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A Merry Day in Cunningham



THANK YOU to all who helped to make our community's Santa Claus Day festivities a success:

The parade organizers,
the Craft Show organizers and participants,
Cunningham 4-H
Cunningham Women's Club
Lion's Club

The many volunteers, individuals, and countless willing hands who provided the food and supplies, and served and cooked for our soup luncheon

A special thank you to Love's Travel Center for providing us with all the ice we needed.

THANK YOU!

Cunningham PRIDE Committee



Christmas Lighting Contest
Sunday, December 16, 2018
Lights and displays need to be on by 6:30



CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, December 15, 2018

5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, December 16, 2108

10:00 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

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620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

LUTHERAN

St. John's Nashville

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Hilger

620-298-2090

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, December 13th

9:00 a.m.

Barton County Representative at HS

December 13th

4:00 p.m

JH BB (Home) vs South Barber

Friday, December 14th

HS BB (Home) vs Udall

Monday, December 17th

7:00 p.m.

K-12 Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 18th

HS BB at Macksville

Thursday, December 20th

End of 2nd school quarter

December 20th

1:30 School Dismissal

December 21st - January 2nd

Christmas Break

Friday, December 28th

6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

January 3rd

Classes Resume

Ninnescah Valley Bank

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. - Noon

NINNESCAH VALLEY BANK

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KCCOA to Host Kansas Legal Service

Kansas Legal Service will be at the Kingman Senior Center on Wednesday, December 19th. This is a FREE service to individuals age 60 and older living in Kingman County. To schedule an appointment, call the Kansas County Council on Aging office at 620-532-5744 before December 17th.

Lions' Club Collecting Cold Weather Gear

The Cunningham Lions' Club is collecting cold weather gear for the children and young adults at the Cunningham Schools. Please bring newly purchased socks, scarves, gloves, mittens, and stocking hats to Ninnescah Valley Bank. All sizes are needed and accepted. The Cold Weather Gear Drive will continue until the 21st of December.

Museum Winter Hours

The museum will NOT have regular hours in the winter.

If you wish to tour the facility, please contact Donna Glenn at 620-388-5602



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December 17th

December 31st

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Parade and Prizes

Tricycles:

1st #104 Oliva Halderson

2nd #105 Leah Rogers

Scooters:

1st #201 Konner Fischer

Wagons:

1st #103 Willow Preisser

Bicycles:

1st #411 Janessa Schnittker

2nd #407 Wesly Preisser

3rd #410 Cameron McClendon

Other entries:

#402 Kollin Fischer

#405 Kourtnei Fischer

#405 Calvin Fischer

#408 Vaughn Preisser

Battery Cars:

1st #503 Jade and Jett Preisser

Motorized Vehicles:

1st #605 Hank Adams in his homemade car

2nd #607 Keith, Kandy, Macy and Cooper Neufeld

3rd #612 Jon Ruckle's Crew—Rylee and Casyn Miller and Cole Ruckle

Other entries

#609 The Larson Grandchildren – MacKaillyn, Marilyn, Julian, Magdalene, and Maddie

Costumes:

1st #725 Brody Halderson as The Grinch

Pets:

1st #712 Willam Halderson with Kite (dog)

2nd #704 Colton Rohlman with Fuzzy (cat)

3rd #713 Clay Freeman and Mark Schnittker with Little Man (dog)

Other entries:

#706 Wesson Rohlman with Sail

Floats:

1st #815 Cunningham 4-H

2nd #811 Cunningham Child Care Center

3rd #816 Hilltop Manor Farm Equipment: #825 Case Spreader Zach Strohl and Carson Strohl

