exhaust from diesel buses can harm health, especially

in children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed. This is the eighth rebate program to fund cleaner school buses offered under Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) appropriations. The rebate program has funded vehicle replacements or retrofits for over 2,000 school buses to date.

EPA is accepting applications until October 30, 2020. Questions about applying may be directed to DERA@epa.gov.

To learn more about the rebate program, applicant eligibility, selection process, available technologies, and informational webinar dates, visit www.epa.gov/dera/rebates.



Kansas 4-H Specialist Urges Youth to 'Check It Out'

State's largest youth development program begins new year

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Beth Hinshaw thinks the Kansas 4-H program has a pretty good thing going. It's why she spends a lot of her time these days encouraging youngsters and their families to get involved.

"It is a new 4-H year," said Hinshaw, the Kansas

4-H youth development specialist for southeast Kansas. "So, this is the time of year when people visit 4-H and make their decisions about joining their local club."

In Kansas, more than 86,000 youth and their families participated in a variety of 4-H programs in 2019. Hinshaw notes that many of those are drawn to the program by one or more of the nearly three dozen project areas that 4-H offers.

"We're proud of the project work that our young people do because they really allow a young person to find their spark...around some kind of subject matter, and go all-in learning about that," Hinshaw said. "A lot of times that will bring a family to 4-H. They have a child that has such a great in-

terest in something and they've heard 4-H is a place where they can learn more about it.

The program is open to youth ages 7 to 18. There are more than 707 4-H clubs in Kansas, including at least one in every county. Hinshaw notes that in addition to pursuing their project interests, youth build such life skills as leadership, communications, making responsible decisions, growing citizenship skills, developing connections, and more — according to a 2016 survey of 2,600 Kansas youth.

Hinshaw urges youth and families to learn more about the program by contacting their local 4-H club leader, or their local K-State Research and Extension agent.

"We want all young

people to find a place and find ways to learn in the Kansas 4-H program," Hinshaw said. "We have skills for young people that are going to last for their lifetime and we hope that they will come and check it out."

Links used in this story

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, www.kansas4-h.org

4-H Grows Here (survey), https://www.kansas4-h.org/docs/State_Impact_Report.pdf

K-State Research and Extension local offices, <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/stateandareamaps.html>

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Election Day Trivia

Why a Tuesday in November? In 1792, law officially designated this day as Election Day each year because this guaranteed that no more than 34 days could pass between

the first Wednesday in December, which is when the Electoral College met to vote on the President and Vice President. An early November date was also considered a wise idea because it enabled more voters to go to the polls. Back then, most Americans were farmers,

so this date ensured that farmers weren't trying to find time to vote during the busy harvest season but the date wasn't so late in the year that voters needed to battle winter storms while they walked, rode horses, or drove buggies to the polls.

Prison Votes? Felons in both Maine and Vermont are allowed to vote and have been allowed since those states were founded in 1820 and 1872, respectively.

(farmersalmanac.com)

Libraries -- call to verify openings/restrictions			
<p>Cunningham Public Library Monday - Wednesday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Closed Fridays, Saturdays, & Holidays 298-3163</p>	<p>Zenda Public Library Hours Monday & Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 620-243-5791</p>	<p>Kingman Carnegie Library 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays</p>

Cunningham Blanks Skyline

On Thursday, October 8, 2020, the Cunningham JH football team traveled to Pratt to take on league rival Skyline and came away with a convincing 45-0 victory. The Wildcats took the opening kickoff and on the first play from scrimmage Wylan Betzen would break through the heart of the T-Bird defense and would race down inside the five before getting tackled, from there Dagim Reed would finish it off with a 3 yard run for a touchdown, Reed would also run in the two point conversion and Cunningham had an early 8-0 lead. Skyline would sustain a nice drive on their first possession and would chew up most of the remainder of the first quarter, but the drive would stall and the Wildcats would take over. Early in the second quarter Will Wegerer would connect on a pass to Wylan Betzen and he would take it into the end zone for a 50 yard TD pass, this time the Wildcats would fail on the PAT, Wildcats 14, Skyline 0. Again Skyline would move the ball on Cunningham while running time off the clock, but Cunningham would get the ball back with just under a minute to go. Just two plays later Dagim Reed would follow some good blocking and race 36 yards for another touchdown

