

Meanderings

You want to put on your Nikes or Adidas for our meanderings today. Oh, and you’d better have a comfy chair as well.

I have four bits of writing going at this time: this column, a bit about the cutest fashion show in Cunningham history, takeaways from the council meeting last evening (not sure if that is going to get done and placed in these pages this week) and a little writeup about the play.

For those basketball fans out there, I know you don’t need to be told this, but the NCAA championship tournaments began in 1939, just as the second World War loomed on the horizon. The tournaments have been held every year since, with the exception of 2020 when it was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

A week or so ago, Alan Albers stopped by the office. He’d had a call from a gentleman in North or South Carolina who was researching the 1943 NCAA National Championship Team from Laramie, Wyoming. The Wyoming Cowboys were being coached by

one Everett Shelton. The gentleman from the south told Alan that Coach Shelton was a native of Cunningham, Kansas, having graduated from the esteemed halls of our high school in the year of 1916.

When the school directory was checked, there was no listing for Mr. Shelton in 1916. There was a student, Ulysses Shelton, who graduated in 1917. Ulysses was a younger brother of Everett. I did tell Alan the name “Shelton” was familiar, but I wasn’t sure if I’d read the name somewhere in the archives or I knew it for some other reason. BUT the mystery was “Where was/is Everett? And what could we find out about him? And why wasn’t he listed in the current directory with the class of 1916?”

Alan and I talked a bit, and I decided to try one of my favorite genealogy sites: findagrave.com. I typed in Shelton for a last name and “Kingman County, Kansas”. There were a few Shelton in Norwich cemetery, and two that said “St. Leo”, but upon further reading, Elisha Harvey Shelton was buried out at West Point Cemetery. He was born on September 22, 1870, and died March 10, 1902. There is also an “Infant Son Shelton” buried there. Dates “Unknown to February 11, 1902.”

The site indicated that the infant son was Elisha’s son with his

wife Lillian Christian Nossaman. (THERE was a name I recognized.) Elisha and Lillian had two other sons listed on their pages “Orman Shelton” and “Ulysses Shelton”. No mention of Everett. One would think that if Ulysses was a brother, Everett should also be listed.

I clicked on Lillian Nossaman’s name and it took me to another page. It seems she remarried after the death of Elisha. Her husband’s name was Carl French Poland (that is an interesting name). They had a daughter they named Carrie Elsie Lillian who grew up to marry Vernon FitzSimmons (that’s a name everyone knows!) They had two daughters, Caren and Melva, and one son, Lynn, who is the father of Barb, Dennis, and Leann (of FitzSimmons Insurance).

Alan took this information and was going to visit with Gary FitzSimmons to see what he could learn from him.

Wikipedia says that Everett Shelton passed away in Sacramento, California. I tried to find him on findagrave.com, but I had no luck.

Now there is a possibility he passed away there but is buried somewhere else. I probably need to follow a few more “Everett F. Shelton”s on that site and see where it can lead me. And maybe I will do that....

It seems strange that he’s not listed in the school directory. He’s

not found on the family’s findagrave.com pages, and now he seems to not have a grave. But he must have existed because he won the NCAA championship in 1943.

I checked the senior pictures at the high school. The first set of photos was for the class of 1923. I visited with Lance McGuire, and he said if a student went to school there for even one semester there would be a record. When he has time, he will see what he can find for us. I guess at some point the mystery will be solved... and maybe we can learn a bit more about him.



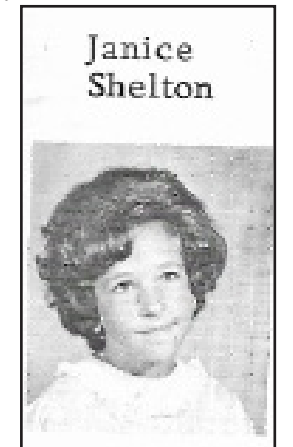
Everett Shelton
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The class of 1979 gathers monthly for a Saturday evening supper (third Saturday of the month, unless a holiday gets in the way). I was telling my comrades in past academia about this interesting Cunningham alumni.

Karen Eck mentioned there were Sheltons that lived in Cunningham back in the 70’s. ‘Denise’ she thought the name was, and this girl was in the class ahead of us. The girl was friends

with Cheri Mantooth Dohrman. She thought her dad was a cop in Cunningham.

Well, I can’t let something like this sit. I checked a few Cunningham Yearbooks and found her in the 1971 book. (see photo) The family must have only been here for one year because there is no photo of her in the 1970 or 1972 yearbooks.



Inquiring minds want to know, so I sent off an email to Cheri Mantooth, now Dohrman down there in Medicine Lodge. She sent back a quick reply.

“Her name was Janice and we were good friends. Her dad was our city cop; her mom was a stay-at-home mom because there were younger siblings than Janice. She had an older brother named Marvin, who was the oldest, and an older sister that I think was in Brooks’s class--the class of 1976, but I can’t recall her name. They lived in the house just to the north of Bess Schnittkner’s house. We stayed in touch for a while after they moved, but sadly we have lost that connection.”

Cheri wrote about a few other things that could send me off on a path that doesn’t need to be meandered down this week....

I can tell you I now live in Bess Schnittkner’s house. And the house north of me is still the house of 1970’s, but now remodeled. You know, my family lived in it for a while back when I was in college.

And that brings to mind another story... but, well, that is a path exactly opposite of the other path I could have meandered down.

Seems there was something else I needed to say in this column, but I can’t remember... oh, wait! Did you catch the author mistake in last week’s column.

I was trying to the get the paper done by midnight and it was creeping up on 10 ‘til and I was tired. Debbie Crombie is not the author of the Inspector Gamache books. It is Louise Penny. I was reading a bit of news from Debbie Crombie right before I wrote the column. She is another author I am going to have read soon. I’ve several of her books on my shelves.

Always reading,
And currently reading,
"Band of Sisters"
by Lauren Willig,
Roberta
“We all have our time machines, don't we. Those that take us back are memories...And those that carry us forward, are dreams.”
— H.G. Wells

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Beneath a sky still rippled with clouds like a puffy bedspread, our swollen pond is all murky browns and greens with waves piling winter grass flotsam against the dam. That storm coming up from the South I told you about last week? Well that barely spit on us.

But when trickster winds blew the next front in, it hung over the Flint Hills and dropped

a steady, sorely needed, cold rain for three and a half days.

Soakers can be the best of times, so long the farm’s been storm-readied...and if I have cats and a good book. So I got ready and as the first drops hit the roof, I settled in my rocker. MommaKitty curled at my feet and our yearling youngest used her as springboard to jump into my lap. I expected a re-

spite from any stresses. Almost as if I’d gone on vacation I planned to sit or lay around reading and relax.

But that did not happen. Because I also expected to hear a squeak at the front door, and when our third cat failed to appear, I felt uneasy. Weird as that duffer is, like nearly every cat I’ve met, this one doesn’t like to get wet. And I could not stop wondering where that dopey fool cat, my big handsome lug, was.

I was downright worried when he didn’t show up by nightfall so I made up excuses to go out on

the porch repeatedly and call his name. The names I called him under my breath do not belong in print.

I’ve tried to accept that indoor-outdoor farm cats must be allowed to come and go as they please. But I like to think MY cats (though they belong to my friends) have routines. Momma takes off, sometimes for a day or two, particularly when guests she doesn’t know visit. Our Little One considers our front door her personal revolving door until she gets sleepy—then she stays IN. My Big Fella meanders in

and out. He doesn’t usually wander out of sight because he likes to eat every few hours and squeaks regularly (and annoyingly) for one of us to open the door.

That stupid cat had not come home when my head full of worry finally hit my pillow. And it’s precisely because he frequently acts dense and clueless that when there was no sign of him the next day and the day after that I became heartsick. Mud sucked at our tires when we went out looking for him. We didn’t want to drip inside our neighbors houses so we

showed his photo through their screen doors. And when one said she *might* have seen him, I clung tightly to a sliver of hope.

That stupid, smarter-than-I-know cat returned at 4 am this morning, happy as a squeaky clam. He was not wet, muddy, or stressed, and when I picked him up, I was pretty sure he’d gained weight. Maybe he went off to some Cat Club Med. Next soaker rain, I want to go wherever he went.

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.



Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer

My family and I recently enjoyed a few days off the farm having some fun in the snow in northern New Mexico.

While homeward bound from our spring break ski trip, there were signs of a new season quickly approaching dur-

ing our drive.

Over our nearly eight hours on the road, our window views changed from mountainous snowy landscapes highlighting herds of grazing elk to wintry grasslands dotted with antelope.

As we traveled from New Mexico into Oklahoma and then through western Kansas, the rangeland views slowly changed to farm

ground. Remnants of the 2021 cotton, corn and sorghum crops were ever present as we took in the landscape. Mama cows and their young calves now occupied the fields that had grain harvested from them last fall.

We could also see that this year’s wheat crop was slowly coming out of dormancy.

As we continued east-bound back to our home, the wheat fields that displayed small patches of greens among fields of mostly drab browns

slowly transformed into larger and more colorful sections of green. The color variations continued to change as we continued towards our central Kansas home.

While appreciating the extra hour of daylight during our drive, I was able to take in the view of the fields as we got closer to our farm. The evening sunlight allowed me a glimpse of a sure sign of a quickly-approaching spring as we returned to our neighborhood. Carpets of vividly green

wheat fields occupied my view. The bright green blanketed entire fields and provided an unexpected “pop” of color.

The color was so intense and obviously noticeable that I immediately pointed it out to everyone in the car. We had only been gone a few days, but within that time spring had clearly sprung!