Cunningham Historical Society

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Steve Miller

United Methodist Women

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Sacred Heart Alter Society

Quilt: Don Becker

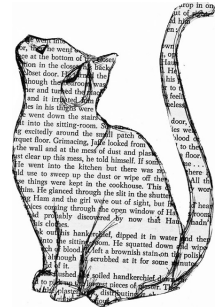
Cunningham Women's Club

How to Build a Snowman: Liz Miller

Nativity Lantern: Eilene Crick

Merry Christmas Tin Sign: Mike McGovney

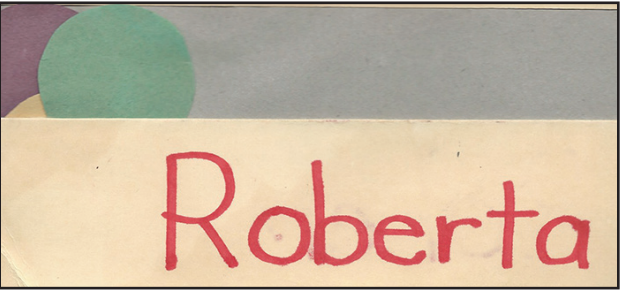
Teddy Bear: Kay House




Meanderings

I was named after my dad, Robert Lee Thimesch. Mom wanted unusual names for her kids. My older sister was named Yvonne Marie. Fifteen months later, Robert Lee, Jr. was expected. Before sonograms and gender reveal parties, it was all a guess, and I guess, my mom and doctor guessed wrong. It's time for mom and baby to be dismissed from the hospital, and I was still just Baby Thimesch. Frances Waylon, the good doctor's nurse and wife suggested my name: Roberta Lea. Worked for mom, it wasn't a common name. The birth certificate was signed and I was sent out into the world with a moniker like my dad's. I'm glad my dad wasn't Gerald or Ludwig... My older sister, who must have had a speech impediment tried saying Roberta and baby or some such mixture of words and came up with "Bobo". That became my family nickname for DECADES. I didn't think I'd ever grow out of it. Fifteen months after my naming fiasco, yet another girl was in the mix. I think Mom was prepared for this one. Naola Christine. I believe she was named after an Avon lady. I met that woman years later (the Avon lady, not my sister) while shopping at Towne West in Wichita. She was a clerk at one of the department stores. I asked her about her name and if she ever sold Avon. She had. Those are the only two people I know with that name. There is a Naola, Virginia. It is about a two-hour drive west of Richmond. Naola is also a last name in Canada. Not very common for a first name, though. Then along came Raymond Charles, Jacqueline Lynn, and Mark Alan. Not so unusual, but solid names. When I started kindergarten I found out how unfair names are. Roberta is rather difficult to spell when you are only 5 years old. There are all those curvy letters. I can remember copying my name from the desk name plate Mrs. Huffman made. I'm working hard R-o-b-e-r-t-a, and I notice that kid over there: B-i-l-l-y had a distinct advantage. Two little curves and a bunch of straight lines. Two like letters in a row. How hard was that? THEN I started realizing ALL the unfairness of it. Richard would have been

a hard name, but his last name was C-a-i-n. I'm trying to remember how to spell my last name that isn't really phonetically sound-out-able, much less spell-able. Then I see the guy with THREE letters J-o-e--WHAT? Leah Eck – easy peasy. Chris Meyers—doable. Now there was a La Nyla and I'm not sure that it was one word or two, that would have confused me if it had been my name. But I would love to have had her last name, Ellis. I think I'd like to have had the name Billy Ellis. I could have been the first kindergartener to learn how to spell and write their full name. There was only one other classmate who had a more difficult name than me. That would have been my cousin, Jeannette Thimesch. Although she did have the double double letters in her first name; it still would take a long time to write it on the top of your paper. Much longer than Billy or Joe. Thanks to our patient teacher, we all learned to spell our names quite well. In sixth grade, I was finally given a nickname I liked. Nancy Kerschen moved to town and I became "Bert". I liked it. I really grew into that name. But I wasn't allowed to write it on my school assignments--which didn't seem fair. If William aka Billy could add another aka (Bill) and Richard aka Rich; and Christopher aka Chris...why couldn't I use Bert as my aka? Only one person has called me Bobbi. Southwestern College Speech 101. Mr. DeArmand was lecturing and I'm taking notes and doodling... mostly doodling, and I heard him ask a question. No answer, just some giggling. I look up to see what was funny. Everyone is looking at me. I look at the teacher. He asks, "You are Bobbi, aren't you?" "No, I'm Roberta." "No one has ever called you Bobbi?" "No." "All the Roberta's I know went by Bobbi." I just shrugged my shoulders. I didn't KNOW any other Robertas. "I'm not my name. My name is something I wear, like a shirt. It gets worn. I outgrow it, I change it." — Jerry Spinelli Now as I get older, folks call me Roberta or Bert and some even call me Bertie, which I think is a good name for an old lady with a bunch of cats and books and a newspaper to get out every week. Always reading, currently reading, Dark Justice by Wiliam Bernhardt (also recommended by Rod Almond) Roberta



My kindergarten desk tag printed by Mrs. Naomi Huffman.