with just 20 seconds left on the clock before half, Reed would again run in the two point conversion and Cunningham would lead 22-0 at the half. The Wildcats pinned the T-birds deep in their own territory to start the second half and would force a punt from inside their own end zone, Reed again would display his abilities as he raced through the line and was able to block the punt and the ball sailed out of the back of the end zone for a safety moving the score to 24-0. After the ensuing free kick, the Wildcats would set up shop at the mid field line, from there Reed would score his third touchdown of the night on a 40 yard run, he also tacked on the two point conversion and the Wildcats led 32-0. Will Wegerer would get into the third quarter scoring when he would scramble in from 8 yards out for another Cunningham touchdown, this time Reed would kick the extra point to extend the lead to 39-0. Lucas Hageman would then put the finishing touches on the game when he would race in for a 9 yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter, ending the game do to the 45 point mercy rule. The win moved the Wildcats record to 4-0 on the season.

-Coach Bart Ricke



Above left: Wylan Betzen

Above: Trent Schnittker puts pressure on Skyline quarterback

Left: Dagim Reed plows through Skyline defense

Lower left: Wildcat defense



Molly Morgan photos

Junior High Volleyball Action Shots from Skyline



Above: Ava Bock
Middle: Ellie McGuire
Right: Kyra Morgan



Molly Morgan photos

Cunningham Junior High Cheer Squad



Molly Morgan photos

Elizabeth Paris, Ellie McGuire, Ava Bock, Macy Neufeld, Grace Hageman, Emily Ogg (not pictured: Brynn Wyatt)

Lady Wildcats

Saturday Sweep for Lady Cats

After a two week drought, the Lady Cats were finally back on their home court for a Saturday, October 10, 2020 triangular with Little River and Medicine Lodge and a make-up match with Norwich. And man did it feel good!

Cunningham was ready for the action and made quick work of the Indians at 25-15; 25-19. Although the ladies looked a bit rusty (no wonder!) at the beginning, they soon had a smooth running operation. Well, almost smooth! Serving was a little off with too many balls served out of bounds. Placement serves work well, but not if they are out! Overall, though, for the first match in weeks, the operation was pretty much in sync. Reese and Madison McGuire had three and four consecutive serves in set one and Madison continued with three in a row in set two.

The second match was tougher competition with Little River Redskins. But sometimes, warm up is deceiving, especially if one never sees the opposing team passing the ball. Reese McGuire opened our service with five successive points and Taylor Schultz added 3 more successive points to bring the score to 11-6. Then

we had a bit of a blip and allowed the Redskins to score six points. Giving credit where it is due, the Redskins were a very competitive team. We just could not finish the point either because of a poor pass or miss communication or simply good defense/offense from the opponents. Finally earning a side-out, it would take a couple rotations before we could score which was accomplished under the serving from Morgan Meyers as she placed four nice serves for an 18-15 lead. But the set was far from over and we went three more rotations, one in which we allowed the Redskins to score another four in a row, before we could get some more points. At 21-21, Taylor Schultz stepped to the line and popped the remaining three serves in a row for the win at 25-21.

Set two was another close game between the Cats and Redskins. This set was a battle of scoring the most on side-out points. Cunningham went an entire rotation before we scored more than one point. At 8 to 8, Morgan Meyers placed five in a row to give the Cats a 13-9 lead. During the next five rotations, Cunningham scored three of their points from serves and five of their points from side-outs (I think we need to get this corrected quickly!).

Morgan Meyers was once again at the service line with the score being 22-20. With another three in a row, the set and match ended with the Lady Cats earning the W at 25-20.

