

Approved Minutes from the March City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, Craig Woodard, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Monte Rose, Roberta Kobbe, and Tanner Newell.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of February 28, 2022 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of March 14, 2022 special meeting – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Resignation of Council Member – Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz, to accept the resignation of Councilman Tyler Thimesch. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mayor Murphy appointed Tanner Newell to fill the vacant position on the Council. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard to approve the appointment of Tanner Newell to the Council. Motion carried, 4/0.

Oath of Office for new Council Member – Councilman Newell took the Oath of Office to finish Tyler Thimesch's term.

Public Comments – The City Clerk reported that a citizen would like to offer property for the use of a community garden.

Monte Rose discussed his concerns regarding the possible connection of a fire hydrant to the City's water supply near Santa Fe Avenue and Valley Street. He recommended that the line be "looped" as opposed to a water line fed from only one direction. Mayor Murphy confirmed that Mr. Rose's recommendations were written into the Building A Stronger Economy (BASE) Grant application.

Property Officer – Jackie Ruckle gave the report. April 13th is Community Service Day. Students from CHS will be volunteering in the community. A video was posted on the City of Cunningham's Facebook page with information regarding the tree limb pickup schedule for that day. Jackie will work with student volunteers to pick up limbs that have been placed at the curb. Only limbs at the curb will be picked up. Limb piles

not on the curb will be the responsibility of the resident. Some properties have been cited due to junk cars and junk piles.

Fire Department – Chief Stark reported four calls this month. The fire department responded to a pasture fire that resulted when Tannerite explosive was used at a gender reveal party. (It's a boy!) There was a vehicle fire under the Highway 54 overpass on South Valley Street. That fire remained small and was extinguished without incident. The fire department also responded to a rural carbon monoxide alarm. There was no company with the correct equipment to test and clear the area, so Chief Stark relied on Eck Services to test for the presence of carbon monoxide. While contractors were installing Formica counters there was a chemical reaction that resulted in a flash fire at 310 E. First Street. The flash fire resulted in a considerable amount of smoke damage, but no structural damage. The State Fire Marshall investigated the fire and deemed it to be accidental.

Chief Stark also reported on his tour of the fertilizer storage area at Skyland Grain. All materials were found to be non-flammable.

One firefighter recently completed a course for hazardous material handling.

A starter motor has been purchased

for the pump on truck #326. Skyland Grain Connection to Water Supply – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to propose the presented contract (attached to minutes) to Skyland Grain for water connection. Motion carried, 5/0.

Sale of Old Meters – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to sell old meters for \$5 each. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance – City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee was in Wichita for the KRWA Conference. His maintenance report was read by Mayor Murphy and is attached to the minutes.

Swimming Pool – Mesa has replaced valves in pump room. Only one lifeguard application has been received. Sand change for filter has been set for April 22.

Planning & Zoning – Building has begun on a new structure at Wilmot Street and Santa Fe Avenue. A new building permit will be considered at the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

Animal Control – New complaint for a dog at large has been turned over to the City Attorney.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Takeaways from April City Council Meeting

The mayor and all council members were presen. (Tim Schultz came in a few minutes late). A discussion was held about vacating Estella Street. After input from Fire Chief Harold Stark, the council decided not to continue with the plans to vacate. There is an emergency egress gate for Hilltop Manor that would be effected if the street was vacated.

Another discussion followed about vacating Swick Street or parts of it. Planning and Zoning Committee recommended it not be vacated due to the potential for future building and emergency situations. More discussion will follow.

The City did not receive the grant they applied for to fix some of our infrastructure that needs updating and repairing.

ARPA funds can be used as revenue replacement and thus can be used as governmental services such as infrastructure.

ATC Audit agreement was discussed and will continue for this year's audit, but quotes will be garnered for next year's auditor.

Strong's Insurance has visited with Molly about updating equipment values

to keep insurance up to date. They also suggested cyber insurance. Council and Greg Grafman, city attorney, talked about the reasons this should be a necessity. Molly will look into get quotes.

No word from Skyland Grain as to their acceptance of the water usage contract, although Mayor Murphy indicated the company believes the fees were too high.

The meter on the bulk water station isn't working properly and the cost of new one is costly.