The bright green views not only offered my family a warm welcome home but provided me with a simple reminder that we are getting closer to the end of a long, dreary and cold winter.

Those beautiful wind-shield views of bright green fields provided me a gentle assurance that

warmer temperatures, longer days and our busy season on the farm are just around the corner.

As the days continue to get longer and warmer, the wheat near our home continues to showcase its magnificent beauty with its dazzling pop of emerald. While some might believe that the view of a waving golden wheat field in the summer is one of the best views in the world, I’d argue the magnificent green fields of wheat in the spring are near the top of my list. To me, it’s a color that represents an awakening that ushers in the promise of new life, growth and warmer days to come.

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Thursday, March 31st Skyland Ag Day *** Forensics Timer Meeting	Wednesday, April 6th School Dental Screenings *** JH Music at Fairfield ***
Friday, April 1st 3:00 p.m. JH Track at Fairfield	Thursday, April 7th JH Track at Pretty Prairie *** HS Track at Pretty Prairie
Monday, April 4th 1:00 - 6:00 Community Center NHS Blood Drive *** JH Scholar's Bowl at Skyline	Friday, April 8th 6:00 p.m. FFA Banquet
Tuesday, April 5th VOTE!!!! *** No School *** HS Forensics HOPL at Stafford *** Lions Club	Saturday, April 9th Regional Music at Tabor College Monday, April 11th 6:30 p.m. Mother Daughter Banquet

Ladies are Invited!

The CHS KAY Club would like to invite all the women and girls of the community to the annual Mother/Daughter Banquet in the CHS gymnasium on April 11 at 6:30. Please bring a pot luck dish and share in the food and fellowship.

Community Service Day is April 13th

Community Service Day is fast approaching at USD 332. It takes place on April 13. Students will be completing small projects for community members as requested. Examples of these jobs include branch removal, moving furniture, cleaning gutters, etc. Please call the school at 620-298-3271 if interested in having service work done on that day.

The city will be picking up tree limbs and brush on this day. Your limbs and brush must be AT THE CURB for pick up. City employees will not come onto your property to collect them.

If we don't have limbs picked up and they are in piles in our yards, we will be given blue notices to get them removed.

I think we should all take advantage of this opportunity.

Community Wide Garage Sales

Cunningham will be holding their city-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 30th. (See classifieds page for more information.)

ALSO Kingman will be having their City Wide Garage Sale on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th

Pratt Community College Performing Arts

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Donations Sought for Carnival

The Kingman County Carnival Board is working diligently to acquire four amusement rides and revitalize the remote-control cars/track for the 2022 Carnival. In order to accomplish this goal we have been soliciting donations and have spoken with numerous businesses and organizations. The community has been very supportive and we have been asked by individuals how they could donate. If you would like to donate and help us reach our goal of seven rides in five years, please make your donation to Kingman County Carnival, Inc. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Carnival please contact Karen Lacio at 316-648-3437. We appreciate your support. Thank you!

Send donations to:

Kingman County Carnival, Inc.
700 West 4th Ave.
Kingman KS 67068

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



B-29 Museum

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

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

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
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Tues., Thurs., Sat.
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Closed for Holidays
298-3163



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Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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April 1-3 and April 8-10, 2022

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Performances will take place Friday and Saturday, April 1-3 and 8-10 at in the Ross-Ellis Center for Arts and Ministry at Barclay College in Haviland. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7:00 pm. Sunday performances will be at 3:00 pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults, \$10; Children ages 5-12, \$5. All VIP seats will be \$15.

To make reservations, visit www.barclaycollege.edu/BCGoesWrong or contact Randi Shetley at 620-862-5252.



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1927

The biennial city election was held Monday, April 4. The total city vote this year amounted to fifty votes and the following men were elected by the number of votes shown. For Mayor, B. F. Doty, 42 votes. Police Judge, Mason Wetherall, 17 votes. City Council, R. E. Huffman, 31; Chas. J. Fee, 31; Everett Hauser, 30; Carl Poland, 24; and Elmer Carter, 22.

At the regular high school board election held Thursday afternoon, Charles J. Fee was elected the Clerk of Cunningham Rural high School Board by a vote of 125 to 101. The race was one of the most hotly contested elections in years. The two candidates nominated for the position were Chas. Fee and Wm. Stanley, who has served on the board for the past term.

The Carnival, given by the Grade School, Friday night, April 1, was attended by a large crowd. A parade in the afternoon helped to advertise the coming events of the evening.

After buying as many tickets as he wanted, each individual at the Carnival began a tour of the various booths, scattered throughout the building. Upon having his fortune told, shopping at the country store, listening to the moonlight serenaders, or visiting other equally popular side shows, one could stroll for a dish of ice cream or a cone.

Following the side shows in the Grade School building, everyone went to the High School Auditorium for the main show, which consisted of various songs, drills, and plays given by the different grades. Horns, whistles, balloons, and pop corn were sold among the crowd.

1932

Four new bridges, one a 480-foot span across the Ninnescah and three smaller ones, are to be built this spring on Highway 54 between the Kingman and Pratt county lines. The Ninnescah river bridge, three miles east of Cunningham, will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. The first small bridge is to be located three miles west of Kingman by the L. D. Nossaman farm; the next five miles west and a short distance east of the France filling station; and the third five miles east of Cunningham by the Gordon Gibbens farm. The contracts include 15 miles of grading and a number of culverts, amounting to \$60,000.00.

The annual Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, with approximately one hundred and fifty mothers and daughters enjoying the pleasant evening together.

Mrs. Alf Cooley was toastmistress, and appearing on the program were Mrs. Harve Manahan, Frances Groves, Mrs. Roy Glenn, Jean Fee, Eleanor Shelman, Mrs. Frank Miles, and Marjorie Vermillion. The dinner of Escalloped Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, hot rolls, spring salad, peaches with whipped cream, and cake, was prepared by the Ladies Aid of the Christian church. The dinner was served by the boys of the high school under the supervision of Coach Williams, with a corps of men from the community doing duty in the kitchen.

The Young Folks of St. Leo will present the play, "Step On It, Stan," in the St. Leo School Auditorium next Sunday evening. Members of the cast are Bill Young, Mike Schnittker, Albert Dick, Leonard Liebl, Loretta Liebl, Roselyn Wegerer, Sylvestine Schulte, Loretta Spade, and Frances Nieces.

C. H. Lakin delivered a new John Deere tractor to E. A. Beat, who lives south of Calista, Wednesday.

1937

Mr. C. J. Fee of the Fee Hardware Co. has just returned from Hutchinson where he was the guest at a big dealer meeting of the International Harvester motor truck organization. The occasion was the announcement of an entirely new line of International motor trucks.

Showing at the Midway Theater in Cunningham – Friday and Saturday: Jean Arthur and George Brent in "More Than a Secretary." Sunday, Monday, Tuesday: Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur in "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town."

Get Harvest Repairs Now and Avoid the Rush. We have a full line of repairs to fix up your machine for the coming harvest. Repair parts at the Square Deal Garage. See the new 1937 model Gleaner Baldwin. English & Kincheloe, local dealers.

Misses Betty Anderson, Joanna Franks, and Peggy DeLair, members of the High School girls vocal trio, accompanied by their Music Instructor, Miss Gulah Hoover, went to Larned Friday evening, where the Trio sang before the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

Get your good Chili and Hamburgers at the Street Car Café, Open All Night.

1942

Heeding Uncle Sam's warning to save automobile tires, Eugene Kitson, employed in the pipeline department in the local oil field, took to riding a bicycle to and from work, but pedaling the even or more miles each day gave Eugene time for deep thinking, and hence—his new invention—a motorized bike.

Taking the motor from a used Maytag washing machine, Eugene has rigged it to the back of his bicycle, directly behind the "driver's" seat, and "put-put" down the road he goes with nothing to do but guide it straight, and think—perhaps of what he might invent next. Congratulations, Eugene, we think it is a well idea.

Local Rationing Board No. 1 has been allotted seven casings and seven truck tubes, one passenger car casing and one passenger car tube, and twenty certificates for recapping.

Francis Wilson, assistant cashier at the First National Bank the past five and one-half years, resigned his position April 1, to await his call for Army service on or about April 9, when he will leave with other county men to do his bit for Uncle Sam.

Clemens Freund, of St. Leo, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and has been ordered to report for induction April 7.

1947

The IOOF Lodge is sponsoring a banquet in honor of the 1946-47 basketball team, Wednesday, April 9, in the Methodist Church basement, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The team has made a fine record for themselves this season, under the coaching of Elmer Cross.

Fifty-six voters cast their votes for seventy-nine candidates in the write-in City Election Tuesday.

B.F. Doty, present Mayor, was reelected, compiling 28 votes. W. H. Patterson was reelected to the office of Police Judge with 10 votes.

R. W. "Shorty" Rose led Councilmen to election with 26 votes. S. T. Kincheloe 24, Glenn Patton 21, Faunnes Wilson 18, and Charles Fee and Mark White tied for the final council office with 12 votes each.

The Southenders reign as City basketball Champions for the year, following a 30-18 victory over St. Leo in the finals of the Hi-Y tournament Friday night. The Country defeated the Northenders 27-22 for third place. The Southenders defeated Skellyville and the Northenders to advance to the finals. St. Leo defeated Penalosa and the Country to earn a finals berth.

1952

The April meeting of the Community Men's Club will be held Tuesday evening, April 15, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Lodge Hall. Representatives from Kingman and Wichita representing the Quivara Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will be present to discuss the possibility of reforming the Cunningham Boy Scout Troop, under the sponsorship of the Club.