The third match of the afternoon was with the Norwich Eagles. Again, the Lady Cats started off slow in the serving arena with only one point scored on our serves through five rotations. The good news with that was that Norwich was not fairing any better! Morgan Meyers, server number 6, put four in a row together to give the Cats an 11-6 lead. At 15-10, Cunningham let their guard down a bit and seemed to be on the struggle bus receiving and completing a point, thus allowing Norwich to gain seven unanswered points. For the first time in the set, CHS was trailing 16-18. Maddison Panek pounded two which tied the score at 19. Forcing the side-out, Morgan Meyers found herself once again in the serving position and scored three for a 23-21 lead. Norwich would score one more time and with their last side-out, CHS earned point 25 for the W at 25-22.

Set two was better for the Lady Cats. For the final match victory of the day at 25-17, CHS had many less service errors and put the pressure on the Eagles. With each



Morgan Meyers



Maddi Panek



Kendra Morgan



Alayna McGuire

serve, the Cats began to really settle in and play their game. Madison McGuire served four in a row; Alayna McGuire added four fabulous serves and Maddison Panek served five consecutive points.

It is difficult to put

into words what this day meant to our team. It was so much fun to see these ladies back on the court doing what they enjoy and doing it well. It takes a bunch of mental toughness for these student athletes to overcome the challenges that

have been thrown at us during this 2020 season. They proved that they are tough and that the hard work that we have been doing will pay off. ALL OUT!!!! Everyday----practice and matches----ALL OUT!

by Coach Nadine Hope

Wildcats Take Out Weskan Coyotes



When small communities use their resources for a common goal, things get done. The Cunningham Wildcats met up with the Weskan Coyotes in Ness City on Friday, October 9 at 2:30 in the afternoon to play some football. Ness City hosted Weskan vs Cunningham to help out two teams on about 48 hours notice so that both could fill an empty Friday

without either needing to make a last-minute 4-hour trip. We traded Friday Night Lights for Friday Afternoon 90° Sunshine and were just thankful to be there!

The Wildcats struck first on the third play of the game with a 35 yd touchdown run by Daylen Schnittker. After stopping the Coyotes on downs, Lane Halderson had a great catch setting us up for another rushing score from Schnittker, this time from 40 yards out. On Weskan's first

play of their next drive Luke McGuire tipped a pass and Trey DeWeese grabbed it for an interception. The Wildcats could not capitalize on the next set of downs, but our defense held Weskan 4 straight downs to get the ball back again.

The second quarter started with three straight runs, which had the Wildcats with possession and the ball on the 1 yard line. Daylen punched the ball in for a score. Weskan scored on the next drive to bring the

game to 18-8. The rest of the second quarter had both teams turn the ball over on downs once and the Wildcats fumbling inside the ten yard line.

This team has believed all year that the 3rd quarter is our quarter. After a somewhat sloppy 2nd quarter, we started the 3rd on defense, but on the second play of the half Daylen intercepted a pass and soon rumbled another 41 yards to put the Cats up 24 to 8. Luke rushed for the extra point to bring us to 25 to 8. The

Coyotes were stopped on downs in four straight plays, and Luke McGuire rushed for a 41 yard TD on the first play of the next series. DeWeese completed the extra point pass to Lane Halderson for a 32 to 8 lead. Daylen got a big sack to end the Coyotes next drive. The Wildcats did have to punt once in the 3rd, but we had momentum on our side.

DeWeese made a diving interception in the 4th, then completed a pass to Schnittker and

followed that with a 16 yard TD strike to Luke to push the lead to 38-8. Weskan got on the board again with a TD and extra point to bring the score to 38-16. The Cats were not done scoring yet. After rushing down to the 1 yard line, DeWeese hooked up with Nathan Lohrke for a 1 yard touchdown. Luke tacked on a rushing extra point for the final score of 45-16.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Weskan	Lane	Trey	Daylen	Luke	Jack	Isaiah
Tackles	9	5	5	4	2	0
Assists	1				1	1
	1 Int	2 Int	1 Sack	Caused 1 Int	1 Sack	
		Daylen	Luke	Lane	Nathan	Team
Rushing	Att	12	18			30
	Yds	148	90			238
	TD	4	1			5
	XPT	0	2			2
Receiving	Rec	1	2	3	3	9
	Yds	13	32	42	19	106
	TD	0	1	0	1	2
	XPT	0	0	1	0	1
		Trey	Luke			
Passing	Att	11	3			14
	Comp	9	0			9
	Yds	106	0			106
	TD	2	0			2
	XPT	1	0			1

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Henry placed 13th at the Burrton invite running a 21:11 on a 3.2 mile race with a lot of twists and turns. He ran a great race and earned a medal for finishing in the top 15. Henry continues to work hard and he shows mental toughness while trying to heal a nagging shin splint.