Annual appointments were made: Water & Sewer Commissioners: Tim Schultz and Craig Woodard

Street Commissioner: Jason Ruckle Parks & Swimming Pool Commissioners: Bart Ricke & Tanner Newell

Community Center Board Representative: Aaron Murphy

Recreation Board: Travis Thimesch & Bayleigh Newell

Tree Board: Angela Murphy, Eric Meyers, Rita Strohl

City Forester: Eric Meyers Property Officer: Jackie Ruckle Animal Control Officer: (Vacant) Clerk: Molly Morgan Treasurer: Eric Meyers

Attorney: Graffman & Smith, L.L.C. Municipal Judge: James D. Mathis Official Depository: Ninnescah Valley Bank, Cunningham

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Aaron Murphy LKM Alternate: Jason Ruckle

Nick Rogers has agreed to chair the Planning and Zoning Board (THANK YOU, NICK! Thank you!)

The city has had several signed complaints presented to them. The complaints are for several code and ordinance violations: boat storage, trash storage (there shouldn't be any), dogs running at large, and trashy yards. Jackie Ruckle will address the complaints for the properties. The dog complaints have been sent on to the lawyer.

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Mesa Sallee has passed his sewer certification.

He said the transfer switches on well has come in and he is waiting to hear from Arensdorf Construction for the next step of the well house repair.

Lights at the volleyball pit need to be changed out. LED lighting will be purchased and a timer switch will be added so the lights don't burn all night long.

One of the flagpoles in the park is in need of repair and Mesa will arrange with Arensdorf Construction to pour a bit of cement there when they come to fix the well house floor.

The football field is in need of main-

tenance, mostly a grass overlay. One of the trees by the well house will need to be remove as it is rotting on the inside.

A lengthy discussion was held (once again) about Leiter Street. The city will search for possible grants to fund the project and survey the residents on the street about the cost for paving, curbing and guttering the street.

After three executive sessions, motions were made and passed to give \$1.00 an hour raises to Mesa and Molly. (They are worth every bit of what they are paid. Every bit.)

The swimming pool employees were hired and raises given to returning employees. Molly will continue as manager, Megan Hansen will continue as assistant manager. Returning lifeguards: Alayna McGuire, Kendra Morgan, Maranda Lohrke, Joanna Hansen, Hannah Ellis, and Luke McGuire. New lifeguards are Kory Morgan, Keiden Mills, Kelden Mills, and Elizabeth Paris. (contingent on them passing their lifeguard training)

The bills were paid and meeting adjourned.

-the Editor

Next week, I'll have reminders in the paper about the stipulations in the golf cart ordinance as well as dog ownership responsibilities. Sometimes we just need to be reminded.....





Meanderings

This week we are going to meander through memories. Come along. Some of you will recognize people and places. Some of you are in for a treat.

"It's two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats Cafe

The onions are frying the neon is bright and the jukebox is startin' to play

And the sign on the wall says 'In God We Trust' all others have to

And it's two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats Café"

One of my favorite songs is "Rosalie's Good Eats Café" written by the late, greatly talented Shel Silverstein, poet extraordinaire. I didn't care for the song in my youth, maybe because it was about a restaurant, and being as that was the work I was in, it just seemed to be a reminder of all that was my life. But as I've gotten ... well... older, the song takes me back many decades to a simpler time of my life. Of all our lives, I suppose.

"The short order cook with the mama tattoo he's a turnin' them hamburg-

Eggs over easy whole wheat down, y'all want that coffee to go?

He never once dreamed as a rodeo star that he'd wind up here

At two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats Café"

Do you recall the TV

series, "Alice" starring Linda Lavin as the title character? I bet you do. Everyone laughed at audacious, man-crazy Flo with the bouffant do. "Kiss mah grits" because the trendy phrase of the day. Polly Holiday was perfect for the character's part. Absolutely southernly perfect.

Alice was the downto-earth friend to all. She was a widow with a young son, and having been stranded in Phoenix, she found herself asking for a job at Mel's Diner. Mel Sharples, the pennypinching, grouchy diner owner was played by Vic Tayback.

'There's a tall skinny girl in the booth in the back wearin' jeans and a second-hand fur

She's been to the doctor then called up a man And now wonders just

which way could turn She stares at her coffee then looks toward the

ceiling But Lord it's a strange

place to pray At two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats

Café' During the seasons this show aired - the fall of 1976 through the spring of 1985 - were the years of restaurant work for me. Forty-seven years ago -- June 1st, 1975-- At the ripe old age of 13 years and 10 months, I started working as a dishwasher at Mary's Hiway Café here in Cunningham. My boss was Mary McClellan. She was going to pay me fifty cents an hour! So much money!