If you were to visit the school playground any afternoon this week at recess time, you would find the first grade boys busily engaged in building a sand castle. The boys are David Amick, Larry Dunn, Loren Buntmeyer, Norman Ellis, Donald Francoeur, Lynn Millsap, Michale Krug, Robert Leiter, Mickey Miles, Gene Patton, Joel Pelzl, and Derek Rathbun.

Of the one hundred and sixty students in school, ninety-three have had the measles to date.

The Zenda School Band was issued twenty-four new blue and white uniforms last Monday. Over a thousand dollars in money was solicited throughout the community for the uniforms, and the balance of \$175.00 was made up by the Zenda Grade School Board of Education.

1957

The City of Cunningham acquired about two blocks of additional City Park space this week following the completion of a transaction with the W. B. Rouse Estate and Mrs. Gertrude Cannon.

The tract is in the west part of town, north of the highway, and covers the east and north parts of the Rouse and Cannon property situated south of the water pumps.

Of primary interest in the securing of the additional park space is the site of a lighted ball field, but development of the area will see a picnicing ground, tennis courts, and even perhaps a swimming pool in the years ahead.

105 voters cast ballots at the "write-in" City Election here, Tuesday.

S.T. Kincheloe, popular implement dealer, drew a total of 53 votes, and becomes Cunningham's new Mayor, succeeding W. G. (Dub) Jones.

R. O. (Bob) Underwood, Dresden Township Trustee, was chosen Police Judge as he drew 33 votes.

Of the 58 candidates for Councilman, four men, Herman Hayes, Edwin Steffen, Albert Ditto, and Harry Nossaman,

were elected by a substantial number of votes. A tight, three-way race developed for the fifth council post, however, with Glenn Patton elected with 25 votes against 24 each for Dewey Cooley and Roy Lewis. Hayes and Steffen led the vote-getters with 74 votes each, followed by Ditto with 61 and Nossaman with 49.

The five Cunningham boys, Leroy Meyers, Billy Benson, Allan Schnittker, Walter Becker, and Elmer Freund, who left together for Air Force duty, have all completed their basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., and now have been literally scattered by the Air Force to various parts of the country.

1962

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Welch of Wichita, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, April 1, at the Wesley Hospital in Wichita. She weighed eight pounds, nine ounces, and has been named Kelly Sue.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baber, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Welch, all of Cunningham.

The High School Junior Class will present the play, "Keep Moving," a comedy in three acts, Thursday evening, April 12, at 8:00 o'clock in the High School Gym-Auditorium.

The cast of characters includes Clareen Thome, Kathy Meyers, Kenneth Spade, Joe Young, Eugene Huston, Lynn Millsap, Connie Rose, Joyce Birdsell, Virleen Block, LyWayne Patton, and Norman Ellis.

The alternates and prompters are Derek Rathbun, Dora Crosley, and Norma Greenlee, and the play directors are Mr. James Lupo and Mr. Al Pace.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferd Burnett of Cunningham, will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday afternoon, April 15, with open house at their home from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Burnett came to Cunningham and community in 1926, where he established general practice in conjunction with the operation of the drug store until 1949. Dr. Burnett has completed over 55 years of medical practice and still maintains his office and practice at his home.

1967

The incumbent Mayor, Police Judge, and three Councilmen were re-elected to office in Tuesday's regular City Election as 70 voters cast "write-in" ballots.

Two new Councilmen were also chosen by "write-in" vote, Ray McIlvain and Emil Dostal. They will succeed Waldo Graves and Dewey Cooley.

Present Mayor Francis Dafforn received 36 votes. Present Police Judge Marion Lackey was the most popular vote-getter, piling up 46 votes for the judgeship.

Three present Councilmen, Floren Rose, Ivan Cain, and K.C. Jones, paced the race for five councilmen.

One new member, S. G. Adelhardt, and two incumbent members, Evan Thornhill and Waldo Graves, were elected to the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 332 in Tuesday's election.

Cunningham Boy Scout Troop No. 759 held a Court of Honor in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Sunday evening.

Boy Scout receiving awards included Mike Oller, Tenderfoot; Mike Schreck and Mike Spade, Second Class; Ronnie Park, Billy Ogden, and Marvin Oller, First Class, and Mark Dafforn, Star.

Troop 759 is sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club, with Bob Sterneker as Scoutmaster, and Eugene Kitson as Assistant Scoutmaster. The troop meets in the Lodge Hall every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mark Dafforn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn, received the Boy Scout God and Country Award preceding the worship services at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Rev. Ted Duell made the presentation.

This is the third God and Country Award to the Dafforn family, with Mark's brothers, Alan and Charles, having previously attained one of Boy Scouting's coveted awards.

1972

March 30, 1972 – The Cunningham Lions Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday afternoon, April 1, at 2:00 o'clock, at the football field. There will be three age groups of "hunters" – kindergarten and under; first, second and third graders; and fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.

A pin denoting 50 years of membership and service in The Order of the Eastern Star, was presented to Mrs. Mabel Huffman of Cunningham, at the home of her son, Delmer Huffman. Zola Pearson, Secretary of the Ivanhoe Chapter, No. 249, Order of the Eastern Star, of Cunningham, and Betty Amick, Worthy Matron of the chapter, presented the pin to Mrs. Huffman, Saturday evening, March 18.

Bids for building Cunningham's new swimming pool will be opened at the City Council meeting in the City Hall, Thursday evening, April 6, at 8:00 o'clock.

City Clerk Jack Meyers reports that the \$36,000 in General Obligation Bonds issued by the City of Cunningham as their "half" of the swimming pool cost, have been purchased by the First National Bank of Cunningham. The other "half" (\$36,000) of the total cost of the swimming pool came from federal funds through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Museum Hours

Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503





Presented by:
Taylor Schultz

Sunday, April 3rd
4:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church
Hall, Cunningham

Light snacks & drinks
provided

Please bring your
friends!

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD MARCH FOR LIFE PRESENTATION

Please join us...

Please join me on this Sunday for a casual presentation of my trip to the March for Life rally I attended in Washington D.C. in January. I am excited to share with you the details of my trip and what I learned along the way! I'm also pleased to have my cousin and aunt, Valerie and Dana, join me. They also attended the march and we made some impactful memories together! Enjoy fellowship and music by Yesterday's Tomorrow traveling band!



Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

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

What: Food

When: First and Third Tuesday
from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.


How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays





Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.


St. Leo

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville

620-246-5220

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

620- 886-3397

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


Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

United Methodist Church

Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

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Consider this... by Mike Johnson

Handle Time Travel With Kid Gloves

I never volunteered for the trip, but time travel seldom asks.

One instant I was serenely seated at the computer and the next I was startled to discover myself standing in Neil Rassmussen's living room.

Such is the power of just one Simon & Garfunkel melody. Ready or not, "I Am a Rock" always sends me 1800 miles north and 35 years south, back to my summer-of-69 baseball buddy.

Neil Rassmussen played first base on our Little League team, Winn Stephens Buick, named after the team's sponsor. For never meeting Winn, our minor-league team sure lived up to his name, finishing the year 19-0, Winn-ing every game, including the St. Louis Park championship.

As 12-year-olds, with a summer off from school, in the middle of this winning streak, life was good.

Standing in Neil's living room, waiting to receive something I'd coveted for weeks, made it even better.

Neil owned the greatest baseball glove ever made. The tanned hide had worn shiny-smooth from years of sucking in baseballs fired deep within its pocket. So smooth, and so large was this pocket, that the leather had stretched paper-thin across its entire palm. By tucking your index finger outside and behind the glove's finger hole, you could just barely tolerate the pain of catching a ball. But once it slid securely onto your hand, you could catch anything.

I knew this was true because I borrowed Neil's glove every time he experimented with a new first baseman's mitt. A few painful - but miraculous catches later, I was convinced - and just had to have it. Fortunately for me, Neil's hand had outgrown the glove.

So one July day, standing in his living room, with "I am a Rock" cementing the memory, he presented me that wondrous glove.

We spent the rest of that summer playing ball and joking around. Sarcastic comments were our specialty and we constantly practiced on each other. After each at-bat we'd chide the other on how "cheap" their hit was. Whether you blooped a pop-up over the first baseman's head or smacked a line-drive up the middle, there was no escaping the "cheap hit" banter.

When we tired of that we moved into the sarcasm big leagues - under-our-breath comments while coach Dick Hamer addressed the team. Talk too loud and ...

"RASSMUSSEN! JOHNSON!" Hamer would boom. "Do you want to share this story with the rest of the team?"

"No," two very small voices would mumble, looking at the dirt, hiding behind cap brims, almost lacerating internal organs from suppressed laughter.

Hamer, the best coach we ever had, was a disciplinarian who thought little of wisecracks but much of us. "You don't have to lose a game," he used to say, focusing us on the task at hand, "Because you'll lose enough in your life later."

He got onto Neil & I regularly, although I swear I once caught a glimpse of him swallowing a grin after bellowing in our direction.

Neil and I went separate ways after the season ended and didn't meet again until our junior year, five years later, sharing a creative writing class.

What I saw shocked me.

Neil had gotten into drugs in a big way and it showed. I knew he was in trouble but didn't know what to do. He knew it too. But neither knew how to bridge into the subject. So we groped for familiar ground, avoiding the embarrassment felt from the huge difference between us.

I'd hand him a story assignment for constructive comments and he'd return it: "What a cheap story Johnson! Dick Hamer would be proud!"

His work would return with my scrawl: "RASSMUSSEN! Do you want to share this story with the rest of the team? Love, Dick Hamer."

