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USD 331 School Board to Meet Wednesday

AGENDA

- Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- 7:00 p.m.
- 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS
- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda (AI)
- Guest Recognition
- Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2021, regular meeting (AI)
- Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
- Old business
- Building project
- Reports
- Superintendent Report – Mr. Reed
- Principal Report-Cody
- Special Education Report – Joyce Gridley
- Executive Session- Non-elected personnel
- New Business
- Approve Cleaning Service
- Approve Bus lease
- Approve Position(s)
- Approve Resignation
- Adjournment

City Council Minutes from October Meeting

October 25, 2021

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Tim Schultz, Craig Woodard, and Karl Vierthaler; Mayor, Aaron Murphy; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee, and City Attorney, Greg Graffman.

Guests: Roberta Kobbe for the Cunningham Courier, Erik Paris, Levi Adelhardt, and Christine Cannon.

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

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes – Motion by Schultz, second by Vierthaler, to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 regular meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

No public comments.

Leak forgiveness letter – Motion by

Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve a September water charge of \$50.00 for 225 N. Main. Motion carried, 4/0.

Playground Lighting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to have Mesa re-wire the lighting at the playground in the park. Motion carried, 4/0.

Football Field – Mayor Murphy reported that the grass has died in many places on the football field. Council asked the City Superintendent to aerate and seed the field. Council also discussed the need to keep vehicles off the field.

Maintenance Report – City Superintendent, Mesa, gave the maintenance report. The report including the following updates: *Water Tower inspection is complete. Central Tank Coatings sent an inspection report with all conditions listed as “Good.” *Mayer Specialty Services will inspect sewer lines the week of November 16th. *Layne Christensen Company is putting together an estimate for repairs to the floor of Well No. 2. *On September 28th there was a water main break repaired. No locator wire resulted in water main being hit while resident was digging.

*Well No. 3 was vandalized on October 1st. Mesa recommended consideration of enclosing the area around the well. KDHE was notified. *A new leaf blower would need to be purchased before next spring. *Old air compressor will be removed from the shop to make room for new compressor. *A new burn pit will need to be dug soon. *Mesa will contact Charlie to discuss sludge levels and dredging. *Mesa asked the Council to consider adding storage areas of equipment for security purposes. *Mesa now uses his phone instead of the Verizon tablet to read water meters. He reported that his phone seemed to get a better signal than the older tablet.

Motion by Vierthaler, second by Woodard, to cancel the service for the tablet on Verizon. Motion carried, 4/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Vierthaler, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for November 22nd, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 22nd, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

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

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Rob Frampton, Expo Center and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Commissioner Foley would like to give an update on the individual who owes for road damage.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of windfarm discussion. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved

upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any public comments.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that tax statements are delayed due to a printing issue and they should go out later this week or first of next week.

Also, they are available online and can be paid online or taxpayers can come in now to pay or get their totals.

Ms. Luntsford asked if overtime would be approved if needed for tax time and Commissioners approved overtime if needed.

Commissioner Foley let the Commissioners know that he talked with the landowner that had done damage to a county road and he was suppose to get on the agenda which he did not.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed with the Commissioners about Nextlink continuing to move further down the road to be able to add landowners.

Chairman Henning discussed the steps and who had all looked at the steps.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to put out for bid the step repair on December 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a COVID update for the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go

into executive session at 9:18 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:37 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:37 with no decision made.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in to let the Commissioners know that he has been out spraying bindweed and small trees; took remainder of household hazardous waste to Pratt; winterizing equipment and pulling maintenance; preparing bid for chemicals and continuing training and looking and spraying musk thistle.

Mr. Wimer presented chemical bid information to the Commissioners for next year.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Rob Frampton, Expo Center was in for Mendi Frampton to request the purchase of a new chute from WW in the amount of \$3,450.00.

Chairman Henning discussed the working of the arena with Mr. Frampton.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a new roping chute from WW in the amount of \$3,450.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Linda Langley, Internal Auditor were in to discuss the ARPA funding.

Chairman Henning discussed that the ARPA money should be used to benefit all the taxpayers in the county.

Commissioners agreed that the ARPA funding should be used for projects that will benefit the whole county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into

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Tyler Antenen, PA-C
Family Medicine

Welcome!



Colby Shinkle, PA-C
Emergency Medicine



Meanderings

Readers, Cunningham lost another treasured citizen this week. Dwayne Elliot was known by just about everyone in town through many generations. He was a good man, and he will be missed.

I have one very clear memory of Mr. Elliot... It's an old memory... almost 1/2 a century old.

I was 15 or 16 years old and waiting tables at Mary's Hiway Café. It was July. A very hot-harvest-weather afternoon. Since there wasn't a soul in the place, Mary had me mopping the floor. I was there behind the counter when Dwayne walks in the door and heads for the coffee table there at the front of the restaurant. "Bert, I need a cup of coffee."

Not yet being a coffee drinker myself, I asked him why he'd drink coffee on such an incredibly hot day. Without missing a beat he said, "Hot on

the inside, cool on the outside."

As I set his coffee cup (and saucer and spoon) down in front of him I asked, "So why do you drink coffee on cold winter days?"

He laughed. "Hot on the inside, hot on the outside, and quit asking so many questions."

There we have it, no doubt the reason I'm such a crummy journalist. I was told to quit asking questions one too many times by customers at the café.

To the Elliot family, I want you to know I admired Dwayne a great deal and I want to extend my "from-the-bottom-of-my-heart" condolences to all of you.

Now that I have you all smiling and recalling your own memories of Dwayne and other friends, I will write two words that will have you frowning.

Grocery Shopping

Did you groan? I know I did. I once enjoyed going to the grocery store and browsing the aisles. Now I despise shopping for groceries. It is less of an onerous task if I can bump into folks I know, visit a bit, break up the monotony.

I thought possibly 'grocery' had a negative

meaning when it was first used. You know, something like, "an adult's lifetime chore of boredom and ennui."

Here's what Merriam Webster says about the history of the word:

"The history of grocery begins with a dealer who sold by the gross—that is, in large quantities at discounted retail prices. A grocer in medieval England was a wholesaler, and the name is derived from an Anglo-French word having the same meaning, groser. Grocer gained widespread use during the 14th century when a group of wholesale dealers in spices and foreign produce came together to form the Company of Grocers of London, which now exists as the Worshipful Company of Grocers—a charitable and ceremonial organization in London.

In time, the name grocer came to refer to a trader who dealt in staple foodstuffs—like tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, and flour—that were sold in amounts measured for personal consumption. By the 19th century, the grocer could apply for a license to sell beer, wine, and spirits—which more than likely riled the keepers of inns and taverns.

The first known use of

the word grocery was in the 15th century, and it referred to the goods sold by a grocer.

Wee bene ageyne charged wyth merceyre, Haburdasshere ware, and wyth grocerye.

— Libel of English Policy, 1436

In 17th-century American English, the word was naturally extended as a name for the stores that sell groceries.

There's still in store some shirts, women's hose, and some bales of coarse cloth, with a parcel of hats and shoes; the best wares are disbursed for provisions ... many of which were sold by me for Wampum ..., in small quantities, so that the store might well be called a grocery.

— Garrett van Sweringen, letter, 1659

Perhaps influenced by the grocer's license to sell alcohol, grocery also became a 19th-century designation for a barroom.