Mary's Café had that jukebox that was startin' to play. And yes, during the summer wheat harvest, sometimes it started to play at two in the morning. Mary love that music-making machine.

Now, I'm not saying my memory is perfect, but it seems it wasn't long, a couple of weeks, a month, and Mary needed

me waiting tables, because Cindy Mantooth would be heading back to college. I can sort of remember she had me work one early Saturday or Sunday morning with Cindy. I can still see her in her white dress and comfortable shoes scurrying around taking out orders, filling coffee cups (coffee cups with saucers, no less). And smiling and joking. Always smiling. Or maybe she wasn't that time I was remembering. Maybe I remember Cindy waiting tables from some other, earlier memory of going in there with Dad and Mom on a Sunday

'There's a guy in a tux and he stands in the corner feedin' the jukebox his dimes

He just had a woman and thought that he'd bought her

But found he'd just rented some time

And he couldn't sleep so he came back to see if

anyone else wants to play At two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats

I started waiting tables at seventy-five cents an hour... so MUCH money! I was a rather shy and awkward young person, and waiting tables was difficult for me. For the most part, the customers were kind. Local customers, especially. Of course, there are always stinkers.

I can remember I was waiting tables when we first used PAM cooking spray. It was like a small cooking miracle. Spray some on the grill, nothing stuck. I remember Zola Pearce let me cook an egg just so I could spray PAM on the grill. It certainly cut back on the oil we had always used.

You all remember Zola? Now I laugh. I can remember watching her working that grill. It was crammed full of burgers and hashbrowns and cheese sandwiches, and she'd have the spatula in her hand, flipping the food, and hanging out of the side of her mouth was a cigarette. The ash end was in desperate need of a tapping off, but Zola just ignored it as she was busy. I was as well, watching that cigarette burn and waiting for those ashes to drop onto the food. I don't ever remember it happening, but I don't doubt that it did.

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Of course, from dishwasher, the natural progression was to waitress, and the next step was grill cook. And that, too, was a skill I learned under Mary McClellan.

It was hot work. It was sweaty work. It was messy work. I don't remember air conditioning. I do remember a large exhaust fan in the window, pulling the hot air out. Sor of. And the pay... I can't remember. A dollar an hour? A dollar and a half? A lot of money, for sure. But the work was exhausting.

After Mary retired, my aunt Darlene took over the restaurant. "The Four R's" for the four Robinsons – Darlene and her three boys, Frankie Dean, Davey, and Kenny. I don't know how long Darlene had the restaurant, not too long. She eventually turned it over to my dad, who simply called it "The Hiway Café"/ I was maybe a junior in high school? Senior? And so, I started working more and more. A family business, after all, requires family to

work. Many hours. Many long hours.

'Now there's an old dollar bill in the frame on the wall

The first one that Rose ever made

It was once worth a dollar a long time ago but like Rose it's beginnin' to fade

She's back of the register dreamin' of someone and how things would be if he'd stay

But it's two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats Café'

I couldn't wait to graduate from high school. I couldn't wait for the summer to end so I head off to college. I just couldn't wait. I was ready to give up the toils of the restaurant business and get busy teaching youngsters. It was a long summer. I was biting at the bit, and could hardly contain my impatience and surliness to be gone. The thought that I could be stuck in the family restaurant business for the remainder of my days was the impetus to get to college.

I didn't work my freshman year in college. I had saved up my money as a high school senior so I wouldn't have to work. (\$1500 in my savings). I did go home on breaks and a few weekends to work in the Hiway Café, helping out my dad and sisters. It made appreciate my education all the

My sophomore year found my savings depleted and off I went to find a job.

"The stoop shouldered man and his frizzy haired

It's strange how their eyes never meet

He's playin' the pinball she's fixin' the blanket of the baby asleep on the seat

He's out of work she's puttin' on weight and they never did have too much to say

It's two in the morn-

ing on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats Café"

I ended up waiting tables at Pizza Hut. Then I ended up cooking at Pizza Hut. I still have burn scars from those ovens. That was the only job I was ever fired from.

They changed manager 1/2 way through the semester. Unfortunately, the new manager, Linda, didn't seem to care for me or my attitude or my personality or something. When I got sick and went to the doctor, and was told I had strep throat, I called in sick.