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Ways to Capture the Marketing Value on Calves

K-State experts offer advice on how to maximize the return on investment

MANHATTAN, Kan. — When putting money in the stock market, there is nothing like the feeling of watching a return on investment grow.

The same can be true when cattle producers are financially rewarded at the point of sale for their time and money

invested in pre-conditioning calves. But as the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute recently shared on a Cattle Chat podcast, that value can vary greatly.

“The most profitable cattle producers find ways to add value to their animals by selecting good genetics, following health protocols and then telling people about how those calves were raised,” said veterinarian Bob Larson, adding that the average sale price is

one of the biggest drivers of profitability.

K-State Research and Extension beef specialist Bob Weaber stressed the importance of using quality genetics to optimize the cow investment and maximize the performance of the calves, especially when considering retained ownership past weaning.

“Producers who make good breeding decisions can typically capture more value the longer they own the calves through either the stocker

phase, or partnering on them through the animal’s time in the feedlot,” Weaber said.

To determine the best marketing plan for the operation, the experts advise producers spend time analyzing the costs against the profit potential.

“It is important to look at the costs versus the benefits to know when the right marketing endpoint will be for the calves and what makes the most sense for the operation,” said veteri-

narian Brad White.

Once the marketing endpoint is determined, Weaber said it is important to communicate all the information about the calves to prospective buyers.

“Spend time on marketing. Telling prospective buyers about the genetics and how the calves were cared for will increase their confidence in the calves and raise the value of the calves to the buyer,” Weaber said.

To hear the full discussion on maximizing

the value on calves, listen to the BCI Cattle Chat podcast.

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Wheat Scoop: 2019/2020 MYA Prices Set, Triggering PLC Payments for Kansas Wheat Farmers

Support from the farm safety net should be hitting farmers’ mailboxes or accounts soon now that final marketing year average (MYA) prices are set for wheat, corn, sorghum and soybeans. These prices are an important piece of determining the payment rates under the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Agricultural Risk

Coverage (ARC) programs.

“With the release of the “Agricultural Prices” report by USDA on September 30, the 2019/2020 MYA prices are now final,” reported Rich Llewellyn and Art Barnaby in a publication issued by the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics. “The wheat price was finalized last month, at \$4.58, with a corresponding PLC payment of \$0.92 per bushel. These payments will be received later this month.”

A PLC payment is issued when the effective price is less than the ref-

erence price. The reference price is currently set at \$5.50, while the effective price is determined by either the national average loan rate or the MYA price, whichever is higher. The difference between the effective price and the reference price sets the payment rate.

For the 2019/2020 wheat crop, the difference between the \$5.50 reference price and the MYA price of \$4.58 generated the \$0.92 per bushel payment rate. K-State also released estimates for the MYA price for the 2020/2021 wheat crop. At \$4.76, a PLC payment of \$0.74 per bushel would be issued in October 2021.

According to K-State, to calculate total expected payment, farmers

should multiply the PLC payment rate by their farm PLC yield. Then, multiply that total by 85 percent of base acres. The result is the total expected PLC payment for that farm.

ARC-CO payments are also influenced by the MYA price, but these payment rates are triggered based on county level revenue and yield data, rather than a national reference price. When actual county revenue falls below a crop’s guarantee for the program, a payment is triggered.

Benchmark revenue is calculated using a five-year Olympic average, meaning the highest and lowest values are excluded, multiplied by the five-year Olympic average county yield. That

figure is then multiplied by 86 percent, setting the ARC-CO guarantee.