Fundraisers and Charitable Contributions in our Community

Lions Club

collecting scarves, hats, gloves, and socks for school children (leave at bank)

Community Center

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Cunningham Schools

Box Tops for Education

Dear Readers, I know all the usuals are in odd places, and I do apologize. Due to regular basketball games, basketball tournaments, parade, craft show, magic show, holidays approaching, a spotlight page, and just everyday living, I had to make adjustments. It is a rare occasion when I wish I had more pages to work with.

On this page, I've placed most of the sports stories (thank you to the coaches for getting these in with few reminders from me) and just a conglomeration of sports photos from the games. I love the sports photos. The young athletes have the grace and abilities that are just a memory for many of us. They are beautiful to see in action and in photography. The Editor

Indians Outshoot the Cats at Skyline Tournament

by Bob Stackhouse

It was raining three point shots by the Medicine Lodge Indians on December 7, 2018 at the Skyline Basketball Tournament. The final result was Cunningham 26, Medicine Lodge 70.

There were many positives that could be taken from this game. Cunningham had five fewer turnovers than previous games, the free throw and field shooting percentages increased, we showed a little more patience in the offense which resulted in better shot selection and as a result we almost doubled our total score from the last game. This is not to say that there is no more room for improvement, because there is.

The Cats scored first on a steal and layup by Daylen Schnittker in the first quarter. Nathan Lohrke added two points for the Cats. Medicine Lodge began their three-point barrage with three in the first quarter. The score after one was 15 to four in favor of the

Indians.

Cunningham showed their highest output of the year in one quarter by scoring 13 points in the second quarter. Schnittker and Erik Paris put in five points and Lohrke added a three off the glass. The Indians scored 22 points which included four three-point baskets to lead at halftime 37 to 17.

Cunningham added nine more points in the third quarter with Schnittker putting in five more points. Isaiah Reed made a nice move to the basket for his two points and Paris added two more to his total. The Indians put in 22 more points including four more three-point baskets. The third quarter ended with a score of 59 to 26.

Cunningham did not score in the fourth quarter and the Indians added to 11 to their total for a final score of 70 to 26.

Taner Hansen led the Cats in rebounding with six. Schnittker finished with 12 points, Paris added 7, Lohrke scored 5 and Reed put in 2 points for the Cats.

Improvement was made, but still more can be done. The Journey continues.

Lady Cats Sloppy in Win

The Lady Cats opened tournament play against Pretty Prairie with a solid defensive effort, but offensively we were very choppy as turnovers often interrupted our intended execution. In the first half of our first outing, we played, for the most part, like a symphony, in sync and with a nice flow. However, our first half performance on this night was more like the 5th grade band and the second half brought little or no change.

Our scoring was consistent, quarter-to-quarter, and in no quarter did we yield more than 8 points. We stacked an 11-2 advantage in the second quarter atop a 12-4 first quarter tally to lead comfortably at halftime, 23-6. Turnovers dominated the halftime talk for good reason - - we committed 16. Pratty Prairie did not take advantage of our miscues because they were too busy emulating us. We finished the game with 25 turnovers compared to the Bulldogs’ 26. Translation: not a pretty game. Nevertheless, the outcome on the scoreboard pleases me as we finished with a 47-21 victory.

When we weren’t turning the ball over, we were efficient on offense, shooting at a 47% clip from the field (15 of 32). An interesting stat is the comparison in team shooting from behind the arc where we were 3 of 6 while the Bulldogs were

1 of 19 (5.3%). The charity stripe was not a kind place for us as we shot just 56% on 14 of 25. Our leading scorer was Morgan Meyers with 13 and netting an even dozen was Holly DeWeese. Alayna McGuire provided a healthy scoring punch as well with 9 points. Rounding out the scoring was Lauren Murphy (4), Mackenzie Wright (4), Jessamy Stalcup (3), and Abby Hansen (2).