We spent the year doing endless variations on this familiar joke and never did confront the real issue. When the school year ended, I never saw him again.

As the last of the song that transported me here faded away, so did the images of Dick Hamer addressing the team. And that magical 19-0 Little League season. And Neil Rassmussen slowly handing over The Glove.

Back in the present, try as I might, I couldn't remember what became of that treasured mitt.

But I do remember looking up Dick Hamer and receiving his letter. Written in August, 1990, 21 years after our glorious season, he talked about that team - and what had happened to the members on it.

I wasn't prepared for the sentence that leaped off the page.

"Although a star and looked up to by the other kids on the team, Neil Rassmussen died of a drug overdose quite a few years ago ..."

Gut punch.

But old habits die slowly. I found myself grinning from the comment that instinctively popped into mind - and knew Neil would chuckle too.

Cheap life Neil, cheap life.

Was there anything I could've said 20 years ago that would've made a difference?

I'll never know.

But there's one thing I'll always know. When my words were needed the most - I'd said nothing at all.

Simon & Garfunkel must have known it too. As my faraway eyes slowly returned to the computer screen, another of their melodies played in the background - "The Sound of Silence"...

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:

Palm Sunday (April 9-10) – current weekend schedule

Holy Monday (April 11) – St. Peter – 8:00 am Mass

Holy Tuesday (April 12) – CHRISM MASS in Wichita at 11:00 am

Holy Wednesday (April 13) – St. John – 8:00 am Mass

Holy Wednesday (April 13) – Sacred Heart – 6:45 pm Mass (Note: No Mass or Adoration at St. Leo)

Holy Thursday (April 14) – St. Leo – 7:00 pm TRIDUUM – Mass of the Last Supper/Vigil of the Holy Eucharist till 10:00pm! (Note: No 8:00 am Mass or Adoration at Sacred Heart)

Good Friday (April 15) – St. John – 2:30pm – Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross Liturgy

Sacred Heart – 5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday (April 16) – Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm – St. Peter

Easter Sunday (April 17): 8:00 am – St. Leo 9:30 am – St. John 11:00 am – Sacred Heart

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

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

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

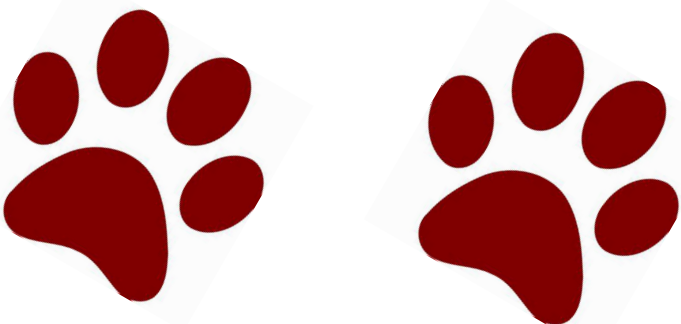
Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)



All League Basketball Players

*Trey DeWeese
HOPL All-League &
Sports in Kansas Honorable Mention
All-State Division II
Lane Halderson - Honorable Mention HOPL All-League
Ellie McGuire - Honorable Mention HOPL All-League*



A Busy Day for Forensics Students

The Cunningham Forensics team and coach, Carrie Vahsholtz, would like to thank the Cunningham Booster Club for serving Pizza and cookies on the Forensics Work Night on Monday at 5:00. The students had a busy day after participating in track after school, then helping prepare for the HOPL tournament, and were headed to music practice afterwards, so the pizza was very much appreciated for these hungry students. The Cunningham team has 7 students on the team. They are preparing for their HOPL League Forensics tournament on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. The tournament will start at 9:00 AM and last until 2:00 PM. We are hoping to qualify more students at our HOPL League Tournament. There is an overabundance of work put into hosting a tournament. These students dedicated themselves to help prepare for the tournament. Thank you for your hard work and thank you Booster Club for your support and the Pizza.

In the picture:
Joanna Hansen
Brianna Dittmer
Alice Huelskamp
Hannah Ellis
Ellie McGuire in the background
Taylor Schultz - She was sitting across from Ellie, but you can't see her.
Shanelle Romine was absent.

WKCEF Scholarship Applications
are Due

West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due at the school office on Friday, April 15, 2022. Applications may be obtained at <http://www.usd332edfoundation.webs.com>. There is also a link on the school website at <http://www.usd332.org>. Please contact Janet DeWeese at 620-298-2717 if you have any questions.

Jake Fischer Wins State
Championship in Powerlifting



Jake Fischer, Kingman junior, earned the 2A State Champion 198 Pound Powerlifting title in Conway Springs. Lifted 475 pounds in squats (beating his previous record by 40 pounds). Benched weight of 315 pounds (5 pounds more than previous record). Clean results 285 with a total of 10 points to earn the state championship.
(if there are any errors in this information, they are those of the editor who doesn't know squat about weightlifting)



“Greatness is not found in the victories, the championships, the success. Greatness is found, instead, within the tears and the pain, within each moment you face the temptation of giving up and say, not today.”
— Andrea Michelle, Imprinted



Removing Any
Reason to Study

by John Richard Schrock

I am receiving many complaints from veteran secondary teachers, including my former student teachers and other colleagues. They are being ordered to use a grading scale that greatly inflates grades. Some schools are ending recognition of high academic performance by eliminating valedictorians. And a growing number of universities are discarding the use of the ACT or SAT in admission decisions.

The “equal-interval” and related grading scales allow a student who knows nothing and guesses on a multiple choice test to get a “C” grade or better. This Ed School invention forced by administrators on teachers fulfills their goal of hiding the learning loss during the pandemic. But it is a violation of teachers’ professional decision-making. It will rapidly result in the loss of more of our best teachers and the production of Lake Wobegone students “where everyone is above average.”

But the average American students have already dropped to the bottom of developed nations in international test comparisons. The Programme

for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a worldwide study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) that evaluates educational systems based on 15-year-old student performance in mathematics, science, and reading tested every three years. In the 2011 math tests, the top scores went to Shanghai, China (75.2) followed by Singapore, Hong Kong, Korea, Finland, Taiwan, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Japan and Canada (49.5). The U.S. score was 32.2.

Much of the motivation for many students comes from wanting to score high on their national high-school leaving exam (or college entrance exam). This is a driving force worldwide. But in the U.S., we have begun a major withdrawal from this motivator.

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) certifies academic achievement in particular subjects in England and many Commonwealth countries. Other countries exams include: South Korea’s College Scholastic Ability Test (CSAT), Taiwan’s General Scholastic Ability Test (GSAT) or Joint College Entrance Examination (JCEE), Japan’s National Center Test for University Admissions, and India’s

many regional tests including the Joint Entrance Examination (engineering) and Common Law Admission Test (CLAT), etc. China’s National College Entrance Examination or gaokao is the most massive, and graduating seniors are often instructed to stop classwork and focus on memorizing all of their recent years of notes.

In the United States, with the 2001 establishment of No Child Left Behind regulations, each state was required to establish state assessments which are achievement tests. They are heavily based on memorization. Teachers consult prior year test questions and then teach-to-the-tests. The result was that state assessment scores generally went up.

Aptitude testing focuses on the ability to solve new problems. This does not exclude knowledge already learned or memorized, but requires the ability to apply a general concept to a new situation. In the U.S. the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a congressionally-mandated set of assessments in various subjects administered at grades 4, 8 and 12 by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). It contains questions requiring original problem-solving. So does the ACT assessment that measures secondary students’ general educational development in four areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. Because U.S. teachers were under pressure to show increases in state assessment scores on achievement tests by teaching-to-the-test. Their achievement test scores went up but their NAEP and ACT scores went down.

The SAT was originally named the Scholastic Aptitude Test, then the Scholastic Assessment Test and now simply the SAT, having moved over time from an aptitude test to an achievement test where teachers can teach-to-the-test. This 20-year re-focus on measured uniform outcomes in the U.S. has resulted in a major shift from teaching involving practicing students in questioning and problem solving to teach-to-the-test memorization, a significant factor in the U.S. decline in PISA scores.

If a student is no longer recognized for his/her study ethic, and students can get a “C” for knowing nothing, then why study? Other countries are keeping their gateway tests, and their best will enter higher education. The U.S. is ignoring grading based on merit and is heading for third world status.



Marsha Mellow, Cara Mellow, Mrs. Keyes, and Sue



Man



Dweeb



Cara Mellow



Marsha Mellow



Her She Kisses in
her karate move



Nerd



K. Andy Bars and James Bon Bon



Her She Kisses, Mrs. Keyes, and Mr. Walla Walla



Pop Tarts, Marsha Mellow, James
Bon Bon, K Andy Bars

Butterfinger. Not a Candy Bar, but Just as Much Fun

Friday night’s special Cunningham treat was the Junior High play, “Butterfinger” directed by Rebecca Huelskamp.

“Butterfinger” written by Adam Pasen was performed by our young thespians to an appreciative audience.

It was obvious much work went into this show. The students knew their lines. The stage sets were well constructed, and everything seemed to go smoothly.

Bon, James Bon Bon, was played by Stephen Kerschen. The cast supporting him was the ditzy and somewhat moody Cara Mellow, but you could call her Cara, played by Nora Huff. Emily Ogg carried off her karate moves in the guise of Her She Kisses. Sue, Gina and Mrs. Keyes were good supporting characters played by Janessa Schnittker, Grace Hageman and Kyra Morgan. Andrew Schultz, in his white wig and handy cane made “Pop Tart” a fun and interesting character.

That “Man” creeping around, hiding in the shadows was played by Xaxon Bell.