Actual crop revenue is then determined by multiplying the county yield by the MYA price. If this calculation falls below the ARC-CO guarantee, a payment is triggered based on the difference between benchmark revenue and actual crop revenue. Farmers would receive a payment equal to that difference multiplied by 85 percent of base acres for that commodity. One additional note, payments cannot exceed 10 percent of the ARC-CO benchmark revenue.

K-State estimated wheat needs a MYA price below \$4.87 to generate an ARC payment. Barnaby and Robin Reid updated interactive maps

for Kansas in July to show projected county-level payments under the ARC-CO program, which can be found on the AgManager website at <https://agmanager.info/ag-policy/20192020-arc-county-projections/20192020-kansas-arc-county-projections>.

The USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) signaled it would start processing both PLC and ARC payments as early as this week, meaning farmers should see those payments rolling in - either via direct deposit or physical check - in the near future. Stay up-to-date on all updates to these programs at [AgManager.info](https://agmanager.info).

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Spare Trees and Shrubs Pruning Until Next Spring

Woody plants are storing energy reserves for winter, says K-State’s Upham

MANHATTAN, Kan. — While there may be some temptation to shape up trees and shrubs this fall, Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham says that work is best left to next spring.

“Woody plants move sugars and other materials from the leaves to storage places in the woody portions of the plant just prior to the leaves falling,” Upham

said. “We would like to maximize those stored energy reserves, so pruning trees and shrubs right now is not advised.”

Upham noted published work that indicates woody plants are less likely to be winter-hardy when pruned in the fall.

“Light pruning and removing dead wood are fine this time of year, but you may want to delay severe pruning until spring,” he said.

“Light” pruning means 10% or less of the plant is removed (not counting dead wood). “Keep in mind that even light pruning of spring-blooming shrubs such as lilac and forsythia will reduce flowers next year,” Upham said. “We

normally recommend that spring-bloomers be pruned after flowering.”

He added that shrubs often differ in how severely they can be cut back. For example, junipers do not break buds from within the plant and should be trimmed lightly if you want the shrub to keep its full shape. Otherwise, he notes, overgrown junipers should be removed.

“On the other hand, there are certain shrubs that can be pruned back severely in the spring,” Upham said. “The most severe type of pruning is called rejuvenation, and may be used on multi-stem shrubs that have become too large and with too many branches to jus-

tify saving the younger canes.”

Some of the shrubs that fall into this category include spirea, forsythia, pyracantha, ninebark, Russian almond, sweet mock orange, shrub roses and flowering quince.

“Just remember that spring is the correct time for severe pruning,” Upham said. “Not now.”

Upham and his colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons

can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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Alan's Ideas

With this column, I’ve included a picture of the Democratic yard signs that have been put up in Cunningham. From seeing all the Trump yard signs in our town, you might assume that everyone here is a Trump supporter.

The truth is much different than that. Nearly all Democratic yard signs

have been vandalized or stolen in the first night after placement. When a lady from Kingman dropped off the Biden and Bollier signs, she warned me. In most of Western Kansas the Democratic signs are being destroyed by nighttime vandals. I told her I thought Cunningham was better than that. I guess I



was wrong. It seems to me that Trump supporters’ freedom to spread disease is more important than others’ constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression.

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-Alan Albers
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We would like to encourage public participation and comment at this meeting. For further information, please email kingmancountyfair@gmail.com.

Current Fair Association Board of Directors and the year their term expires are as follows:

- Keith Baringer - 2021
- Susan Williams - 2021
- Kristen Gonzales - 2021
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The Kingman County Fair Association Board will help plan and make decisions that will unite people together to build an annual event. We will showcase the positive attributes of Kingman County 4-H programs, businesses, community organizations, and people of all ages that will embrace activities to encourage more participation in the future.

Submitted by: Leslie Schrag, Secretary/Treasurer

Kingman County Fair Association

Just a Bit More Election Trivia

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Jay Mavity

Jay F. Mavity, 85, died at the Hilltop Manor in Cunningham on Oct. 12, 2020.

He was born Sept. 8, 1935, in Norcater, Kansas the son of Joseph and Edyth Ward Mavity. A longtime Cunningham resident, he was a retired Senior Master Sgt. in the United States Air Force.