Maddison Panek was tops in the rebounding category with 5, but her efforts came at a cost as she dislocated a finger on her shooting hand and will miss some action. Lauren had 4 rebounds while Holly and Morgan each contributed 3. Morgan led us in steals with 4 and following close behind was Maddison and Mackenzie with 3 apiece. As for assists, Morgan handed out 7 to lead the way but Alayna was also in the giving mood and accounted for 6 assists.

Medicine Lodge is up next for us. They’re an improved team over a year ago and rebound well. It will be imperative that we rebound well defensively and that we limit turnovers in order to be in a good position when the fourth quarter rolls around. This game will be Friday, Dec 8th at 3:30.

T-Birds Defeat the Cats

December 8, 2018 was a tough night for the Cunningham Wildcats as they were defeated by the Skyline Thunderbirds 73-18 in the Thunderbird Invitational Tournament.

The T-Birds flex their muscles in the first quarter leading 30 to 4 after one quarter. Daylen Schnittker and Taner Hansen each made a basket for the Cats.

Nathan Lohrke and Hansen each put in a three-point basket in the second quarter and Skyline added 19 to end the first half 49 to 10. Skyline scored 16 more points in the third quarter to one point for the Cats. Hansen scored 6 of the 7 Cunningham points in the fourth quarter. Isaiah Reed added a free throw. Skyline put in 8 points for a final score of 73-18.

Our ball handling must get better versus pressure as that is where the majority of our 37 turnovers came from. We also need to do better at the free throw line. The Journey continues.

Early Success Key to Lady Cat Win

The Cunningham Lady Wildcats had an afternoon tipoff versus an improved and veteran Medicine Lodge team. The Lady Cats came out clicking, finding success of 4 of our first 5 possessions with good execution of scripted set plays. The Indians stayed close with outside shooting that surprised me a bit. After one quarter, Cunningham led 14-8. The middle quarters produced little scoring due in part to sticky defense but also to poor free throw shooting on our part. I seemed like we were 0 for 15 after three quarters when in fact we were 1 for 8, but you get the picture. When he had opportunities to create breathing room, we whiffed. After three quarters, we led 23-18 in a low scoring game. The Medicine Lodge team has much more depth than we do, and they needed it as they committed 28 fouls, many of them down the stretch as they needed to foul us to get the ball back. After a scolding, we were much better at the free throw line when it most counted, connecting on 17 of a whopping 25 fourth quarter free throw attempts. We scored 19 points in the fourth quarter compared to Medicine Lodge’s 18 to make the final score 42-36. We were short-handed in this game, playing without Maddie Panek and with Alayna McGuire less

Wildcats Fall to the Raiders

Cunningham traveled to Argonia on December 11, 2018 to take on the Red Raiders. The team had their best defensive night but are still trying to find that offensive spark. Argonia won by a score of 14 to 44.

Argonia jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter scoring 14 points with Cunningham’s Nathan Lohrke scoring on a pull up jumper. The Cats had their most productive quarter in the second scoring 8 points and holding Argonia to 10 points. Lohrke, Daylen Schnittker, Erik Paris and Isaiah Reed each had two points.

Schnittker scored the only basket for Cunningham in the third quarter and Reed scored the lone basket in the fourth quarter. Argonia added 12 and 8 points, respectively in the third and fourth quarters.

On the plus side, this was our first game to not start the fourth quarter with a running clock and we held the Raiders to the lowest point total this season. We still need to improve at the free throw line, shooting 33% on 4 of 12. Most of the misses were front ends of one and ones. We also need to recognize and better defend the other team’s best players. Noah Haxton finished with a game high 23 points. More than half of their total. The journey continues.

than 100%, but Jessamy Stalcup played her most significant varsity role and did so in a mostly steady way, a big plus for our basketball team. Lauren Murphy also came up big for us with one of her most complete games while Morgan Meyers was instrumental in managing the final 4 or 5 minutes of the game.

As a team, we shot 35% from the field, which isn’t anything to brag about, but at the line, the 68% 4th quarter FT percentage was not enough to offset 1 of 8 through three quarters and our final percentage of 55% is a poor result.

Morgan Meyers with 13 points edged Lauren Murphy with 12 to lead all scorers, but we also got nice support from Holly DeWeese (6 points), Alayna McGuire (5 points), Mackenzie Wright (4 points), and Jessamy Stalcup (1 point). Alayna and Lauren tied in rebounds with 4 each while MacKenzie and Holly tacked on 2 apiece. Holly managed 5 steals with Morgan collecting 4, and in terms of assists, Morgan handed out 4 while Alayna and Mackenzie each added 2.