I kid you not, folks, Linda told me to come into work. I told her I couldn't. She told me I either came to work or I was fired.

I asked her to mail me my last check, and I hung up the phone. I guess that's fired.

"The waitress Darlene she sits at the counter paintin' her fingernails

And the short order cook he yells move it or lose it and pick up an order of stew

But someday a rich handsome man'll walk in and carry her far far away

From two in the morning on Saturday night at Rosalie's Good Eats

To be continued. Don't forget where we left off in the song and in my little adventures.

Always reading and currently reading, "Our Darkest Night" by Jennifer Robson

"A man who goes into a restaurant and blatant*ly disrespects the servers* shows a strong discontent with his own being. Deep down he knows that restaurant service is the closest thing he will ever experience to being served like a king."

- Criss Jami, Killosophy

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

Forty-two years ago while waiting to run the mile-relay I asked Joe to my Senior Prom and he said, "Yes." As a distance runner whose races were scheduled late in the afternoon, track meets were simply long hours of laughter, trading sack lunch contents and cheering on my classmates. I can't speak for the Healy High Boy's Track Team, but we girls viewed track meets mostly as an opportunity meet boys from

other schools, especially those tall, dark mysterious ones from rival towns. Like Joe, a native of the despised community of McCracken, KS. Further fueling my teen Romeo-Juliet fantasies was the knowledge that our older brothers loathed each other deeply, in truly a feud fashion. Lord only knows why.

Which brings me to the only other thing I remember about that day. I was nervous about telling my brothers what I'd

done. They'd told me for years to steer clear of those McCracken boys, especially Joe. Smitten Gaille told herself, "It's none of their business. And they're off at college so they might not ever have to know." Of course, they found out and all three tried to make a fuss. But I refused to listen to their dire predictions. A cute boy (and of note—a boy taller than me) had said he'd be my date. I had no room in my head for what my brothers said. My only thoughts were of all the things I had to do to get ready for Prom.

My friends regale me

each Spring with tales of their kids and grandkids preparing for Prom. But their experiences bear no resemblance to mine. In 1980s Western KS there were no tuxedo or limo rentals required, nor did we plan after-parties. You needed a long dress, of course, and maybe an appointment to get your hair done. But girls painted their own fingernails and I don't think spray tans had been invented. The gym had to be decorated, though, and my class (three girls and three boys), labored to transform a basketball court into "Candyland." We worked for weeks

every day after school, determined to work miracles with crepe paper streamers and twirls and on Prom-eve we decided we'd done enough.

I was so tired when I got home I planned to go straight to bed. But my parents suggested I read my mail—an envelope postmarked from McCracken. Joe had written how sorry he was (three neatly printed lines by the way) but his horoscope said he shouldn't go to Prom with me. I

suppose I was distraught, but I don't remember being upset. His starcrossed excuse was far funnier than it was tragic. And I still laugh today when I'm asked if I went to Prom. Of course I did. My brothers laugh now too. But back then, they were just relieved I went without McCracken Joe and his highly suspect devotion to astrology.

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



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Thursday, April 28th A.M. PreK to Zoo

K-2 Field trip

HS Mentor Lunch

JH Track at Fairfield

Friday, April 29th HS Track at Stafford

Saturday, April 30th City Wide Garage

> Sales State Music

Monday, May 2nd 7:00 p.m. Spring Music Concert

Tuesday, May 3rd HS Track at Jetmore

JH Track at Norwich

5:30 p.m. Lions' Club clean-up 7:00 p.m Lions' Club program

Wednesday, May 4th Play Day 9:15 3rd-5th 12:30 K-2nd

Thursday, May 5th PM PreK to Zoo

HS Awards Banquet

Friday, May 6th 5th-6th Field Trip

3rd grade Kansas Kids Fitness Day

HS Track at Chaparrel

Saturday, May 7th **HS State Forsensics** at Salina

Monday, May 9th Senior Sneak Day

Tuesday, May 10th Last Day for Seniors ***

7:00 p.m. Forensics Class Play

Kingman County Drug Take Back

Day

Saturday, April 30

10:00AM-2:00PM

Law Enforcement Center Parking Lot

120 N Spruce, Kingman

On April 30,2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, resi-

dents of Kingman County can come together to rid

medicine cabinets of unneeded medications, helping to

prevent prescription drug misuse. Prevention starts at

home. The simple step of clearing out medications that

are no longer needed makes our homes safer, prevents

prescription drug misuse, and ultimately, can help

save lives. Help keep our homes and children SAFE.