Almost all the roads leading to a town in America are full of houses on their sides, called "taverns," or "liquor," "beer and cake," or "grocery," stores.

— Joseph Pickering, Inquiries of an Emigrant, 1832

Mr. Jarboe was aroused from his reverie on the closing of the

grocery.

—Samuel Hammett, Piney Woods Tavern, 1858

This use of the word faded away by the mid-20th century while grocery referring to a store got supersized.

By the end of the century, grocery store chains began to emerge, and in 1913 a firm in the state of Montana patented groceteria (based on cafeteria) for a self-service grocery store in which shoppers picked items themselves. The concept of the groceteria was fully realized a few years later and revolutionized the grocery store business. Previously, shoppers used to ask for or provide the grocer with a list of items they wanted to purchase and then waited for their order; now the items were picked and chosen by the shoppers of the grocery store and brought to the store's clerk.

This new grocery store was the precursor to the supermarket, which began popping up across the United States in the 1930s. It should be noted that across the pond establishments called superstores—large supermarkets or department stores—were in business almost two decades prior to the American super-

market. The British were apparently first to give a name to a large-scale food retailing store but not to a store offering several lines of non-food merchandise: the department store originated in America during the late 19th century."

Well, there you have it, just a bit of history snuck into my meanderings. I do enjoy learning the etymology of words. Many words change so much from when they began to how they are used today.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Madness of Crowds" by Louie Penny, Roberta

"Sometimes I wonder how normal normal people are, and I wonder that most in the grocery store."

— Elizabeth Moon, The Speed of Dark

"when people died, they didn't go away. They were very much alive in the minds, in the hearts, in the vivid memories of those left behind.

— Louise Penny, The Madness of Crowds



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 16

By Beth Blasi 2021

Side Effects – These were the side effects I experienced. As they said, "everyone is different". Fortunately, I did not have any severe vomiting. I had intestinal issues the whole time that eventually made me feel nauseous during the first week, but taking the prescribed medication kept that in check. Weakness after the last couple sessions was frustrating.

Intestinal Issues – entire time - grumbling, gas, little reflux, nausea (no vomiting), inconsistent bowel movements, loose bowels, some diarrhea. I did finally steer away from dairy products. I think I missed listing TUMS as something to have on hand—I found these wonderful peppermint-flavored TUMS.

Altered taste and textures – immediately. Doritos were cardboard.

Lots of drinks left a terrible aftertaste. Even water tasted and felt nasty. Salt was neutralized – couldn't taste any salt. Potatoes always tasted good. Sweet items had a taste – had to add sugar to my oatmeal and other cereals. Meat, poultry, and fish had textures and usually taste that I could handle. But many times, I could eat several bites of something, and then it wasn't good anymore. My hubby got several half-eaten items from me. Celery was a good palate cleanser. Dark chocolate was too bitter but milk chocolate was okay.

Appetite – except for that first week after treatments, it seemed I still had an appetite even if it didn't taste all that good. I think I ate just searching for that item that tasted good and satisfied – does that make me a comfort food eater or just one that eats because I'm bored?

Body Odor – mainly the day after treatment. I think the stuff just oozes out. I was always glad to get in the shower.

Fatigue/muscle weakness – even early on, resting was a good thing. More treatments, more naps, more muscle fatigue. After the 5th treatment, anything physical

was an effort. Walking on a flat surface not so bad, but anything with an incline or stairs was very hard.

Hair Loss – Day 14 for hair on head – eyebrows and eyelashes were thinned, still some arm hair, arm-pits gone right after hair on head, leg hair took a couple more weeks (I had to shave a couple times), pubic hair thinned but didn't completely go away, stubble remained on my head.

Flushing – red face and neck. Didn't start until after the 2nd treatment. It came and went. Many times my face flushed the first couple days after treatment, then go away, only to reappear a week later and last at least a week, and then go away a couple days before the next treatment. After the last treatment, my face stayed flushed for several weeks. I just kept putting on more moisturizer as it always felt really dry.

Mouth sores – I experienced these only a couple times. I mixed a little baking soda and salt in a dish, and then added just a pinch to some water

to rinse my mouth. That seemed to help. But, my tongue seemed to always have a white coating that really messed up textures.

Sensitive teeth – Someone had mentioned to be careful brushing. I started using a sensitive toothpaste almost immediately and didn't have too much trouble with sensitivity.

Fingernails – Started about Treatment 3. They started hurting and feeling like they do when you smash one. Red spots started showing up under my nails and the nail itself changed colors. I was warned some people lose a nail or two, but fortunately I have not yet but a couple of them look and feel really bad. The doctor said it could be 6 months or so before they get back to normal. They hurt with pressure and water temps. After the last treatment, I finally had to ask my hubby to take care of handwashing any dishes – hmmm, that might just continue for a while....

Numbness in face, mouth, fingers, feet. The

face and mouth went along with the altered taste and there was always some numbness there. The fingers and feet didn't last long. I think they call it neuropathy.

Brown spots on skin (old age spots) – some of them turned quite red and tender. Then, the brown pigment on them started peeling off. So maybe a good side effect to be rid of the brown spots? I will be seeing a dermatologist when this is over.

Contacts and vision – I was able to continue wearing my contacts. There were a few times when my eyes just got gunky and I had to quit wearing them for a few days. A few times my vision was a little messed up, but usually resolved itself. After the last couple treatments, my eyes just water so I wear my contacts a few days and my glasses a few days. I gave up any makeup long ago.

Swollen ankles – no specific pattern – just would randomly wake up with swollen ankles.

Chemo brain – not sure I really experienced true "chemo brain" but

my mind did get pretty muddled and slow for a day or two at the end of those treatment weeks.

Life after Chemotherapy – Not completely sure what life after Chemo is going to be like. I know I will be taking an Estrogen inhibitor, Anastrozole (Arimedex), for 5 years beginning in December. The port-a-cath will stay in for a year or more and will need to be flushed every 3 months or so. I have weekly labs thru December and then I think those will be every 3 months. In the short term, we are following up on those other "areas of concern", the spot on my lung and hip areas. So, in December another CT scan and PET scan – another opportunity to glow in the dark! I also need to get my 2nd Shingles shot and a flu shot. I'm hoping by Thanksgiving and Christmas I'll be getting some hair back and getting stronger every day! OMG – then it will be 2022!

Next week – Lessons Learned and Insurance

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Thursday, December 2nd JH BB vs Stafford at HOME	Wednesday, December 8th 7:00 p.m. BOE Meeting
Friday, December 3rd HS BB at Minneola	Thursday, December 9th HS BB Falcon Classic at Fairfield ****
Monday, December 6th 7:00 p.m. PreK - 12 Christmas Music Concert	JH BB vs Central Christian at HOME
Tuesday, December 7th HCC apprenticeships for Juniors and Seniors ***** HS BB Falcon Classic at Fairfield **** Lions' Club	Friday, December 10th HS BB Falcon Classic at Fairfield
	Saturday December 11th Santa Day Parade and Events **** HS Winter Formal

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298-3163

Zenda Public Library
Monday
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.
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Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
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December 3rd - 5th
Clifford, the Big Red Dog
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Free Throwback Thursday Movie: December 2nd.
Elf
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December 4th: Free Movie
The Star
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FREE MOVIE AS PART OF THE KINGMAN CHRISTMAS PARADE DAY
Showtime is at 9:00am/
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December 4: Free Movie
Dr. Seuss's How The Grinch Stole Christmas
Rated: PG
FREE MOVIE AFTER THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
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December 9th
FREE THROWBACK THURSDAY MOVIE
DECEMBER 9, 2021
Die Hard
Rated:R
Showtime is at 6:30pm with doors opening at 5:45pm.