The final game for us in the round robin tournament will be against host Skyline at 5:00. Skyline has yet to win a game in the tournament but they play hard and are extremely familiar with us, so we will have to come with focus and lots of effort to match theirs.

JH Wildcats Fly Over Thunderbirds

by Lance McGuire

The Junior High boys started hot and did not look back beating the Skyline Thunderbirds. Skyline had been playing well lately but our boys played well on both ends of the court in the win. In the best first quarter of the season on the offensive end we scored 12 points. On the defensive side we held Skyline to zero points in the third quarter and two of their best scorers to 2 points combined for the game. We deflected multiple passes and rebounded pretty well to limit their opportunities. Our best games are when our defense steps up and the boys understand that. Lane Halderson led the team in rebounds with 5 and Dagim Reed backed him up in the runner up spot with 4. In a side note, we had more rebounds than turnovers. The same two young men had 2 steals to pace the team. We hope to shoot even better in the next two games and know we will need to continually improve each game in what is promising to be a league season with a lot of parity.

JH Cats Drop to Stafford

by Lance McGuire

The Junior High boys took a loss in their trip to Stafford on Monday December 10th. The two teams are very familiar with each other after seeing each other multiple time through summer ball and with a core group of players about the same age. It has been a good matchup for spectators but not good for the win on Monday. We did not play bad or play our best game. We did some good things but not enough good things. We had balanced scoring but did not score enough. We led but not at the end. The biggest take away for me as a coach was that it did not feel as though we got better from last week which is our goal every week. We made some of the passes that got us in trouble in previous games. We also did not play up to the physicality of our opponent. We have worked to correct those two things in particular in order to prepare for our next game against South Barber this Thursday. Lane Halderson led the effort on the boards with 5 and Luke McGuire followed with 4. Luke led in steals with 3.

Jr. High Girls Drop a Pair to Skyline

The Cunningham Jr. High girls returned home on Thursday, December 6, 2018 to host league rival Skyline. In the A-team game Skyline held the Lady Wildcats to one free-throw and one 2-point basket for the entire game and defeated the home team



Lady Cats Win T-Bird Classic

In defeating the Skyline Thunderbirds, Cunningham claimed the T-Bird Classic championship for the third consecutive year. In the contest, neither team lit up the scoreboard. In fact, neither team scored in double digits in any one quarter, but at least the Lady Cats won each quarter, even though at times by the slimmest of margins. Our halftime lead of four, 15-11, grew to 9 by the end of the third quarter, and that was a spread we pretty much maintained throughout the remainder of the game, settling in the end with a 28-17 win. A “classic”, this game was not.

Neither team cracked the 30% mark on field goal shooting, a sign more of poor shooting than stellar defense. Cunningham shot 29%, just 11 of 38, though four were of the 3-point variety. Skyline was woeful as well, shooing just 7 of 36 which included 0-13 from long range. Trips to the free throw line were few and far between for

both teams, but in our case, perhaps that was a blessing as we made good on only 2 of 6.

The scoring leader on this night was Morgan Meyers with a season high 17. Only three others scored: Lauren Murphy (5), Holly DeWeese (4), and Mackenzie Wright (2). Holly had a big night on the boards, grabbing 9, but Lauren and Morgan made significant contributions with 7 and 5, respectively. Morgan led in steals with 6 while Alayna McGuire snared 4 thefts. Morgan’s three assists were just one better than the pair of assists credited to both Mackenzie and Lauren.

Our next opponent is Argonia, an experienced team led by a couple senior players that we will have to account for. In fact, we are diving in to a difficult stretch that reaches in to January during which we will also play, in order, Udall, Macksville, Kinsley, and Attica, ALL good teams that will pose plenty of problems, especially if we don’t start shooting the basketball better.

The Cunningham High School Lady Wildcats grabbed 1st Place in the Skyline Classic Tournament.... third year running! Congratulations, Coach!



Molly Morgan photos



photo by Joyce Depenbusch



This photo has to have as story behind that look on #24's face.