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri.

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Thurs., Sat.

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Closed for Holidays

298-3163

Zenda

Public Library

Monday

8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

620-243-5791

Kingman

Carnegie Library

Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ninnescah Valley Bank would like to invite the community to attend a retirement reception for

Ruth Shelman

on Thursday, May 5th from 9-12 at the Bank. Come help us wish Ruth well in her retirement!



4H Bake Sale

The Cunningham 4-H Club will be holding a bake sale on community garage Bake Sale sale day, April 30th, in Dafforn Park from 8 am to

11 am. The bake sale profit will be donated to the Freeman family, a fellow 4-H family, in Pratt County. Earlier this year, the Freeman family lost their sheep and goat herd, with 14 moms and 29 babies, in a barn fire. We would appreciate your help in supporting this family! -submitted by Alice Huelskamp

> PCC Concert Choir & Jazz Band Concert May 1 @ 2:30 pm Carpenter Auditorium - \$5

PCC Encore's Live Music & Silent Auction Fundraiser May 5 - 7-9 pm @ N'Cahoots Coffee & Shoppe

34th Annual Pratt Community College Foundation Scholarship Auction May 6 @Dennis Lesh Sports Arena Doors Open 6:00 pm - Dinner 6 -

7:30 pm - Live Auction 8:00 pm Individual Tickets are \$50 -Reserved Table for 8 - \$375 To purchase call 620-450-2240 OR email donnamp@prattcc.edu

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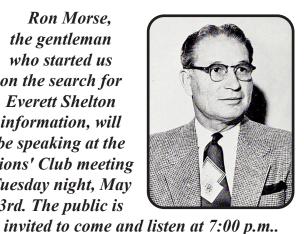
To reserve the

Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

Lions' Club to Host Speaker

Ron Morse, the gentleman who started us on the search for **Everett Shelton** information, will be speaking at the Lions' Club meeting Tuesday night, May 3rd. The public is



Mr. Morse will talk about his research on the coach and Wyoming Cowboys' team. If you have time around 5:30 that afternoon, the Lions' Club will be cleaning up the ramp there by

We Serve

Love's. It has been collecting quite a bit of trash, and they would appreciate any help.

Attention: PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

I have asked the young folks to submitt a head shot photo of themselves as well as a very short bio of themselves (they were given a from to fill out). Please check with your student to see if they have submitted theirs. (I have 7 bios and 3 photos thus far). -the editor

You Don't Want to Miss This!



On Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00, the CHS Forensics Class will be presenting the play 110 Stories by Sarah Tuft. The play is based on

interviews of eyewitnesses that were conducted after September 11. It will follow survivors recounting their day on 9/11, as well as volunteers at Ground Zero in the days following. Acting in the play will be high school students, staff members, and community members. Admission will be free for all. Free will donations will be accepted for anyone that would like to donate to support the CHS theater department. Our student and faculty cast hope that you will join us for an evening of remembrance and reflection over the events of September 11.

Activities at the Pratt Public Library

Nature Journal Challenge

March 1-May 1 — K-4th Grade — Fill out a Nature Journal from the library and receive a STEM kit prize.

Discovery Zone -

Chess Club - every Monday @ 6:00 pm with USD 382 Superintendent Tony Helfrich & Donovan. All ages welcome

Dungeons & Dragons - see Donavan in the Discovery Zone for Info

Free tutoring, for all ages, is offered to everyone by appointment! Talk to Eric Scott Killough today & set up a time for tutoring!

Kingman Historic Theatre

Thursday, April 21st **FREE Faith-Based Movie**

Miracles From

Heaven

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., Showtime is at 6:30 p.m. SPONSORED BY: KAMI

Thursday, April 28th Throwback Thursday Free Movie

The Little Rascals

Rated PG

Showtime is at 6:30 p.m. SPONSORED BY: Babson Landscaping

Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman (620) 532-1253 http://www.kingmantheatre.org/ All Seats \$6.00 (cash or local check only)

Showtimes: Friday & Saturday at 7:30 Sunday at 5:30

Weekend

April 22nd - 24th **Bad Guys**

Rated: PG

Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 620-532-3061 Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00

Closed on Sundays

Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

(620) 672-3041

years ago in The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1927

May 6—The Fee Hardware company unloaded another carload of International combines Tuesday. This makes six they have received in the past two weeks.