Your Last-Minute Survival Shopping Guide

(StatePoint) Did you realize your friend's birthday is tomorrow? Forgot someone on your holiday shopping list? Delayed getting a gift because you had no clue what to buy? When it comes to last-minute shopping, it can be stressful to find that perfect gift in such a time crunch. Here are a few shopping tips to save you from showing up empty-handed.

Skip The Line and Shop Online. The internet can be your best friend. When it's as easy as a click of a button, why not eliminate time spent driving to stores and aimlessly wandering down aisles when you aren't positive on what you're seeking? Instead, head online and look at your loved ones' favorite places to shop for curbside pick-up or quick delivery options. This helps narrow down your decision making and cuts out the overwhelming nature of in-person shopping during the busiest season of the year.

Make It Personal. Nothing says "I care" more than adding a personalized touch to a present. In fact, you can combine personal with the gift receiver's favorite celebrities or fun characters to create the ultimate celebratory message. If you've forgotten someone on your gift list during holiday shopping, surprise them with a SmashUp from American Greetings. There's even a personalized SmashUp from Santa! You can personalize his greeting with the person's name, location and whether they're on the naughty or nice list and why. A bonus is you can add an e-gift card to your SmashUp; making it a stress-free holiday gift that they'll remember forever.

Gifts That Keep on Giving. Gift of the month club memberships are gifts that keep on giving. Whether it's food like fruit or cheese, or boozy gifts like wine and whiskey, there's sure to be a subscription that will excite most anyone in your life. In fact, there's even a sock of the month club, if you have someone who needs a footwear refresh. Plan a Future Outing to Celebrate. While a physical gift is exciting to open, sometimes quality time is the way to go! Ask yourself what your recipient has always wanted to do or where you both have always talked about going. Then use that to plan an entertaining day or night to celebrate together soon.

These days we're all rushed, but thankfully there's plenty of quick and thoughtful gift ideas for last-minute gifting that will leave a lasting impression.

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DECEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH 11:30-1:00

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Activities at the Pratt Public Library

Preschool Activities
Toddler Time Tuesdays - 10:30-10:50 am in person. It's also on Facebook Live!
Preschool Story Time - Thursdays 10:30-11:30 in person. There will be puzzles, songs, stories, games & a craft.

If you have a child under the age of 5 - consider joining the Pratt Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. Get more information at the library, sign up and get free materials.

K - 4th Grade Activities - Thursdays 3:45-4:45

Activities for All Ages:
READ FOR CHARITY
Nov 1 - December 15 - For every 1,000 pages read, our business sponsors will donate \$10 to the Angel Tree Program. Pick up your slips at the front desk to keep track of your pages read

Maker Zone
Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
— 1 - 6:30 pm & Friday 1 - 5:30 pm
The Maker Zone will be closed
November 27 - December 26

Chess Club with Superintendent Tony Helfrich
December 6 - 6 pm

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson
 "The Wind Beneath Our Wings"

There's no question that weather patterns are changing. Drought covers half the nation. China experiences massive floods. Minnesota goes snowless at Christmas.

When we assume that weather will continue to operate in exactly the same fashion as it has in the past, we leave ourselves vulnerable to its smallest changes. The weather, of course, is only being itself -- the interaction of wind currents and sunshine.

Remember your science teacher's explanation of how wind is created?

The sun heats the earth's atmosphere which causes warm air to rise. This creates a void which is instantly replaced with other air. The movement of the new air into this void creates the phenomena we call wind.

If the air is warmed sensitively, over a cool

ocean, the outcome becomes a gentle spring breeze. If it is heated abruptly, over a baking desert, hurricanes or tornadoes are the natural result.

Interestingly, this is exactly how our feelings are created.

When we treat someone lovingly (warm air rising), we create a void (within ourselves) that is immediately filled with the same substance rushing back in to replace what was given. In other words, whatever pleasant feelings we give to others are immediately returned to ourselves.

Conversely, if we treat someone harshly, we once again create an inner void that is immediately replaced with an identical substance, creating an inner sensation to match what was given. We treat someone poorly and the natural result is that we feel poorly ourselves. Giving really IS receiving.

What weather patterns are you creating? Merely take an honest look at your inner climate. Is your mind at rest, your body filled with sensations of grati-

tude and love? Or are your thoughts a cyclone of past regrets and future worries?

A person who lives in a flood plain can never find peace. He either lives in fear of the flood's arrival when times are dry, or fights desperately for survival when times are wet. Fear and fight being all he knows, he wrongly believes this is all there is. He grows used to misery and spends his days trying to make the best of it.

But there is an infinitely better life - one he cannot yet see - that is located outside of the flood plain altogether. If he would only expend the same effort he now applies to finding com-dit within his misery, he could move away from the flood plain altogether and leave his misery behind forever.

In the three dimensional world, this makes perfect sense. Yet when it comes to the inner world of our thoughts, we suddenly get foggy.

Like it or not, the weather patterns that swirl within our own heads are there for only one reason - our thoughts

created them. Rather than be demoralized by this piece of news, we should rejoice. If we are responsible for how we think and feel, that means we have the power to change our weather patterns for the better.

It never was that spouse, that job or our financial condition that caused us pain. It was our reaction to them. We heated those events too abruptly with our thoughts, creating a void that immediately unleashed exact duplicates to rush right back inside ourselves. We find ourselves in turbulent weather because we made it blow in the first place.

We've weathered the storm long enough. It's time to improve our mental climate. The solution is as simple as this: Give away whatever you want to receive.

You, and only you, are the wind beneath your wings.

Just a Reminder



Anniversary reception for Jack and Eilene Crick will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cunningham Community Center.

If you can't attend and wish to send your best wishes, they can be sent to

P.O. Box 126
 Cunningham KS 67035



"How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, His precepts!"

— Benjamin Franklin

Annual Christmas Santa Claus Day Parade
Saturday – December 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Packed with several new events/activities this year, this event is set to be a fun time for everyone.

To help with the cost incurred with the parade, we are asking for donations.

Donations can be made at or mailed to
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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1931

December 4- Kansas sportsmen are urged by John P. Cammack, fish and game warden, to be all the name implies and respect the game laws of the state. The warden pointed out in particular that there is no open season on pheasants and that the duck season has ended.

A number of arrests for the shooting of pheasants have already been made and Mr. Cammack said that prosecution would follow for every hunter arrested for killing this protected game bird. He pointed out that violations have not been confined to any particular locality and addressed his appeal for respect of the game laws to hunters throughout the state.

While the new warden does not hold to the belief that the propagation of the pheasant will be successful in this state, at the same time he is determined that the bird shall receive the protection to which the law entitles it.

1936

December 4- Plans for the coming of Santa Claus and arrangements for the annual Community Christmas and treat, have been completed, and names assigned the various committees.

Santa will arrive in the City at 2:30 o'clock, the day before Christmas, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24th. He will bring with him treats for the children only, but there will be plenty for all the kiddies.