Skyler Thimesch as K. Andy Bars was a rather goofily evil villain, and there was his ‘sort of’ sidekick --a bit more serious, Marsha Mellow played by Brynn Wyatt. (Serious until K. Andy Bars’ moustache started to come off).

Kendall Rogers played the Mr. Walla Walla character with a sneaky demeanor. And just as sneaky was Jack Harden’s character “Snickers.” How annoying he could be.

Andrew Kerschen and Will Halderson played the goofy but somewhat likably “Dweeb” and “Nerd”. They were excellent in their roles, The suspenders were just too funny.

Of course, the play couldn’t have been the play it was without the stage crew. Brody Bock was stage manager, Caleb Lohrke ran the spotlight, and Adam Sterneker was on the stage lights. The sound board was under the control of Weston Rogers. Isabella Thimesch was the house manager. Other behind the scenes crew were hardworking members Gabe Chapman, Nathan Ndambuki, Hank Adams, and Gunner Glenn.

A special shout out to Rebecca Huelskamp for her dedication to our students. Once again, she has pushed those kids to give their best for their community, their school, their families, and most of all for themselves. Encore!

Courier photos

Runaway Fashion Comes to Hilltop



Courier photos

From the Left:
Kinlee, Clementine,
Juniper, Payton
and Penley.
Then the same cutie
models (minus Penley)
in different dresses.

I have attended three fashion shows in Cunningham in the last 16 and a half years. The others were great, but the one on Sunday was by far the cutest and most adorable of the three.

The models were daughters and granddaughters of Hillop Manor employees.

Although there were only 5 models they had quite a show for their

audience.

Kinlee, age 7, was the first brave soul. She was followed by three-year-old Clementine and five-year-old Juniper. Payton who is nine, was unexpectedly tossed into the show and was a good sport about it. Then there was Penley, she, too, was three years old, and a bit overwhelmed by all the hoopla, but she managed one walk down and

around the runway.

The pillowcase dresses the models wore were made and created by three of Hilltop's residents and one employee: Betty, Judy, and Don, and Clarissa. After the show, the dresses will be boxed up and sent to the Lutheran church in Larned where they will then be sent on to other countries where their missions are helping the

poor.

Betty lived in Larned and helped create pillowcase dresses there. She then brought the idea to Cunningham's Hilltop Manor, enlisting the help of others.

The dresses are measured and traced (as in a small pattern for the arm holes), sewed, ironed, and then Judy adds the buttons and bows and lace.

Betty said all the little dresses had a large pocket so the little girls will have a place to keep their treasures as many of the girls receiving them may be homeless.

If you have plain or decorative pillowcases that you don't need or use, Betty and her crew will be making more of these little dresses and would welcome your pillowcase donations.

Also, they can use laces and rickrack and bows and buttons and other gewgaws that little girls love. Small scraps of fabric can be used to make the pockets. You can take your donations to Hilltop Manor.

And the next time they have a fashion show, it is worth the time to go. So cute!

-Roberta

Photos from the Lions' Club Pancake Feed
(Another social event in Cunningham)



Alan Albers

Jane Meyers, Steve Miller, Frank McClellan

Don Becker



Diane Albers with Esther and Mathew Musyoki



Bernie Albers

Courier photos



Don Hellar was the pancake cook



Jack Crick, Dan Frick, Grace Patton

Takeaways from March City Council Meeting

The Council accepted the resignation of Tyler Thimesch. The mayor appointed Tanner Newell to fill the position with full approval by the council.

Jackie Ruckle, property officer for the city, gave an update on current issues; homes that have been junked and are in process of being cleaned up or being taken to court, some homes being sold, tree limb and brush pickup on April

17. She mentioned there is a video on Facebook about the pick up. *(editor’s note: If you share information on Facebook, share it with the newspaper. 600+ views of the video on Facebook is almost as impressive as 750+ views the paper gets every week).*

Reminder, too, that Nisly’s do have a special pickup. *(editor’s note: I’ve had this information in the paper several times: If you have large, bulky items for pick up (i.e. appliances or furniture) please call Nisly*

at 620-662-6561. They pick up bulky items once a month. This service is included in your trash bill with the city! No extra charge!)

Harold Stark gave his fire department update: one gender reveal party fire, a vehicle fire on a semi, a carbon monoxide alarm, a flash fire. Harold would like to buy a carbon monoxide testing kit for the fire department. He talked about Skyland Grains new fertilizer building and the fact that the fertilizers stored will be non-flammable.

Monte Rose expressed some concerns about the water line to Skyland Grain. He thinks there needs to be a line loop, as we planned several years ago when we redid the waterlines around town. Aaron Murphy said the money to finish the loop was included in a 1.3 million dollar grant the city applied for. They are still waiting to hear about the grant.

Monte also said there are plans for an EMT class in Cunningham in fall.

The water contract

with Skyland was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to present the contract to Skyland Grain.

The council voted to sell the old water meters for \$5.00 each. These were all replaced (and continue to be replaced) by radio-read meters.

A building permit has been requested for an new office addition for Skyland Grain.

Mesa Sallee was absent, so Molly and the mayor gave the maintenance update. Pool valves have been re-

placed, hopefully this enable the leak to be found.

The grant was again discussed. The ‘wish list’ the city turned in was for Leiter Street and Fourth Street to be repaired... curbed and guttered and asphalted, some sewer lines and water lines to be replaced and repaired. *(the editor can’t wait to learn when Stadium Street from 1st Street to 3rd Street will be repaired.)*

Bills were paid. Meeting adjourned.

- the editor



USD 332 district patrons have an opportunity to vote Tuesday, April 5 on a \$13.2 million bond proposal to improve district facilities, primarily the 105 year old high school. Many patrons have attended one of the eight opportunities held throughout the district to gather information about the proposal and the planned improvements, and/or to tour the facilities. The last of these meetings is Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm at Cunningham High School. The district also mailed an informational flyer to all USD 332 postal customers around March 9. On Monday, March 28 we noticed an additional postcard in our boxes, and with it comes the need to clarify a few facts for voters.

An advantageous time: If this bond proposal does not pass, the chances are that a future proposal would cost more, not less, or cost the same with less building for the money. The problems that the proposal seeks to improve are not going away; today’s low interest rates will. An increase of just 1% could potentially increase the cost of the proposal by up to \$2 million dollars over the life of the bond issuance. If the bond passes on this vote, the interest rate would be locked in within a few weeks of the vote (estimated around 2.75%).

The numbers: The Board of Education prioritizes good stewardship of the taxpayers’ money. While the bond proposal is a substantial sum, the Board has looked at dozens of options and at the priorities of the district to pare down the proposal to what is deemed the most necessary to best serve our students.

There is the intention to pay back the bonds early at every opportunity to save on interest costs. If some of the contingency money that is built into the proposal is not used, that would decrease the total cost and amount of interest that would be paid. Additionally, it is of note that \$12.9 million of the total will be paid by State Assessed Utilities within the district.

Valuation and mill levies: Assessed valuation in a school district does fluctuate over time. In fact, USD 332 assessed valuation has grown by more than 16% (more than \$9.5 million) in the last decade. At least 15 new businesses have started within the district over that time span. A district that has a new school indicates that the community is thriving and moving forward, therefore attracting more new businesses. As assessed valuation increases, mill levies can decrease, thereby de-

creasing your taxes. If the growth that has been happening somehow did turn around and eventually USD 332 closed their doors, borders would be reassigned to area districts and patrons would then pay those taxes. USD 332 current mill levy rate is 36.486, Kingman-Norwich is 45.019, Pratt is 50.093, Attica is 57.053, and Fairfield is 58.092 mills.

The assessed valuation of the USD 332 district would be divided up into the surrounding districts (thus potentially lowering mill levy rates), but the vast majority of the valuation would be centered in the area that would likely become Pratt USD 382. The other districts would likely not see a significant change in their mill levy rates. It is in the best interest of the district taxpayers for USD 332 to remain open.

Cost per classroom: Commercial construction is built to withstand day-in day-out high volume

use for 50 plus years, and is therefore a higher cost than other construction. Included in the projected cost of the wing with 11 new classrooms is everything that could be needed in those rooms. Furnishings and classroom technology may or may not be needed because much of what is currently being used will be retained. Other items included are associated site improvements, the hallway and circulation space, lockers, fire protection (automatic sprinkling of all spaces), and non-building costs such as architect and engineering fees. A contingency percentage for unforeseen construction issues is also included. If the contingency is not needed, it goes back to the district in the form of a refund to pay down the bond quicker or other facility enhancements as part of the projects.

Enrollment growth: USD 332 has seen an increase in enrollment

of 35% since 2014, up to 211 students this school year. This is unusual for rural districts, including those nearby. What more proof does a person need that USD 332 is doing what it takes to thrive and attract families to our district? We see nothing but upward growth in the future of the district. Updated facilities are one piece of the dynamic that makes that happen.

A YES vote on this bond proposal is a vote for progress, a vote for the future. It is not only a YES for the current students, it is a YES for the next 100 years of West Kingman County students. As a district, we can look forward with anticipation of what is to come and make it happen! We encourage you to attend the informational meeting and tour the facilities on March 31st, or call the school with your questions, 620-298-2462.

Sincerely,
The KIDS Committee

Poison Centers are Here for the Ages

TOPEKA – Kansas Governor Laura Kelly issued a proclamation to kick off National Poison Prevention Week. The Poison Center at the University of Kansas Health System and Safe Kids Kansas want to remind Kansans that Poison Centers are ready 24/7 with fast, free advice.

The theme for this year’s National Poison

Prevention Week is Poison Centers – Here for the Ages.