School Spotlight Page: Winter Sports




High School Men's Team: Front: Ethan Paris, Austin Snow, Henry Huelkamp, Vitor Abreu, manager Brayden Schnittker. Middle: Taner Hansen, Erik Paris, Shawn Snow, Nathan Lohrke. Back: Asst. Coach Bart Ricke, Mikhail Donskoy, Isaiah Reed, Daylen Schnittker, Coach Bob Stackhouse

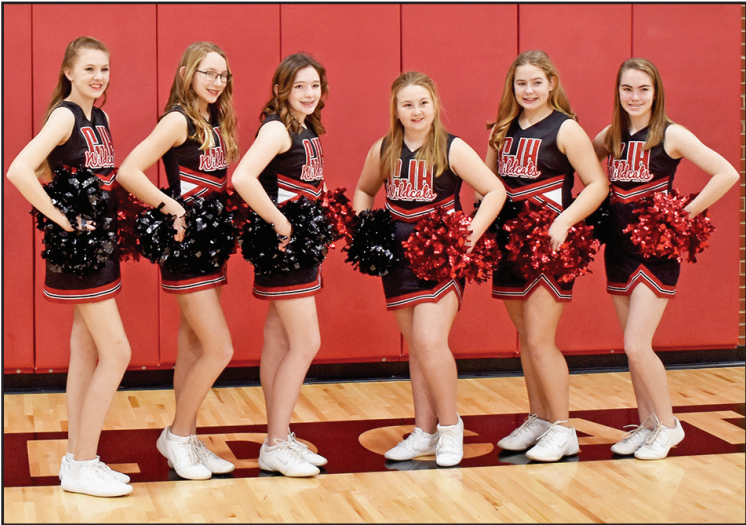


High School Ladies' Team: Front: Abby Hansen, Morgan Meyers, Jessemy Stalcup, Alayna McGuire, Annabelle Hansen. Back: Coach Eric Meyers, Mandy Panek, Holly DeWeese, Lauren Murphy, Mackenzie Wright, Asst. Coach Bob Stackhouse



High School Cheer Squad
Back: Lillian Reed, Maddie Panek, Abby Hansen
Front: Madison Dowsy, Annabelle Hansen


Middle School Cheer Squad
Shanelle Romine, Hannah Ellis, Maranda Lohrke, Ava Bock, Elie McGuire, Taylor Schultz



Junior High Boys' Team Front: Dagim Reed, Nate Sterneker, Wylan Betzen, Will Wegerer, Gage Elliott, Sy Romine. Middle: Kory Morgan, Scott Wyatt, Jack Ruckle, Luke McGuire. Back: Caleb Panek, Trey DeWeese, Lane Halderson, Cameron McClendon. Not pictured: Coach Lance McGuire, Asst. Coach Dustin Murphy




Junior High Girls' Front: Coach Bart Ricke, Emily Paris, Hannah Ellis, Shanelle Romine, Alice Huelskamp. Middle: Brianna Dittmer, Elie McGuire, Elizabeth Paris, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Ava Bock, Ada Adams. Back: Hannah Gonser, Joanna Hansen, Maranda Lohrke, Haley Hindman, Taylor Schultz

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County Commission Meeting

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 3rd, 2018. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Clayton Pagenkopf, Cornejo & Sons; Mark Maurer, BG Consultants; Ron Cheney, BG Consultants; Clint Hibbs, BG Consultants; Tom Arpin, BG Consultants; Preston Moore, Nabholz/HMN; Adam Kuehl, Nabholz/HMN; Shawn Harding, Nabholz/HDM; Greg Boice, Nabholz/HDM; James McElhany, Nabholz/HDM; Ron Ferris, Nabholz/HDM; Roger Brown, LC/LK; Bill Reynolds, LC/LK; Tony Rangel, LC/LK; Rich Kerschen, LC/LK; Larry Stuart, LC/LK; Dennis Kerschen, LC/LK; Rob Davis, LC/LK; Kevin Heier, WDM; Michael Miller, WDM; Michael Frimel, WDM; Kirk Jurgensen, WDM and Joshua Kippenberger, WDM.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director; Cindy Chrisman-Smith, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the regular Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:13 a.m. to discuss individuals employee performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:20 a.m. with no binding action taken. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Mark

Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:22 a.m. to discuss individuals employee evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session with no binding action taken.