Wm. Cooley, as President of the Christmas Community organization, has named the following committeemen: Lights and Decoration Comm. A. I. Jones and Frank Knowles; Finance Comm. Chas. English, Wayne DeLair; Sacking Comm. Hazel Leiter, Rufus Leiter; Buying Comm. E. C. Hauser, Mason Wetherall; Distributing Comm. B. F. Doty, Wm. Cooley.

Red Skin Trappings

A Thanksgiving Chapel was held Wednesday morning, Nov. 25, during the activity period. Mr. Teague presided. Song by group, Scripture reading by Paul DeWeese, Story of Thanksgiving, Ed Leith, Short address, Rev. Edwards of the Methodist Church. The Honor Banner, given to the room with the highest percentage attendance, was presented to room 3 by the president of room 4.

1941

December 5- At a meeting of local businessmen held at the Jones Café, Tuesday afternoon, plans were made and discussed for Cunningham's annual Christmas Tree celebration, and various committees appointed to carry out the plans.

The businessmen also sent a telegram to Santa Claus' North Pole headquarters to see when Santa would come to Cunningham. Immediately a Santagram was received by Roy Huffman, depot agent, that Santa himself would be in Cunningham, Saturday, December 20 at 2:30 o'clock, to greet everyone and hand out treats to all the kiddies from one-year olds to 100-year olds.

An entertainment committee has been appointed and will have worked out for everyone's pleasure, an afternoon of enjoyment.

We are happy to add the name of Mrs. Cora Park as a new Clipper correspondent, whose news from north of town will be found in this week's issue.

Those who live close to Mrs. Park would do her a great favor, and likewise the Clipper, if they would call her and give her their items.

Mrs. Alma Whitmore from the southwest and Sophie Grier from Cairo, Clipper correspondents, would also greatly appreciate your calling them to give them news items.

We are desirous of obtaining neighborhood news, and would like to have a writer from the east and the St. Leo community. Paper, envelopes, and stamps await anyone who would like to write us the news.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met in the church basement Wednesday afternoon for their regular meeting. Seventeen members were present.

Mrs. Alex Toot was in charge of the devotional service and Mrs. Lulu Cozens was lesson leader for the afternoon.

Plans were completed for serving the annual Father and Son banquet, Wednesday evening, December 10.

Mrs. Glenn Gagnebin and Mrs. Wilbur Lash were hostesses for the meeting.

1946

December 6

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1951

December 7- The Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats dropped a close decision, 41-37, to the Coats High School Bulldogs on the local court, Tuesday night. It was the season's basketball game opener for both teams and both made a pretty ragged showing. Coats led 16-11 at the end of the first quarter but Cunningham took over a 24-23 lead at half-time. The score was tied 29-all at the end of the third quarter.

Jack Meyers was high point man for Cunningham with 11 points but Kenworthy, of Coats, was the high point man for the game with 12 points.

The December meeting of the Ninnescah Valley 4-H Club was held Monday evening at the Lloyd Murphy home. Roll call was answered with "What I Want For Christmas" by the nineteen members and six guests present.

During the business meeting, games were played and refreshments were served by the hostess, Anita Murphy.

1956

December 6-The Faunnes Wilson family of Cunningham, became this community's newest oilmen this week, when the Panhandle Eastern Company made a big wildcat oil-gas strike on the Wilson property about 12 miles northwest of Guymon, Okla. The well hit a 31-foot section of oil producing formation at a depth of 6,441-6,471 feet, and was reported to be flowing 140 barrels of oil per hour. Earlier in the drilling, the well showed it could become a commercial gas well, when a gas-producing formation was struck at a depth of 4,202 feet, capable of producing over 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

A new well has been staked on the Doan land southeast of town, farmed by E. E. Witt. The new wildcat is east of a former test made about three months ago which ended up as a dry hole.

IC Electrician's Mate Second Class Elmer Schnittker, who has been stationed aboard the USS Current in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, arrived home last Saturday to spend a 30-day leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Irene Schnittker, and Leroy, and other relatives. He is being transferred to Hunter's Point, Calif., where he will be on duty with the reserve fleet.

Johnny Sterneker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sterneker of Cunningham, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mrs. Nellie Shelman attended a luncheon at the Lassen Hotel in Wichita, Monday, the guest of Mrs. Evelyn Gribble, National World Call Secretary. A number of World Call Secretaries from in and around Wichita attended the luncheon and program. Mrs. Shelman is World Call Secretary of the local Christian Church.

1961

December 7- Cunningham got off on the right foot in their 1961-1962 basketball season with a 40-25 triumph over Alden in a Ninnescah League game played at Alden last Friday evening.

Alden is the league's defending basketball champion.

The game opened slowly with Alden posting a 6-4 lead at the end of the first period. The action perked up a bit in the second quarter with Cunningham holding a 6-point advantage, 18 to 12, at half-time.

Cunningham outscored Alden, 9 to 4, in the third quarter, and had the game pretty well salted away at the beginning of the fourth and final quarter, when they led 27 to 16.

Cunningham had three players scoring in double figures, Roger Krug and Eugene Huston each had 12 points, and Robert Leiter connected for 11 points.

Members of the Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, attending the district meeting and instruction school at Coats last Thursday afternoon and evening were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watkins, Bob Underwood, Mrs. Bill Boyd, Mrs. Frances Nossaman, Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr., Mrs. Wayne Phillips, Mrs. Esther Davidson, Mrs. Robert Kimberlin, Mrs. L. A. Strickland, Mrs. Weldon Allen, Mrs. Laverna Bradley, Betty Amick, and Mrs. Merle Cales of Pratt. The instruction school was presided over by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Mrs. Bernice Stutzman of Kansas City.

Attending a similar meeting at Turon, Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Ray Amick and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

Cunningham IGA
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- Pork Steak Lb. 49¢
- Red Potatoes 10 lb. 29¢
- Flemings Coffee 1 lb. Can 59¢

1966

December 8- Cunningham and Willowdale Grade Schools split a pair of games here last Thursday night in opening action of the West Kingman County Grade School League.

Jill Rose and Kandi Bradley, with 16 points each, paced the Cunningham girls to a 41 to 9 victory over the inexperienced Willowdale girls, who have just begun playing basketball this year. Other Cunningham scoring was by Susan DeWeese with 8 points, and Pam Jones with a free throw. Coach Mrs. Bob McQuinn started Susan, Jill, and Kandi at forwards, with Kathy McCune, Kris Sheldon, and Sheryl Dunn in backcourt.

The annual basket dinner, honoring the football team, cheerleaders, and guests, sponsored by the parents, was held in the school lunchroom, Tuesday evening, Nov. 29.

The guests included Coach and Mrs. Jim Webster, Coach and Mrs. Larry Nolte, Supt. and Mrs. Milton Brooks, Principal and Mrs. Harry Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. James Stucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley.

Following dinner everyone enjoyed brief talks by Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Webster, and Co-captain Duane Schnittker.

The mothers' committee in charge of the dinner included Mrs. Norman Schnittker, Mrs. Mary Helen Lubbers, Mrs. Merle McCune, and Mrs. August Meyers.