The Lakin Implement company delivered a John Deere tractor to Harry FitzSimmons this week.

Clyde Ratcliff was taken to the Nashville Hospital Tuesday morning by Dr. Burnett with a broken jaw bone. Clyde got in the way of a Ford crank and the thing kicked back, hitting him on the jaw and breaking the bone.

The editor, wife and boys, and mother, Mrs. A. L. Bradley, motored to Garden Plain, Sunday, and spent the day with relatives. Mrs. A. L. Bradley will go on to Wichita for several days visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Meredith and family.

Mrs. Lee Wilson (Onnilee Magee) of Wilton, Connecticut, but who was a former resident of this community, came to a hospital in Wichita last week for an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Wilson came to Wichita that her brother, Dr. Chas. Magee of Goddard, might be near her.

Charley Wetherall traded for a John Deere tractor Tuesday morning with the Lakin Implement company. Charley had Clyde Ratcliff driving his tractor and when it kicked Clyde and broke his jaw he traded it off for one without a crank. He says the one he has now won't kick anybody.

1932

May 6, – A wedding of more than unusual interest among the young people of our community, occurred last Sunday morning when Miss Faye Cook became the bride of Mr. Loren Cooley at Greensburg, Kansas.

The young couple will go to housekeeping this week in the property adjoining the home of the groom's father.

1937

May 7– Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley announce the birth of their daughter, Johnna Lou, Thursday evening, April 29, at St. Francis Hospital, Wichita.

Showing at the Midway Theater in Cunningham Friday and Saturday, Charles Starrett in "Code of the Range"

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Jack Benny, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Mary Boland, and Martha Raye in "College Holiday"

Wednesday and Thursday, Grace Moore and Cary Grant in "When You're in Love"

Seth Whitmore was seriously injured one day last week when he was attacked by a vicious bull he was attempting to load into a truck. It is said that the rope breaking, which he had around the animal, was probably the only thing saving him from perhaps fatal injuries. He was taken to the Nashville hospital.

Cunningham was host to five other high schools in the County Track Meet Friday. Norwich took first place with fifty-nine and one-third points. Cunningham was nosed out of second place by two-thirds of a point. Zenda had thirty-seven points; Spivey, twenty-three; and Adams, nineteen and one-third.

1942

May 1– John Steffen, 47, one of the city's prominent and most substantial citizens, and a rural mail carrier out of Cunningham since October of 1915, passed away at his home here at 8:15 o'clock, Monday morning, after several months illness.

Members of the graduating class of Cunningham High School are Bernice Barkley, Dale Cooley, Wallace Creamer, Mary Anna Ebenkamp, Austin Luce, Guy Vernon Neagle Jr., John Schnittker Jr., Bette Jayne Schreck, Roberta Panning, Vidan Rimmer, Frances Wetherall, Martha Joyce Vermillion, and Phyllis Pearson.

Thieves roamed the local oil fields early last Saturday morning, stealing mercury from fifteen meters, obtaining possibly around twelve pounds of mercury from each meter.

This is the fourth time mercury has been stolen from local oil field meters.

1947

May 2 – Scoring in all but two events, Norwich ran away with the Kingman County League track meet held at Kingman, Wednesday. Teams scoring was as follows: Norwich, 63; Zenda, 43; Belmont, 28; Cunningham, 24; Nashville, 18; and Spivey, 3.

Museum Hours Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

Inquiring minds want to know... Was there a 'secret pal' club in Cunningham in the late '30s/early 40s? Are there any photos of the INSIDE of the old Cozy Cafe? Contact The Courier Office if you can provide any information. TIA!

The Cunningham Baseball Club tangles with Willowdale in an opening game of the newly-organized Kingman County League, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, on the Sterneker diamond.

The team is taking the field with new uniforms contributed by the following Cunningham merchants: Rose's Garage, Taylor's Barber Shop, Burnett Drug Store, J. B. Houston Lumber Co., Cannon's, J. F. Schump, K-T Service Station and Tank Wagon Service, Kincheloe Implement Co., Foster's Café, First National Bank, Fee Hardware Co., Hauser's Market, Patton's Service Station, George E. Gano, and the Brunswick Smoker.