Stan Goetz, was in to discuss the video that was filmed by an individual recently and if the County can post notices for no use of cameras. John Caton let them know that a notice should not be posted prohibiting video cameras.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes of the Planning/Zoning Commission Hearing that was held last Monday for the Helten’s Zip Line requesting a variance on the height.

The Planning Commission would not recommend approving the variance because they would like to review the information more.

Mr. Goetz discussed the townships that would be involved with the Flat Ridge 3 to Flat Ridge 4 Road Agreement process.

Mr. Goetz submitted a building permit from the following:

Fred Puthoff
The County Clerk submitted a Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Roadside Inn for 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Roadside Inn. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$124,292.89.

The County Commissioners discussed a Dresden Twp vacancy. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:35 a.m. to discuss individuals employee performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:00 a.m. to discuss individuals employee evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at

10:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:15 a.m. to discuss individuals employee evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence received from REAP.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to not renew membership with REAP for 2019. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes for the November 26th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the November 26th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with permits for the following:

Dreiling Construction-Cable replacement-north side of Section 34, Twp 27, Range 7 (White).

Dreiling Construction-Cable replacement-north side of Section 33, Twp 27, Range 7 (White).

Cox Communication-Cable placement-north side of Section 33, Twp 27, Range 6 (Galesburg).

Clayton Pagenkopf, Cornejo & Sons was in to discuss the winter shutdown of North Main. Mr. Pagenkopf let the Commissioners know that the shutdown will be from December 15th, 2018 to March 15th, 2018.

Commissioners let Mr. Pagenkopf know that they are disappointed with the time it took to decide what kind of rock to fill the openings. Mr. Riggins from Kirkham Michael let the Commissioners know that the rock used first was not a good rock so it was changed.

Commissioner Henning wanted to remind Mr. Pagenkopf that the Copeland intersection on the West side is rough. Mr. Pagenkopf said that it would be fixed when they come back. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the winter shutdown from December 15th, 2018 to March 15th, 2018 as long as the items they said

would be done to close it down for the winter are done. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in to discuss the 21st Street grant received.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that the bridge inspections are coming up in January 2019 and he received a bid from Kirkham Michael to do the inspections. \$29,388.00 MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the bid from Kirkham Michael for bridge inspections for the amount of \$29,388.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg eighth street bridge bid received from Kirkham Michael for engineering for \$12,500.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the engineering from Kirkham Michael for Bridge U.7.8 for \$12,500.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Cindy Chrisman Smith, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor at 11:40 a.m. to discuss individuals employee evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners discussed the scoring for this afternoon interviews and that each interview will be held in executive session pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a business.

Chairman Steffen moved to recess the Board meeting until 1:00 p.m. at the Kingman Expo Center.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, KS 67068.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 1:05 p.m. with BG Consultants, Mark Maurer, Ron Cheney, Clint Hibbs, Tom Arpin; Carol Noblit,

County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss trade secrets of a potential vender with the vendor pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act for discussion of data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a business. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 2:00 p.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 2:05 p.m. with Preston Moore, Nabholz/HMN; Adam Kuehl, Nabholz/HMN; Shawn Harding, Nabholz/HMN; Greg N Boice, Nabholz/HMN; James McElhany, Nabholz/HMN; Ron Ferris, Nabholz/HMN; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss trade secrets of a potential vender with the vendor pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act for discussion of data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a business. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:05 p.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 3:12 p.m. with Roger Brown, LC/LK Construction; Bill Reynolds, LC/LK Construction; Tony Rangel, LC/LK Construction; Rich Kerschen, LC/LK Construction; Larry Stuart, LC/LK Construction; Dennis Kerschen, LC/LK Construction; Rob Davis, LC/LK Construction; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss trade secrets of a potential vender with the vendor pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act for discussion of data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a business and that they will return to open session in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center at 4:12 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:12 p.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session at 4:18 p.m. with Kevin Heier, WDM Construction; Michael Miller, WDM Construction;

Michael Frimel, WDM Construction; Kirk Jurgensen, WDM Construction; Joshua Kippenberger, WDM Construction; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss trade secrets of a potential vender with the vendor pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings act for discussion of data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a business and that they will return to open session in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center at 5:18 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 5:18 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Jason Jump, Kingman Leader-Courier expressed his concern with the executive sessions that were held by the County Commissioners. Mr. Jump let the Commissioners know that he talked with his legal counsel and they felt that the Executive sessions were not justified and he will be contacting the State for violation of the Open Meetings Act.