1971

December 2-Miss Ruth Lynn Eck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck of Cunningham, and Mr. Randall Leon Shelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester W. Shelman, also of Cunningham, were united in marriage, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27, at 2:00 o'clock, in St. Leo's Church. Fr. Michael Lies officiated at the nuptial mass.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Cunningham High School, and are making their home in Cunningham. The groom is employed by the Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, and the bride is employed at The First National Bank of Cunningham.

The Cunningham Wildcats dropped a 66 to 57 decision to the Cheney Cardinals in their basketball season opener at Cheney, Tuesday night.

Cunningham had a 27 to 23 lead at half-time, but the Cardinals out-scored the Wildcats, 26 to 11 in the third quarter to pull away to victory.

Wildcat Center Mike Schrant led all scorers with 25 points, before fouling out in the final period. Other Cunningham scoring included Steve Albers, 13 points; Dean Simon, 3; Leon Fischer, 11, and Bob McGovney, 5.

Cunningham will play at Hardtner tomorrow night, and have their first home game with Skyline next Tuesday night. Game-time for the "B" team games this year has been moved up a half-hour, to 6:30 o'clock.

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JH Wildcats Defend Against Bulldogs

Chase came to town for the junior high Wildcats home opener on Monday, November 22, and got rolled over in both the JV and Varsity games. Nine Wildcats scored in both games showing team depth and improvement in seeing the whole court on break-aways and in the half-court offense.

The game started off slow offensively for both teams with a lot of misses on both sides of the court. What made the difference for the Wildcats was defense. There were a bunch of steals and shot attempts on our side that the Chase Bulldogs did not get. After one frame the Cats led 9 to 0. The second quarter was not much different as we scored 9 again and allowed only 1 Free Throw to our opponent. Getting an 18-1 lead at half sounds great, but

the boys were frustrated by our lack of game flow. Forced passes and a couple of forced shots stunted our excitement over our lead. The Wildcats refocused over half and exploded in the third quarter for 20 points. The JV came in during the 3rd and played the whole 4th quarter giving quality minutes. They picked apart the defense of the visiting Bulldogs on one end. On the other end of the court they held Chase to nothing. The final score was 46 to 2, our visitors leaving the court with 0 field goals for an entire game. Not an easy thing to do. There is plenty to work on, but the defense is rounding out. We continue to take good shots but getting those shots to fall is still a work in progress.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Dylan Halderson	15
Stephen Kerschen	7
Andrew Kerschen	6
Kendall Rogers	6
Adam Sterneker	4
Layne Green	2
Andrew Schultz	2
Jack Harden	2
Blake Swope	2



Molly Morgan Photos



Kendall Rogers



Stephen Kerschen

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	9	9	20	8	46
Chase	0	1	0	1	2



Gabriel Chapman (JV)

Skyler Thimesch



Tyler Osner (JV)

Good grief! Here it is, barely two weeks into the always overwhelming basketball season, and I have already messed things up. Last week's article about JH Wildcats vs. Argonia on November 15, had the wrong stats attached. (partial stats were from Chase)...These are the stats to go with Argonia.

I wish I could say this is the first and last mistake of the basketball season... but it isn't and it won't be. Apologies, and apologies in advance.



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	8	6	9	6	29
Argonia	3	9	2	7	21

Wildcat Scorers

Dylan Halderson	11
Layne Green	6
Blake Swope	4
Stephen Kerschen	4
Kendall Rogers	2
Logan Kinsler	2

JH Lady Wildcats Run Past Raymond

On Monday, November 22, 2021 the Cunningham JH Lady Wildcats played a non-league game against the Bulldogs from Raymond and came away with vic-

tories in both the B-team and A-team games. The B-team got things started with a strong performance winning 42-2. Scoring for the B-team Lady Wildcats was led by Kourtni Fischer with 16. Others scoring in the game were Macy Neufeld 8, Janessa

Schnittker 4, Kaylee Mertens 4, Andi Young 4, Makenzie Hartley 2, Morgan Oldham 2, Nora Huff 2. The A-team game was equally as strong for the Lady Wildcats as they dominated from start to finish winning 39-3. Scoring for the A-team was led

by Rylee Miller with 14, followed by Kyra Morgan 9, Emily Ogg 6, Morgan Oldham 4, Macy Neufeld 2, Nora Huff 2, Whitney Mead 2. Both A & B teams have records of 2-1 on the young season.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Molly Morgan Photos



Janessa Schnittker (JV)



Kourtni Fischer (JV)



Emily Ogg



Kyra Morgan

2021

Heart of the Plains League All-League Football Team

First Team

Offense

Xander Newberry, Attica/Argonia, Quarterback, Senior
Connor Harnden, Attica/Argonia, Receiver, Junior

Lane Halderson, Cunningham, Receiver, Junior

Gatlin Jewell, South Barber, Running Back, Senior
Caden Rathgeber, South Barber, Receiver, Senior
Ruston Erikson, South Barber, Offensive Line, Senior
Antonio Vasquez, South Barber, Offensive Line, Senior
Judson Hibbs, Norwich, Offensive Line, Senior

Defense

Adam Blanchat, Attica/Argonia, Linebacker, Senior
Wyatt Peterson, Attica/Argonia, Linebacker, Junior
Colter McDaniel, Attica/Argonia, Defensive Back, Sophomore

Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Defensive Back, Sophomore

David Weis, Central Christian, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Ruston Erikson, South Barber, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Carson Hamby, Central Christian, Linebacker, Senior
Caden Rathgeber, South Barber, Defensive Back, Senior
Zach Stephens, Norwich, Defensive Lineman, Senior

Special Teams

Dagim Reed, Cunningham, Kicker, Freshman

Brayden Berens, Skyline, Place Kicker, Sophomore
Jesus Casas, Skyline, Returner, Senior
Angel Dominguez, Stafford, Kicker, Senior
Angel Dominguez, Stafford, Returner, Senior

2021

Heart of the Plains League All-League Football Team

Second Team

Offense

Adam Blanchet, Attica/Argonia, Running Back, Senior
Jesus Casas, Skyline, Running Back, Senior
Tray Schroder, Norwich, Quarterback, Sophomore
Carson Hamby, Central Christian, Running Back, Senior
Jace Gosch, Norwich, Running Back, Junior
Chance Hilger, Norwich, Tight End/Receiver, Senior
Axel Ortiz, Stafford, Offensive Lineman, Sophomore
Alexis Garcia, Stafford, Offensive Lineman, Sophomore
Andrew Taylor, Norwich, Offensive Lineman, Senior
Griffin Fischer, Fairfield, Offensive Lineman, Senior
Griffin Wallace, Skyline, Offensive Lineman, Sophomore

Defense

Blake Shaddox, Attica/Argonia, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Coady Blick, Attica/Argonia, Defensive Lineman, Junior
Brayden Berens, Skyline, Linebacker, Sophomore
Isaac Allphin, Skyline, Defensive Back, Sophomore
Antonio Vasquez, South Barber, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Dylan Gantz, Stafford, Linebacker, Junior
Emilio Ibarra, Central Christian, Defensive Back, Sophomore
Tarrant Young, Stafford, Defensive Back, Senior
Tray Schroeder, Norwich, Defensive Back, Sophomore
Briggs Jewell, South Barber, Defensive Back, Sophomore

Special Teams

Brayden Berens, Skyline, Punter, Sophomore
Caden Rathgeber, South Barber, Kicker, Senior
Caden Rathgeber, South Barber, Returner, Senior