Not everyone realizes that Poison Centers are for everyone. While poison centers get more calls about children, calls about teens, adults and older adults tend to be more serious. Nearly 60% of calls to the Kansas Poison Control in 2021 involved medicines or pharmaceuticals. However, other common poisons include household products, plants, mushrooms, pesticides, animal bites and

stings, carbon monoxide, and many other types of nonpharmaceutical substances.

“The best piece of advice we can give is to program the Poison Help number, 800-222-1222, in your phone and post it visibly in your home. This way you are prepared in the event of a poisoning emergency or simply have questions,” said Stefanie Baines, Education Coordinator for the Kansas Poison Control Center.

Here are the ways

Poison Centers save time, worry, lives and money:

Time

When seconds count, calling a poison center is faster and more accurate than a confusing internet search.

Worry

Nurses, pharmacists and doctors answer calls. We can help in more than 150 languages. Doctors and hospitals turn to us for help every day.

Lives

Whether it is a question or an emergency, Poison Centers are there

with life-saving information when you need it the most.

Money

All calls are free. More than 70 percent of people who call get the help they need right where they are – saving the cost of a trip to the doctor or hospital.

“It is also important to know Poison Centers are not just for emergencies. You can call anytime from anywhere in the nation for information or advice from local experts,” said Cherie Sage,

State Coordinator for Safe Kids Kansas.

If you think someone has been poisoned, call 800-222-1222 right away. Fast and free expert help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information about preventing accidental poisoning visit kansashealthsystem.com/poison and safekidskansas.org/poison_prevention.htm.

Governor Proclaims April “Safe Digging Month” in Kansas

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly issued a proclamation declaring the month of April as “Safe Digging Month” in Kansas. The proclamation, in concurrence with National Safe Digging Month, reminds Kansans to call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects.

The Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas 811, the Kansas Pipeline Association, the Common Ground Alliance, and Governor Kelly are encouraging excavators and homeowners to call 811 before they begin digging projects to prevent injuries,

property damage, and inconvenient outages. Nationwide, utility line damage occurs every six minutes. One-third of those incidents are caused by the failure of the professional excavator or homeowner to call 811 before digging.

Dialing 811 connects callers to Kansas 811, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Calls are taken 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Locate requests can also be made online at www.kansas811.com. Excavators and homeowners are required to make a request at least two working days prior to beginning a digging project. Professional locators are sent to the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags or spray paint. Once lines have

been accurately marked, digging can begin.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires a call to 811. There is no charge to have utility lines marked. The depth of utility lines vary and there may be multiple lines in a common area. Some utility lines are buried only a few inches below the surface, making them easy to strike during shallow digging projects. Installing a mailbox, landscaping, putting in a fence, and building a deck are all examples of digging projects that necessitate a call to 811.

Learn more about 811 and Safe Digging Month by visiting: www.call811.com. More information about Kansas 811 is available at: www.kansas811.com.

KDHE Announces Photo Voice Project for Healthy Kansans 2030

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Healthy Kansans 2030 (HK2030) project team are inviting photographers to submit photos to be considered for inclusion in a State Health Assessment Report being published later this spring.

“For many people,

photographs are a vital way to convey important messages,” Jade Ramsdell, MBA, LSSGB, Performance Improvement Director at KDHE, said. “We are delighted to invite amateur and professional photographers across the state to help us explore and tell the story of the health of Kansas in a different and deeper way.”

The project is seeking photos to help visualize health in Kansas. Entries should answer one or both of the following questions

What does healthy living look like in your Kansas community?

What makes it easy or hard to stay healthy in your everyday environment?

Entries can be submitted until April 15. Winners will receive print credit in the report and will be notified of their selection by April 29. A panel of KDHE staff and the HK2030 project team will review and judge each entry.

Complete photo entry details, FAQs and supporting documents are available on the Healthy Kansans 2030 webpage, kdhe.ks.gov/201/. Questions about the project should be directed to kdhe.HK2030@ks.gov.





Small town parades are the best. Children waving from floats, pets in costume, beautiful old tractors and other antique vehicles rolling by. Three whole blocks of friends and neighbors gathered along Main Street visiting and cheering, pointing out who's who and what's what.

The antiques are my favorite. Each one long retired from its original purpose. Lovingly,

painstakingly restored by proud owners waving from the driver's seat, this equipment and these classic automobiles tell a story of yesterday; of simpler, smaller times. Their purpose changed along the way. Looking through the lens of nostalgia and a slight obsession with Pixar's Cars movie, I can imagine the Farmall tractor pulling a plow in the fields and the Pontiac Safari carrying families to and from vacation along Route 66. They celebrate our history and where we come from.

Those machines were top of the line in their day. The best money could buy. The latest and greatest. They did the job and did it well. I wonder at what point their owners retired them to keep moving forward. When did they realize that no amount of fixing, restoring, or painting would make that machinery, those vehicles, adequate for today's and tomorrow's farming methods; for today's and tomorrow's highways and technology? It had to be a little sad, the letting go, when the world's progress rendered them obsolete and even dangerous for the jobs they used to do so well.

Our high school building was lovingly, painstakingly built and opened in 1917 by local visionaries who wanted a strong future for their children and grandchildren. We are grateful for their skill and their generosity; this beautiful building has housed the education of generations of Wildcats. I want to thank them, and the only way I know to do that is to pay it forward for the next 100 years of students who are living and learning in an entirely different century. I will be voting for the USD 332 Bond Issue on April 5.

Antiques are art.



Some can be salvaged and used for recreation and pleasure. Others are memories; beautiful reminders of where we came from, but not where we are going. God bless those who work hard to celebrate and preserve our important history, and God bless those who strive diligently, bravely moving us forward into the future to thrive for the next 100 years.

Amy McGuire

South Central Community Foundation County Tours: How Can We Help?

Due to the unique events of the last few years still unfolding, South Central Community Foundation is hoping to revamp how they approach the grant making process, reactivity to issues, and if their original mission still holds true.

Coupled with their Strategic Plan ending later this year, the SCCF Board of Directors are interested in taking a deeper dive into each community. Starting in early summer, each county's Board representatives and staff members plan to host a community event in each county.

"We hope to have a strong attendance at each tour to gain insight into how the community operates, current successes, and opportunities for growth," said SCCF Director Holly Rooks, "SCCF has a mission of assuring a bright future for South Central Kansas and we want to recognize the uniqueness that each area portrays."

Currently, SCCF is looking for volunteers from each county who would be interested in helping facilitate this community event. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Foundation at (620) 672.7929 or sccf@sccfks.org.

Schrag Attends Rural Conference

Leslie Schrag was one of 150 people representing seventy-seven cities in Kansas at the 2022 We Kan! Conference, an event held in Newton and facilitated by the Inman-based Kansas Sampler Foundation.

Organized for rural communities, the theme of the biannual event was "Connecting for grassroots success." Featuring peer-to-peer training, there were also more than two dozen representatives from state agencies, Small Business Development, Network Kansas, Sunflower Foundation, and other statewide organizations. Foundation director Marci Penner said, "All were in attendance to connect and help each other with the hard work of sustaining communities for a thriving future."

Keynote speakers were Beth Barlow and Paul Clautier of "A Bolder Humboldt" who spoke about how they are "forging a novel path forward" to create a community of the future. Ernestor De La Rosa, Dodge City assistant city manager, spoke about his immigrant journey and the tie to community development.

Schrag chose to attend breakout sessions about the topics child-

care, grants, foundation development, and entrepreneur ecosystems. Schrag said, "Connecting to rural communities who share the same challenges and assets provide an opportunity to learn what works. The breakout session with 'Zero to Thrive' will assist KCED as it moves forward with a county-wide childcare task force."

Over one-third of those in attendance were under the age of 40. The conference ended with most of those individuals crossing the stage to state their name, town, role, why they like living rural, and what they'd like to see done or do themselves.

The mission of the non-profit Kansas Sampler Foundation is to preserve and sustain rural culture.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets for Adoption

Kacey

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier
Female Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 5.2 lbs
Age 1Y/5M/2W
Adoption Fee \$25
Intake Date: 1/31/2022
Miss Kacey is very shy. She prefers a quiet environment and needs lots of TLC.

Captain

Sponsored by Baker Accounting
Male Boxer / Mixed Breed (Medium)
Weight: 51.4 lbs
Age: 2Y/6M/0W
Adoption Fee \$180.00
Intake Date: 1/14/2022
People friendly
Captain is a high energy, fun loving, happy tail big boy. Loves to go on cross county runs or zoom around the play yard. If you're looking for someone to keep you active, healthy and on-the-go, then he's your guy!

Diesel

Sponsored by Quarters for Canines
Male Retriever, Yellow Labrador
Weight: 42 lbs
Age: 1Y/6M/3W
Adoption Fee: \$150
Intake Date: 1/23/2021
Diesel is blind but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeaky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for March 21st

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas March 21st, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr and Aaron Cacoran, Motorola.

Online Visitors: Caller 01 and Joyce Foley.

Staff: Sheriff Randy Hill and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Foley called the Board of County

Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Henning would like to add to Commissioner Comments.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Commissioner comments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that getting along is a two- way situation and the City and the County need to come together.

Commissioner Henning said “We are a community and we need to work together”.

The County Clerk submitted the March 14th, 2022 Commission meet-

ing minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the March 14th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed the December 31, 2021 transfers and corrections submitted by the Internal Auditor.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the transfers of December 31, 2021. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed the corrected transfers for October 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the corrected transfers for October 2021. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion.