John Caton, County Counselor informed Mr. Jump that the County Commissioners acted on his advice to hold the interviews in executive session pursuant to Confidential Financial Data and trade secrets under the Open Meetings Act.

The County Commissioners discussed that they would take the information they received and review it and bring it back to the County Commission meeting on the 17th of December and compare their numbers for each vendor that interviewed.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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(First printed in the Cunningham Courier on December 6, 2018) 2t

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First published in the Cunningham Courier on December 13, 2018 (3t)

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Celebrations of Life

Mary Anna Urban

Mary Anna Urban, 94, passed away December 7, 2018 at her home in Larned, She was born April 20, 1924, in Penalosa, KS, the daughter of Bernard and Anna (Geris) Ebenkamp. A longtime area resident she was a homemaker, a clerk at J.C. Penney in Larned and also worked in the banks in Wichita and Cunningham.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society, Larned. She volunteered at the food bank and shared her time, visiting with elders of the community.

On August 5, 1946, she married Gilbert G. Urban at Sacred Heart Church in Cunningham, KS. He died February 28, 2016.

Survivors include: son, David (Ruth Ann) Urban, Soldotna, Alaska; three daughters, Linda Urban, Arvada, Colorado, Janice (Mike) Pardoe, San Antonio, Texas and Barbara Carveth, Arvada, Colorado; a sister, Martha Strong, Pratt; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Edward and Lawrence Ebenkamp; five sisters, Pauline Rohling, Sister Cassian Ebenkamp, Lucy Rohling, Eleanor Rohling; two sons, Dennis and Wayne Urban; a grandson, Stefan Martin-Urban; son-in-law Mark Carveth

Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with father Bernard Felix presiding. Graveside service followed the funeral Mass and Reception at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Cunningham, KS

Memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Altar Society in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.



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On Monday, December 17th, the Cunningham Pre-School, Grade School, Junior High School and High School will present their Christmas Program. The “Can”cert will be held at 7:00 p.m. **Admission to the “CAN”cert will be a can/box of food or a monetary donation for the local food bank.** If you are unable to attend the concert, you may bring your donation to the School Office.

Several changes occurred for the “Can”cert last year and we will use the same format, one of which is seating. We will be setting up in front of the stage with the 2 bands, choral shells and risers. Public seating will be on the floor and the two sections of bleachers on both sides of the gym (two sections are reserved for students-these will be marked.) The other change is in the singing of “The Christmas Song,” the signature closing piece of the Main Street Singers. I am hoping to create a new tradition here at CHS so if you have been a member of MSS within the last 28 years, you have sung this piece and I am inviting you to come join us and sing along.



Happy 99th , Maxine England!

This lovely lady is mom to my very dear friend, Jane Yunker. Maxine will be 99 years old on December 15. Please wish her many happy returns: 2803 N. Madison, Hutchinson KS 67502



Courthouse Closed for Holidays

The Kingman County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day holidays.

Vehicle tags will need to be purchased prior to 4:45pm on Friday, December 28th.

Taxes Due by December 20th

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If you have NRP(Neighborhood Revitalization Project), your taxes must be paid on time.



Jerome Becker

Jerome A. “Sonny” Becker , 88, died December 1, 2018, at El Paso, Texas.

He was born March 15, 1930, at Nashville, Kansas the son of Philip and Elizabeth Bayer Becker.

A longtime resident of El Paso, he was a retired barber.

Jerome was a member of the St. Mark’s Catholic Church, El Paso; a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus; and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

On January 25, 1958, he married Carolyn Baker. Other survivors include sons David, Thomas and Steven; daughters Karri Carroll, Lori Godines and Sherri Goodwin; sisters Betty Ricke and Joan Becker; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Michael; brothers Emil, John, Alfred, Philip and Nicholas; and sisters Josephine, Marie and Philomena.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, December 10th, followed by burial with U.S. Navy honors in the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.



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RATED PG -13
SHOWS START FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

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May the joy of the season bring you love and peace. Merry Christmas to a wonderful community!

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District 18

Wisdom to Know Alateen & Kiowa AFG
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