2021 Heart of the Plains League All-League Football Team

Honorable Mention

Offense

Brock Steadman, Pretty Prairie, Running Back, Senior
Bryan Steadman, Pretty Prairie, Receiver, Junior
Jacob Bauman, Fairfield, Receiver, Senior

Isaiah Reed, Cunningham, Center, Senior

Wyatt Snider, Skyline, Offensive Lineman, Senior
Brayden Berens, Skyline, Quarterback, Sophomore

Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Running Back, Sophomore

Emilio Ibarra, Central Christian, Quarterback, Sophomore
Aiden Hoopes, Burrton, Wide Receiver, Freshman
Briggs Jewell, South Barber, Quarterback, Sophomore
Dylan Gantz, Stafford, Quarterback, Junior
Tai Hildebrand, Stafford, Running Back, Senior
Bryson Rathgeber, South Barber, Tight End, Sophomore
Angel Dominguez, Stafford, Receiver, Senior

Defense

Camre Haumont, Fairfield, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Xander Newberry, Attica/Argonia, Linebacker, Senior
Azeke Cochran, Fairfield, Linebacker, Junior
Brock Steadman, Pretty Prairie, Defensive Back, Senior
Brady Fowler, Fairfield, Defensive Back, Senior

Isaiah Reed, Cunningham, Defensive Lineman, Senior

Wyatt Snider, Skyline, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Justus Novotny, Skyline, Defensive Lineman, Sophomore
Gage Egging, Skyline, Linebacker, Sophomore
Jesus Casas, Skyline, Defensive Back, Senior

Luke McGuire, Cunningham, Defensive Back, Sophomore

Josh Hildebrand, Stafford, Defensive Lineman, Junior
Chance Hilger, Norwich, Defensive Lineman, Senior
Ashton Harter, Stafford, Defensive Lineman, Junior
Brent Duncan, South Barber, Defensive Lineman, Junior
Gatlin Jewell, South Barber, Linebacker, Sophomore
Jace Gosch, Norwich, Linebacker, Junior
Judson Hibbs, Norwich, Linebacker, Senior
Bryson Rathgeber, South Barber, Linebacker, Sophomore
Brayden Voyles, Norwich, Defensive Back, Senior

Special Teams

Connor Harden, Attica/Argonia, Returner, Junior
Bryan Steadman, Pretty Prairie, Returner, Junior
Brayden Voyles, Norwich, Punter, Senior

Eagles Soar Over Wildcats

November 29th the Norwich Eagles came to town to wrap up the Jr. High Wildcats preseason games. As always it was a very physical game. The final score was an indicator of how defensive the game turned out as neither team eclipsed 30 points. The Wildcats also made only five baskets from the field for the game but shot 20 free throws. There was

a small improvement in free throw percentage which is a step in the right direction. The Wildcats battled the whole game but could not get the lid off the rim on either end of the court, and the Eagles led from the opening bucket until the end. We will have to shoot better as the season progresses. It will be a short turn around for the Wildcats who open

their regular season on Thursday at home hosting the Stafford Trojans.

Dylan Halderson led the team in rebounds (7), followed by Stephen Kerschen (4). The steals category was led by Layne Green (4) and Dylan Halderson (3).

by Coach Lance McGuire

Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	3	6	2	8	19
Norwich	9	8	4	8	29

Wildcat Scorers

Kendall Rogers	6
Dylan Halderson	6
Kollin Fischer	2
Blake Swope	2
Stephen Kerschen	2
Andrew Kerschen	1



Skyler Thimesch shoots, Logan Kinsler prepares to rebound



Stephen Kerschen with the ball



Andrew Kerschen on defense



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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

executive session at 10:20 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings

Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. no decision made. Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits: Brian Schwartz for an enclosed porch in Section 3, Township 27, Range 7W(White). Perry Frey for a shed in Section 1, Township

29, Range 6W (Eagle). Zach Loesch for a garage in Section 14, Township 28, Range 5W(Vinita). Commissioners signed abatements and additions. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the Rural Water District No. 1 for a water line crossing on SE 30 Ave in Township 28, Range 7

East Ninnescah between sections 10 & 11. Mr. Arensdorf reviewed a consultation request by Evan Township. MOTION: Commissioner Foley made a motion to do the consultation for Evan Township. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes for November 22, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

back on when they return from executive session. Chairman Shriver questioned if there are any bids for the land at 35-27-11. There were no bids turned in.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, stated she had emailed the fillable grant forms. Tyson read the resolution 11-22-21 concerning the applying and filing of grants. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution 11-22-21.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Heather will contact department heads to file open grants. Clerk Voss will send out email to department heads about the resolution and forms. Tyson reported he had talked to Scot Lloyd, Swindoll Accounting Services he will come speak to the commissioners concerning accounting questions. He suggested Scot attend a meeting to visit with available services and Pratt County needs.

Ryan Lunt, Jennifer Slater, Dave Bogg with Pratt Energy, gave a presentation on their carbon capture co2 business.

Presented new option agreement to the county commissioners concerning the land owned by Pratt County. They would like to transfer the minerals instead of easement. Tyson recommended the transfer of minerals as to the liability is on Pratt Energy. Ryan has contacted some landowners. Co2 cannot escape that area. Commissioners questioned the agreement. This project will add 4-6 employees.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session with Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, for ten minutes at 2:25 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel, they will return at 2:35 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:35 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:37 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with

Brian Atteberry, EMS director and bill Hampton, fire/rescue

chief. They will return at 2:47 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:47 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver asked for an executive session to discuss procedures for public security, with Jimmy White, sheriff, for fifteen minutes at 2:50 p.m. under the public security exception, to return at 3:05 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:05 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jimmy White, sheriff, questioned his 2022 budget.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented the Kansas Forest Service equipment loan agreement for the commissioners' approval. The commissioners have no concerns. He questioned hiring a new employee that is already employed by the county. Presented pay slip for Casey Ziehr, Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire

Casey Ziehr for \$17.25 to begin December 6, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented COVID numbers. KDHE is sending out reports tracking cases in detail. Gave an update on the digital sign at the Community Center. She is getting quotes on a new electric door at the health department.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from Monday, November 15, 2021. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve Younie Landscapes, Inc's quote for the fertilizer in the amount of \$881.60 for the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess in executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:38 p.m. to discuss attorney/client matter. They will return at 3:53 p.m. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:53

p.m. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve tom Jones signing the participation agreement concerning the opioid settlement. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver gave an update on the PSB. Paving is in progress; the temporary doors are going in to winterize. He also, called Rich Sanders, Hospital Board, with questions on items being sold or taken out of the old PRRC building.

Commissioner Adams asked what the response on the Christmas party, majority wanted Chamber Bucks. They decided to give employees \$150 in chamber bucks for Christmas.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for November 22, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:13 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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USDA Reminds Producers of 2022 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that December 15, 2021, is the deadline to file an acreage report for fall seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by December 15, 2021. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

Timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure

program eligibility for all farm programs."

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the December 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their fall-seeded crops.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"Sure, the plots are obvious and simplistic, but I really identify with the main character."