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

Aaron Cacoran, Motorola Representative was in to discuss the pricing of radio sites and what would work to cover the gap.

Commissioner Henning let Mr. Cacoran know that he has been doing researching the radios and wanted to know if the 800 radio system is the way the County needs to go.

Mr. Cacoran explained the state system with the Commissioners and what the benefit would be to have an 800 tower.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed another site with Mr. Cacoran.

Mr. Cacoran let the Commissioners know that he can check a new site and get a quote together for it.

Mr. Cacoran showed the Commissioners coverage maps with the different sites.

Commissioners asked

if the County could put up their own tower.

Mr. Cacoran let the Commissioners know that if they want to purchase the mobile radios and walkie talkies with the tower the cost for them will be significantly lower.

Commissioners would like Mr. Cacoran to get some lease numbers for 7 years & 10 years for them to look at.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a construction schedule update on the FAS #13 Bridge there looking at 13th of April for a deck pour.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he has a meeting today for FAS 11 & FAS 12 possible start date.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the letting for FAS 296 Hot Mix Project will be April 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf asked the Commissioners if they will be attend-

ing the South Central Kansas Association of Commissioners & Engineers spring meeting on April 7, 2022 in St. John so that he can RSVP their attendance.

Chairman Foley would like Mr. Arensdorf to look at the approaches to the Smoots Creek Bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf said that he will look at it.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Annual Review of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan is due by April 29th, 2022 to Reno County.

Chairman Foley discussed with the board that he had received concerns about the dirt in the arena.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Wheat Scoop: K-State Researchers Uncover New Clues for Improving Wheat

Kansas State University researchers continue to unlock the complexity of the wheat genome, recently publishing findings of a study that characterized numerous genes duplicated thousands of years ago to understand how they control wheat yield and other desirable traits.

Wheat geneticist Eduard Akhunov, the director of K-State’s Wheat Genetic Resources Center, said his team’s research may lead to greater opportunities for breeders to perform “targeted breeding” that can increase grain size and number – ultimately increasing yields.

Akhunov said the researchers studied the role of gene copies available from each of the respective genomes in polyploid crops, those that contain more than two sets of chromosomes, in shaping main agronomic traits.

Bread wheat, he added, is polyploid, formed nearly 10,000 years ago from merging the genomes of two wild an-

cestors: tetraploid wild emmer wheat (which has a genome formula known as AB) and diploid goat-grass (with genome formula D).

“As a result,” Akhunov said, “most genes in wheat exist in three copies, one from each of the A, B and D genomes. This gene redundancy creates a number of possibilities for interactions between genes and has, over time, contributed to new adaptations, making wheat capable of growing and producing grain in more diverse climatic conditions,” he said.

In the current study, K-State researchers tested combinations of the gene copies to see what impact they would have

on wheat’s growth and productivity.

“Normally, gene copies from each of (three) respective genomes in wheat are expressed in equal proportions,” Akhunov said. “But we found that there is a relatively small subset of genes where copies from different wheat genomes are expressed at different levels,” referred to as an imbalanced expression of genes.

The imbalanced expression of genes, he added, turned out to have a positive effect on the wheat plant, in many cases increasing grain size, weight and number.

“Our study suggests that over many years, breeders have been selecting combinations of

imbalanced genes that positively impacted yield in diverse climatic environments,” Akhunov said.

Important for wheat growers: breeders could use this knowledge to develop new high-yielding wheat varieties capable of growing in a variety of climates.

According to an article from the National Center for Biotechnology Information, polyploidy is a “major force in the evolution of both wild and cultivated plants.” Scientists believe polyploid organisms exhibit increased vigor and -- in some cases -- outperform their diploid relatives in several aspects.

K-State’s work on this project is summarized

in the Feb. 11 issue of Nature Communications.

Akhunov said the research represents a large effort led by his research lab in collaboration with the Wheat Coordinated Agricultural Project, and funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The project was part of the International Wheat Yield Partnership in which wheat researchers around the world are cooperating to find solutions to increase wheat yields.

View this article on the K-State Research and Extension website.

Written by Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

The Cold Weather Rule Ends March 31

TOPEKA – The Kansas Cold Weather Rule ends on Thursday, March 31. That means Kansans who are behind on electric and natural gas utility bills will be subject to disconnection of service unless they contact their utility company to make payment arrangements.

The Cold Weather Rule is in effect from November 1 through

March 31 each year. It provides protection from disconnection to residential customers served by utilities regulated by the Kansas Corporation Commission’s (KCC). When that protection ends on Thursday, failure to make arrangements or failure to adhere to an already established payment plan could result in disconnection. Reconnection after March 31 may require past due balances be paid in full, depending on the utility’s policy. That is why it is important to call

now – while regulated utilities are still required to offer the Cold Weather Rule 12-month payment plan.

The Cold Weather Rule 12-month payment plans require an initial payment of 1/12 of the overdue amount, 1/12 of the bill for current service, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fees, plus any applicable deposit owed to the utility. The balance is billed in equal payments over the next 11 months in addition to the regular monthly bill.

The KCC adopted the Cold Weather Rule in 1983 to protect customers during cold winter weather by providing a reasonable and organized method of paying past due and current bills. It is important to note that the KCC does not regulate co-ops or municipal utilities, although many of those utilities also offer a cold weather plan. For a complete list of utilities regulated by the KCC visit: <http://kcc.ks.gov/about-us/jurisdiction>

To find out more about utility assistance

programs in your area, please contact your utility or the KCC Consumer Protection Office at 800-662-0027 or 785-271-

3140. Utility assistance program information is also posted on the KCC’s website.

Facts about Ukrainian culture

According to Ukrainian folk tales, Kiev boasts up to three official witch gathering places. They share the name Lysa Hora (Bold Mountain).

Unlike many cultures around the world, Ukrainians wear wedding rings on the right hand not the left.


“O Sole Mio” the world-famous song was composed in the country.

Kiev is widely regarded as the country’s spiritual capital. Pilgrims regularly travel long distances to visit the Sofia Kyivska church and St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery.

The popular Easter egg tradition originated in Ukraine. Originally, the eggs were patterned using wax and dye. The wax was eventually removed leaving an impressive pattern with dashing colors.

The world’s longest musical instrument also originates from Ukraine. The pipe piece is aptly named Trembita.

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for March 21, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 21, 2022 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 Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Jon Riggins, Kirkham Michael, presented bids for the KDOT road project or NE 20th Avenue road improvements. Bids were received from Morgan Brothers Construction Inc., Lacrosse, KS, in the amount of \$388,553.20 and Vogts-Parga construction LLC, Newton, KS, in the amount of \$434,306.34. Jon stated both are reputable contractors. He recommended accepting the lowest bid from Morgan Brothers Construction Inc. in the amount of \$388,553.20. Tyson stated the state has to also approve the bid award. They discussed the different engineer estimates, what was included and not included in the initial cost share proposal. Commissioner Jones made a motion to award the contract to Morgan Brothers Construction Inc, contingent on KDOT approval. Commissioner

Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The notice of award was signed by the commissioners. Jon will send the notice of award to KDOT for approval. When approved he will bring in contracts for approval and signatures.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the additional service authorization No. 3 not to exceed \$75,500 to Kirkham Michael for engineering services. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve additional service Authorization No. 4 not to exceed \$150,500 revised/new contract amount. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Leo Kitch stated his concern about a piece of property he sold on contract and the contract buyers have not paid the taxes, therefore it is on the delinquent tax sale.

Tyson explained the process of the delinquent tax sale.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reported on KDOT projects that have been approved including mill, over lays and rumble strips on highway 54. Passing lanes have not been approved so ARPA funds could be used. Construction starting first part of April, 2022. She discussed the redistricting. Pratt County will remain in the same Senate District

33. The House District 114/116 has a proposed split down highway 281. That would mean Pratt County House District would have two members. The sales tax bill advanced in the house. They could cut sales tax on food in July to half at 3.5%. It would reduce the overall sales tax from 6.5% to 6.3%. They will continue to reduce as long as funds allow. Water and sewer improvements are not high on the list for grants.

Michelle Vakulenko, BDBS representative, presented the health/dental renewal for 2022. She went over claims and projected increases. She discussed potential changes in coverage.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented his annual report for 2021 and a report comparing 2022 to 2021.

Jason Winkel, recycling/landfill supervisor, reported his employee completed the HWW Training. They are shipping out recycling. He asked about pouring cement for the parking lot at recycling center. He will get quotes from concrete companies and report back. Landfill is now accepting credit/debit cards for payment. May 9-14 is the City Clean-Up Week. He asked about the property behind the lake on the north side. They are looking for another disc golf location, would like to consider this location.

Chairman Adams said to check it out and report back.

Amy Jones, treasurer, requested an executive session. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:45 p.m, for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:55 with no action taken. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency management/zoning director, reported on the repairs needed for the EMS generator. The estimate to repair the radiator is \$3,404.44 from Central Power Systems & Services. There is a small generator that could be used while they repair the generator. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase a new radiator from Central Pwer Systems & Services for the EMS generator for the estimated cost of \$3,304.44. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He reported the LEC meeting will be this Thursday. He reported all the tornado sirens will now go off at the same time. He reported there is no burn ban at this time.

Rose Freitas, RSVP dispatcher, stated her

concerns about a RSVP driver. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session with Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director to be present for fifteen minutes at 4:08 pm to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara presented a pay slip for a new hire, Lisa Miller, navigator at \$10.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Lisa Miller at \$10.00 per hour for a RSVP navigator. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:22 p.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return at 4:27 p.m, with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from March 14, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Miss Kansas Pageant Foundation.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson, presented an engagement letter from Morris Laing Law Firm for drafting an employee policies and handbook at \$325 per hour. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adopt the engagement letter from Morris Laing Law Firm to update the county employee handbook at \$325 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He has contacted Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC for an initial date to come visit with the department heads and commissioners concerning the 2023 budget.