Jay was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Lions Club, and Carter-Luce American Legion Post 444, all of Cunningham.

He was married to Lou Mavity and to that union he was father to Mark Mavity and wife Maria and Joe Mavity. On Nov. 13, 1999, he married Marilyn Fitzsimmons in Cunningham and inherited son Dennis Fitzsimmons and fiancé' Kristi, daughters Leann McNerny and Barb Glenn and husband Scott. Other survivors include a brother Fay; a sister Judy Eilts; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. on Friday, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Burial with military rites will be at the Maud Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the UMC 4C Childcare and Cunningham Community Foodbank, both in care of the funeral home.

It is a Blue Sapphire Anniversary for Geneva and Paul Theis



Paul and Geneva (Albers) Theis were married on October 17, 1955, at St. Leo, KS. They have been married for 65 years. Most of those 65 years have been spent farming in the St. Leo community.

They have four children, Deb (Dean) Simon, Donna (Steve) Simon, Roger (Laurie) and Alan (Jana).

In addition, they have seven grandchildren, Scott (Stephanie) Simon, Kelley (Sarah) Simon, Doug (Ritchey) Simon, Annie (Jeremy) Machain, Laurie Theis, Shea (Ryan) Lunt, and Brooke (Wojciech) Borysiewicz.

Last, but not the least, they have nine great-grandchildren, Shay Simon, Scarlett Simon, Lane Simon, Juniper Lunt, Kinsley Machain, Lena Borysiewicz, Eric Simon, Clementine Lunt, and Lucas Simon.

photos and story submitted by Deb Simon

"Marriage is the beginning of an everlasting melody of love."

— Debasish Mridha, MD

Work Day

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Strohl, Kandi Neufeld, and Megan Osner for pulling weeds. The sand volleyball courts got a facelift with all new ropes, new paint on the poles and surrounding fence posts, and a repair to the east net - thank you to Brent and Rylee Miller, Roger and Caleb Panek, Keith Neufeld, Carol Freund, and Ellie McGuire. The dugouts at the baseball field got an update with the fence at the end removed, which allows entering the dugout without going onto the field. This will be especially helpful to keep our t-ballers safe. Thanks to Randy, Lance, Brent, and probably some others that I missed there. Many kids pitched in here and there as needed and played taxi service to run people and materials around the park. We are grateful for all the hard work done! We also took some time at the end of the day to enjoy the park with hot dogs, sand volleyball, football, more playing at the playground, and just relaxing and visiting. We are so lucky to have a beautiful park and people who care about it!

story submitted by Shawna Sterneker



Sheena Albers and Kandi Neufeld



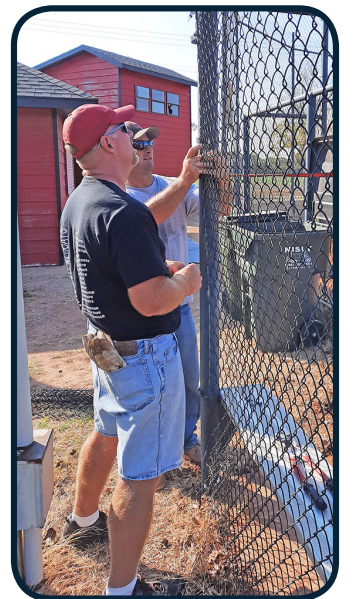
Up it goes!



Brent Miller and Rylee Miller setting new ropes.



"Dump it! Dump it! Dump it!"



Lance McGuire and Randy Thimesch working on the dugouts



Caleb Panek and Ellie McGuire painting.



The sand spreaders: Elsie Ruckle, Linux Thimesch, Rhett Albers, Jalynn McGuire, Parker Miller, Carly McGuire, and Everett Ruckle.

photos provided by Amy McGuire and Shawna Sterneker



Left: Carol Freund paints the volleyball net. Above: Diane Wegerer and Rita Strohl digging weeds

Happy Birthday, Aabel Quinones and Brianna Hook



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