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, November 21st	
Animal	14000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Assist other agency	100 block W Central Ave. Nashville
Harassment	400 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham
Monday, November 22nd	
Traffic complaint	300 block N Lincoln St. Cunningham
Animal	12000 block NW 50 St. Cunningham
Damage	1600 block NW 10 Ave Kingman
Fire - structure	3900 block NE 30 Ave Kingman
Theft	300 block N Dresden St. Cunningham
Welfare check	300 block N. Logan St. Cunningham
Welfare check	E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave area, Kingman
Tuesday, November 23rd	
Traffic complaint	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Alarm	200 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Assist other agency	E Hwy254 & NE 40 Ave. area, Kingman
Disturbance	400 block S Main St. Norwich
Vehicle disabled	2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Welfare check	E Hwy 42 & SE 130 Ave area, Kingman
Welfare check	8000 block E Hwy 42 Rago

Wednesday, November 24th	
Traffic stop	1
Theft	Kingman County
Trespassing	13000 block SE 30 Ave. Rago
Welfare Check	16000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Thursday, November 25th	
Assist other agency	E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave. area, Kingman
Suspicious activity	8000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
Welfare Check	300 block E. D Ave. Kingman
Friday, November 26th	
Animal	S Hwy 14 & SE 30 Ave area, Kingman
Animal	W Hwy 42 & SW 50 Ave area, Spivey
Fire - outside	17000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich
Welfare check	W. B Ave. & N. Cedar St. area, Kingman
Welfare check	2300 block NE 20 St. Kingman
Saturday, November 27th	
Traffic complaint	5000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Fire - structure	12000 block SE 170 St. Norwich

CJH Girls Fall to Norwich

On Monday, November 29, 2021 the Cunningham JH Lady Wildcats wrapped up the non-league portion of their schedule as they took on the Lady Eagles from Norwich at home.

The B-team struggled to score on the night and lost 5-10. All five points scored for the Lady Cats came from Whitney Mead.

In the A-team game the Lady Cats played toe-to-toe with the visitors from Norwich

and led 12-10 at half-time. However, in the second half the Lady Eagles capitalized on the Cunningham turnovers and outrebounded them for easy baskets down the stretch to come away with the 26-17 victory over the Lady Cats.

Scoring for the Lady Cats was led by Kyra Morgan with 11, followed by Emily Ogg 4 and Rylee Miller 2. Both B-team and A-team finished the non-league portion of their schedule with 2-2 records.

by Coach Bart Ricke



Kyra Morgan



Whitney Mead



Grace Hageman



Rylee Miller



Emily Ogg

Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce's
28th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade Day Schedule
Saturday, December 4th, 2021

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7-10 am: KAMI Food Bank Community Breakfast at VFW Hall. Adults \$5, Kids \$3

8-10 am: Pictures with Santa. Sponsored by Whispering Willow 4-H at VFW Hall

9 am-1 pm: Arts & Crafts Fair at Kingman Expo Center, both North & South Rooms

9 am-5 pm: Retail Holiday Open House on Main Street

9 am: FREE Movie - 'The Star' at Kingman Historic Theatre. Sponsored by Livingston Funeral Home.

10 am: Dodgeball Tournament at Kingman Elementary School Gymnasium. Hosted by KMS Football team. Proceeds go to meals for team.

10:30 am: Kids Bicycle Giveaway - Kids must attend free movie to be entered. Bikes donated by Dixon's Hardware.

11 am: Story Time with Santa at Kingman Historic Theatre

11:30 am-1 pm: Chili-Cook Off at Kingman Armory. Free to enter. \$3 to sample and vote.

1:30 pm: Sugar Cookie Decorating at Kingman Armory. Hosted by Kingman Healthcare Center. Limited supplies - first come, first serve.

2:30-3:30 pm: Kids BINGO Special at Kingman Armory. All children 10 years of age and under can play! Hosted by City's Park Board.

3:30 pm: Reindeer Fun Run at 360 Total Fitness. Registration begins at 2:45 pm. Sponsored by Kingman Rec Commission & 360 Total Fitness.

3-5 pm: Santa's Little Helpers Adoption Event put on by Kingman County Humane Society at Kingman Armory

3-5 pm: Horse Drawn Buggy Rides at Kingman Armory. Sign up inside Armory. Sponsored by Newberry Family Motors & Nextlink Internet.

4:45-5:30 pm: Community Christmas Carol by 'The Grace Notes' at Kingman Historic Theatre

5 pm: Parade Lineup & Judging Begins

4-6 pm: Soup Supper at Kingman Christian Church

6 pm: Parade begins

After Parade: Stop by Kingman Christian Church for warm drinks and a piece of pie

After Parade: 'The Grinch' showing at Kingman Historic Theatre

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The Peoples Bank employees recently completed their "Greatness in Gratitude" gift to the communities served by the bank. Through The Peoples Heartland Foundation, each employee had the opportunity to donate \$2,500 to local charitable organizations with particular meaning to them.

Many local organizations and volunteers stepped up to serve others through this pandemic. The Peoples Bank wanted to make it possible for each employee to recognize these efforts and to express their gratitude.

In total, The "Greatness in Gratitude" donation invested \$250,000 into the communities where employees of The Peoples Bank live and work!

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Connie Panek donated part of her Greatness in Gratitude gift to the Cunningham Historical Museum. Renee Adelhardt donated her gift to the museum as well. Shown above Connie Panek, Angie Mertens, Renee Adelhardt, and Mike McGoveny



Pictured above is Connie Panek, Kerri Steffen, and Mary Stackhouse. Connie donated part of her gift to the Cunningham Public Library.



Alex Smith is shown presenting his Greatness in Gratitude gift to Kerri Steffen, librarian of the Cunningham Public Library.



Greatness in Gratitude: The staff of the People's Bank.

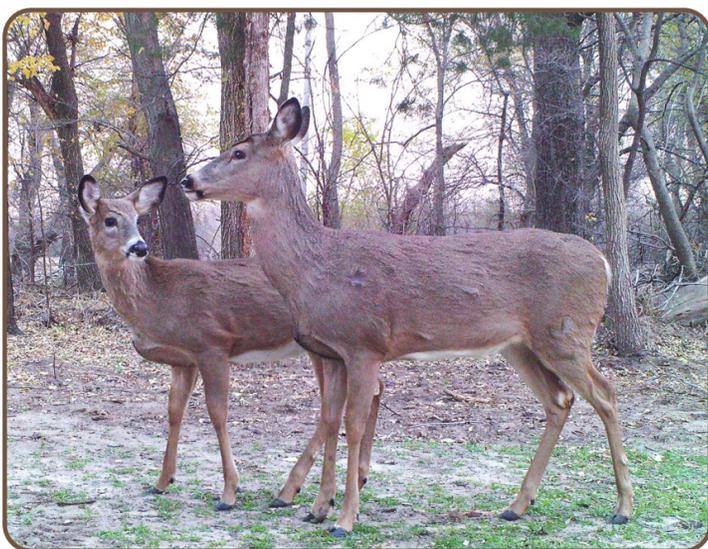


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— Dean Koontz, *Photographing the Dead*



"We have neglected the truth that a good farmer is a craftsman of the highest order, a kind of artist."
— Wendell Berry, *The Gift of Good Land: Further Essays Cultural and Agricultural*

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Saturday, December 11th - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kitchen appliances: furniture; electronics; lots of dishes; washer & dryer; lots of collectibles; baseball card collection; stamp collection; vintage toys in original boxes; jewelry; lots of sewing supplies and material; craft items; tools; toolboxes; BMW 1976 diesel car; small trailer, and much, much more.
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Dwayne Elliot

Dwayne Elliot, 85, passed away Friday, November 26, 2021 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on June 13, 1936 in Turon to Harrison and Georgia Elliot. Dwayne married Karen Laurice (Whitmore) Elliot on September 18, 1955 at Cunningham Christian Church. They were married for 66 years.