This will include an introduction to Scot and him going over the budget process. The meeting will be scheduled for May 3, 2022. Tyson will verify a time. Lori will send an email to department heads with the time and date.

Chairman Shriver gave a progress report on the public safety building.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for March 21, 2022.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

A Bit of Trivia about Sheriffs In America

The longest serving Sheriff in the United States thus far has been Bernard Shackleton, Lunenburg County, Virginia. He served from 1904-1955, a total of 51 years, a truly impressive record.

The first sheriff in America is believed to be Captain William Stone, appointed in 1634 for the Shire of Northampton in the colony of Virginia. The first elected sheriff was William Waters in 1652 in the same shire (shire was used in many of the colonies, before the word county replaced it.)



Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Federal Home Loan Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-1 Plaintiff,

vs.

Connie Ann Cook, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 21CV18 K.S.A. 60

Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **21CV18**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 am on 4/14/22, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas, to wit:

LOT TEN (10); AND THE WEST TEN FEET (W 10') OF LOT TWELVE (12) ON AVENUE "B" EAST, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

SHERIFF OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542 Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624 Dustin Stiles, KS # 25152 Bonial & Associates, P.C. 12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555 St. Louis, MO 63141 Phone: (314) 991-0255 Fax: (314) 991-6755 Email(s): shawn.scharenborg@bonialpc.com; sara.pelikan@bonialpc.com Attorney for Plaintiff

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Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, March 24, 2022.(3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOANNE E. SMITH, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 8 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Larry Noakes, Administrator of the above entitled Estate of Joanne E. Smith, deceased, praying for an Order authorizing the private sale of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The East Fifteen feet (15') of Lot Thirteen (13); all of Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15); and the West Fifteen feet (15') of Lot Sixteen (16) in Block Two (2), in

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and for further Order confirming the private sale thereof to Donald and Debra Miller for \$53,000.00 cash, with taxes prorated to the date of sale, abstract or title policy to be furnished and possession to be delivered upon closing; and for a further Order authorizing the Administrator to pay the costs of the sale.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock a.m. in the District Court in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard.

Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Larry Noakes
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 20th	
Traffic stops	5
Traffic driving complaint	13000 block E HWY 54 Cheney
Animal	600 block E. C Ave. Kingman
Assist other agencies	300 block W E Ave Kingman
Assist other agencies	4500 block SE 90 St. Kingman
Damage	4500 block SE 90 St. Kingman
Fire outside	SE 150 St. & SE 50 Ave area Rago
Monday, March 21st	
Traffic stop	1
Alarm	500 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Citizen assist	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Vehicle disabled	16000 block SW 60 Ave Zenda
Tuesday, March 22nd	
Traffic stops	3
Traffic control	SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54 Area Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	4000 block NE Sunset Ln. Cheney
Utility/trees/wire/down/waterleak	SE 70 St. & SE 70 Ave. area Murdock
Vehicle disabled	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
Vehicle disabled	2000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle disabled	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11 area Kingman
Wednesday, March 23rd	
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St & SW 20 Ave area Spivey
Traffic complaint	W Hwy 42 & SW 20 Ave Spivey

Animal	7000 block SW 80 St. Kingman
Fire vehicle	3000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Thursday, March 24th	
Traffic complaint	600 block N Main St. Cheney
Traffic complaint	12000 blook E Hwy 54 Cheney
Animal	NW 20 St & NW 70 Ave area Kingman
Burglary	14000 block SW 80 VAe. Zenda
Suspicious vehicle	200 block W Stanley Ave. Spivey
Friday, March 25th	
Traffic stops	1
Traffic complaint	6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	400 block E Leiter Ave. Cunningham
Animal	400 block N Broadway St. Kingman
Disturbance	500 block S. Edwards St. Kingman
Fire vehicle	SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Cunningham
Suspicious vehicle	600 block N. Sugar St. Kingman
Welfare check	12000 NE block 50 St.Cheney
Saturday, March 26th	
Traffic stops	1
Fire investigation	12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Fire wild	15000 block NE 30 St. Cheney
Trespassing	300 block S. Parkway St. Norwich
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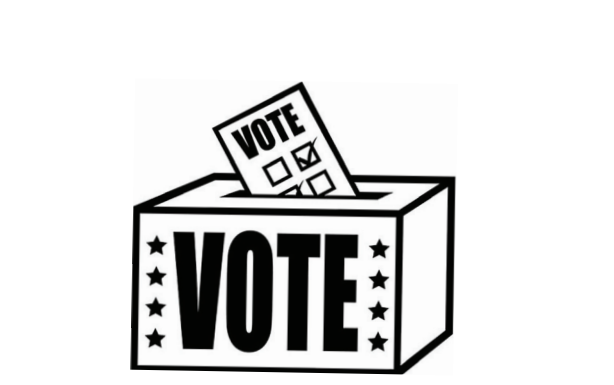
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Help Wanted



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Larry Conkle

Larry Ray Conkle, 70, passed away Friday, March 25, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on July 3, 1951 in Jacksonville, Florida to Veryl and Winona (Chatelain) Conkle. Larry married Linda Gail (Herrman) Conkle on August 11, 1972 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City. They were married for 49 years.

Larry graduated from Ensign High School in 1969. He attended Dodge City Community College and Fort Hays State University. He worked as a grain merchandiser for Kanza Coop for 27 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and was a past member of Johnson City Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed coaching baseball for recreation and travel teams, playing baseball, attending his grandchildren activities, bowling, hunting, fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Kristi Conkle of Wichita, Sean (Josie) Conkle of Pratt, Jason (Taryn) Conkle of Pratt and Gini Conkle of Pratt; sister, Paula (Fred) Hofmeister of Claflin; grandchildren, Bryson, Owen, Nolan, Brigham, Stetson, Adley and one more grandchild on the way.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on, Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus or Sacred Heart Catholic Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Linda Baird

Linda Kay Baird, 74, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2022. She was born on March 3, 1948 in Russell, KS to George and Thelma (Keil) Wolf. She married Jerry Baird on October 12, 1968. They were married for 53 years.

Linda loved and excelled at her job as a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, crafting and scrap booking. She sold crafts at all the local craft shows and her work was loved and taken home by many. She was an avid bingo player and loved spending time with her family and her precious dog, Cooper.

She is survived by husband, Jerry; children, Lisa (Donnie) Goertzen, Terry Baird and Michael Baird all of Pratt; sisters, Charlene Graham of Arizona, Mary Schoenberger of Hays, Sharon Wolf of Hays and Kathy (Curt) Kinney of Lawerance; brothers, Willis (Julie) Wolf of Salina, Danny (Patty) Wolf of Hays and Steve (Karen) Wolf of Holcomb; 10 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Frankie Wolf.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with Pastor Tom Walters presiding. Family requests comfortable and casual dress. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Linda Baird Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Wesley Herren

Wesley D. Herren, 17, died March 23, 2022 at Colwich, Kansas.

He was born June 13, 2004 at Wichita the son of Timothy Herren and Stephanie Lubbers.

Wesley attended school in Kingman and presently was in his Senior year at Andale High School.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother and step-father Stephanie and Rodney Sowers; his father Timothy; brothers Brent Watkins, Brandon Wilcoxon, John Stowell and Daniel Herren; sister Katie Cook; and grandmother Charlene Downs.

Family visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Andale with a rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to The Lord’s Diner in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068



Jason May

Pratt - Jason C. May, 54, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2022 at his home of natural causes. He was born on April 6, 1967 in El Dorado to Chester Leon May and Vicky Ann (Tjaden) Waldschmidt. Jason married Debora Sue (McManigal) May on July 17, 1993 in Hays, Kansas. They were married for 28 years.

Jason graduated from Colby High School in 1985. He earned his Associate Degree from Colby Community College, Bachelors degree from Fort Hays State University and his Masters Degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He worked as a middle school science and math teacher, wrestling, football and golf coach and principal at Haskins Elementary and Southwest Elementary for Pratt USD 382 since 1995. He earned awards as Elementary School Principal of the Year and Middle School Coach of the Year. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, previous Kiwanis Member and past President of Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals. He enjoyed music, especially U2, movies, nonfiction, lifelong loyal Minnesota Vikings fan, being a Greenback and announcing the football games and other activities, being a dad and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Deb; children, Hayden (Arella) May of Pratt, Grant May of Lawrence and Grace May of Pratt; granddaughter, Wren May; sister, Crystal (Lea) Firestone of Wichita; brother, Brett May of Wichita; stepmother, Myrna May of Wichita; sisters in-law, Jolene McManigal of Louisburg and Sherri May of Clearwater; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Jason is preceded in death by his father, Chester May; mother, Vicky (Tom) Waldschmidt; brother, Todd May; sister in-law, Sue May; mother in-law, Theresa Spore; father in-law, Dan McManigal, Sr.; and brother in-law, Dan McManigal, Jr.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2022 at Pratt Community College, Beaver Dome with Pastor Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Students are requested to wear their Superfrog shirts. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt School Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinic in April on the following dates:

Cunningham- Wednesday, April 6th
from 9:30am-12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday, April 6th
from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday, April 7th
from 1:30pm-4:00pm



A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the people of Cunningham and surrounding area for all the support, food, flowers, cards and concern that was shown to our family during the loss of mom, grandma, and great-grandma Rita.

A special thanks to:

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