Dwayne graduated from Turon High School in 1954. He worked as a farmer, was a school bus driver for USD 332 and was the Cunningham community announcer. He enjoyed attending ball games and his grandchildren's functions, reading and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Scott (Kendra) Elliot of Pratt and Terry (Jamie) Elliot of Wichita; sisters, Ruth Barbour of California, Karol Geiger of Iowa and Mert Gowan of Oregon; grandchildren, Jason (Alisha) Elliot, Kristin Elliot, Renee Elliot, Seth Elliot, Andrew (Justine) Johns, Kaylen (Rob) Ortiz, Cooper Elliot and Easton Elliot; great-grandchildren, Jordyn Elliot, Anjelica Elliot, Jake Dwayne Elliot, Christopher Ortiz and Arya Ortiz; sister-in-law, LaVelle Messerli of Newton; niece, Darcie Martin; nephews, Kirby Martin, Darin Messerli and Tom (Sue) Durrall; great-nephews, Chase (Jordan) Martin and Brock Martin; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Dwayne is preceded in death by his father, Harrison Elliot; mother, Georgia Vandermay; great-grandson, Oliver "Ollie" Ortiz; brother-in-law, Richard Messerli; and numerous other family members.

Funeral service were held Monday, November 29, 2021 at Cunningham Christian Church, Cunningham with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. Burial followed at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to Cunningham Christian Church Building Fund, Cunningham Museum or Ollie's Toy Box in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Margaret Baker

Margaret Adeline Aldridge Baker, 90, died Nov. 29, 2021 at her home in Kingman.

She was born May 8, 1931, at Buffalo, Oklahoma the daughter of John Jack and Sarah Corr Ownbey. A longtime resident of Kingman, having also lived in Apache Junction, Arizona, she was a retired legal secretary and a former Register of Deeds for Kingman County.

Margaret was a member of the Kingman Christian Church and Anthony Chapter O.E.S.

On Nov. 8, 1952, she married Gene Aldridge; he died July 26, 1984. On June 15, 1991, she married Robert Baker; he died Nov. 21, 2014. Survivors include daughters Donella Sparks, Rebekah Aldridge, Marnella Aldridge and Janella Hankins; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date by Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Memorials may be made with the Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home.

William DeVoe

William E DeVoe was born at home in Wichita Ks on July 1, 1933. He had an older sister and two younger brothers. He attended various grade schools. He left home at a very young age and worked for farmers for room and board. Some of them allowed him to go to school in the winter months. While still looking for a home he enlisted in the Navy for his education in 1951. He served in the Korean war in Sasabo Japan as Harbor defense police.

When he returned home, he married and had 4 daughters. He worked as general manager of the Kansas Emulsion plant in Eldorado.

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Eldorado and a 32-degree Mason.

He tried his hand at Auctioneering and was a manager of a sonic drive in while living in Texas.

In later years he Married Betty Green of the Zenda area and lived a quiet life out on the farm for almost 25 years.

He died in Wheatland care home in Kingman Ks November 22 2021. A private family burial is planned later. Memorials to Rivercross Hospice in care of Livingstons funeral home.

Hazel Webster

Hazel Edith Webster peacefully passed from congestive heart failure on November 22, 2021 in Wichita, Kansas. Hazel was a long time resident of Penalosa, Kansas.



Born March 3, 1934 in Aurora, MO to Glen and Florence Irene (Aton) Greenfield. Hazel was married to Paul Edward Webster on January 13, 1953 and the couple had 4 children from the marriage, Hazel was a homemaker.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Lyle Greenfield and a daughter, Rena Childs Irvin.

Surviving are her sister Glenna and brother Tom; Sons, Dale and Jerry along with daughter Connie; Grandchildren April, Justin, Jason, Robert and David; Great grandchildren Blake, Madison, Ethan, Collin, Christian and Dylan; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be buried at Memorial Park Cemetery beside her beloved Paul Edward in Hutchinson, KS.

Matthew Bortzer

Pratt - Matthew Jeremiah Bortzer, 65, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on June 3, 1956 in Titusville, Pennsylvania to Reverend Mont and Tharon Maxine (Ralston) Bortzer.

Matthew's love for his past dogs and present, Sassy and Jazzy, was known by all who knew him.

He is survived by his sister, Sheila (Richard) Smith of McPherson; brothers, Mark David Bortzer of Wellington, Mont (Orpha) Bortzer Jr. of Dodge City, Eric Bortzer of Pratt and Randy (Roberta) Bortzer of Barstow, California; and many nieces and nephews.

Matthew is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sharon Douglas and Marcella DeVolt; and brother, Timothy Bortzer.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 3, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary. Graveside will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City with Pastor Tom Walters presiding.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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Mick is a big man with long hair and beard that would place him naturally onstage with the Grateful Dead. Today he is looking at motorcycles, the kind that move easily from asphalt to dirt to unmarked desert. Broad stretches of desert are like moonscapes, unin-

habited with long horizons and lit up at night by the galaxy. There's nothing like it if you want to ponder your own insignificance in the universe and find meaning in the process.

Turns out alone time in the wilderness is of great value to our mental and emotional wellbeing. Einstein took long walks in nature and received some of his most profound inspiration there.

Being alone with nature affords self-reflection and leads to a renewal and an appreciation for life itself. According to The Conversation, a nonprofit organization, "alone time creates a contrasting experience to normal living that enriches people mentally, physically and emotionally...people become more attuned to the important matters in their lives."

Today the desert still attracts seekers of peace, solitude and adventure. Mick is one of them. "I put in at Yuma," he says, as if he is launching into the ocean. "Then head to Mexicali on pavement. I get a good meal and the rest of the ride is off-road, all the way to Cabo." It's a trip he's been doing a

few times a year for more than a decade, a trip that gets him away from a complicated life he won't talk about.

Some feelings can't be shared with others; betrayal is deep and sometimes the only way to find peace is to ride into the infinite in order to define our own boundaries while letting the past dissipate behind us in the exhaust of a fast machine.

"Solitary reflection enhances recognition and appreciation of key personal relationships, encourages reorganization of life priorities," The experts at The Conversation found. For Mick, he didn't need the formal guidance, only a place where he could be alone in a landscape that

unfolded all around him with the rising of the sun. For most of us, a solitary walk in nature for a day does wonders.

Mick zigzags his way South, sometimes riding on the hard packed sand of the beach and sometimes bouncing up rocky alluvial steppes or hitting top speeds on the flats. For rest, there is the shade of the Elephant Cactus; it grows like a hand out of the desert floor, the fingers reaching above 50 feet. One hard rainstorm and the cactus soaks up enough water to sustain itself for years of aridity, kind of like a week in the desert fills up your senses for the rest of the year.

Bending to inspect the clearance on the

new bike, he remembers something an older woman at a hacienda once told him: "Where the road is rough, only the good people come." And they return renewed, appreciative of what secrets nature unfolded in their souls.

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"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man."
— Heraclitus

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