Rising prices and inflationary trends drew fire this week from the Dafforn Motor Company of Cunningham. Owner E. C. Dafforn is instituting the Newburyport, Mass. plan at the garage, whereby an item of merchandise is reduced 10 percent in price. He says this plan is meeting with enthusiastic response throughout the country as a step to combat inflation and "roll back" prices.

1952

May 2– At a meeting of Cunningham business men and merchants last Tuesday evening, various methods of increasing tourist trade in Cunningham were discussed.

Charles Fee, presided at the meeting and, with the consent of those present, appointed a committee to construct and erect suitable signs on U.S. Highway 54, advertising Cunningham.

The committee appointed included: Chairman Glenn Patton, O.R. Benningfield, John Kaster, G.C.Huhman, and Richard Dunn.

The Junior Class of Cunningham Rural High School entertained the Seniors, and the faculty and members of the Board of Education and their wives, at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet last Saturday evening. The banquet was held in the Arabian Room at the Mecca Café in Pratt.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fee, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, M. and Mrs. Harold Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Westbrooks, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greenlee, Miss Marian Hinds, Mr. E. R. Smizer, Dallas Glenn, Bobby Helm, Richard Hazlett, Sibyl Spain, Lynn Glaze, Colene Fitzsimmons, Sally Stillwell, Dorothy Wyer, Pat Oswalt, Marilyn Oak, June Cooley, and Norma Watkins.

The Junior Class includes: Harold Adamson, Larry Ball, Gale Harris, Junior Becker, Don Dunn, Jimmy Harmon, Melville Mefford, Elmer Schnittker, Eddie Johnson, Paul Huslig, Marvin Parks, Jack Meyers, Leonard Schnittker, Carroll McKinney, Arthur Huslig, Darlene Simonson, Jane Oak, Anna Smith, Alda Singleton, Barbara Weir, Armjard Mahn, Joyce Chaney, Gertrude Mahn, Jo Jean Copeland, and Shirley Neagle.

1957

May 3—The High School Board of Education invited patrons of the district to attend their regular March meeting to discuss the possibilities of adding football to the school sports schedule next fall. Between 15 and 20 people were in attendance, with all of them favoring the proposal after hearing a resume of the estimated cost of purchasing suits and equipment by Coach Don Lamb. The board then made a decision to include this item of expense for equipment (\$2,600) in the budget to be submitted at the annual school board meeting in June.

City officials and Lions Club members were also present to express their cooperation to the school board in obtaining a lighted ball field to accommodate the sport.

Since that time, Coach Lamb contacted surrounding schools for games, and has succeeded in scheduling five games including three home games.

Almost 40 boys have expressed their desire to participate in football next fall, according to Coach Lamb.

1962

May 3 – The annual meeting of stockholders of the Cairo Co-operative Equity Exchange will be held in the Glendale School Auditorium, Saturday evening, May 5.

Senior Class averages for the Class of 1962 reveal that Alan Dafforn has the highest grade average for the four years, with Larry Millsap a very close second. Janet Graves ranked third; Jim Pennock fourth, Nancy Keith fifth, and Helen Mertens sixth.

Other members of the class are Bob Meyers, Marilyn DeWeese, Dorothy Gridley, Betty Kitson, LaVon Burling, Jerome Huslig, Don Lackey, June Crosley, Wendell Wardell, Mary Zrubek, Carol Sallee, Roger Krug, Yvonne Bowers, Shirley Benson, Marilyn Dupee, Gary Wegerer, Marshall Swander, Gene Mertens, Beverly Lawson, Steve Casper, and R. G. Warren.

All patrons and friends of the Cunningham schools are urged to bring well-filled baskets and enjoy a last day of school dinner in honor of the graduates, Friday noon, May 18, in the high school auditorium. Each family is requested to bring their own table service.

Only three days are left to take advantage of the big Spring "Price Bustin" Sale at the DeWeese Variety and Hardware in Cunningham.

Owner Lee DeWeese says the sale will definitely end at store-closing time, Saturday evening. The sale features just about everything you'll need in the gardening, painting, and spring housecleaning line except the "man- or woman-power."

1967

May 4— Fred Garten teacher and coach at Zenda Grade School, has accepted a teaching and coaching position at Coldwater High School next year.

Mr. Garten formerly taught in the Cunningham and Hazelton Grade Schools before moving to Zenda, where his athletic teams have been prominent in this area.

Almost 450 grade school students wil participate in the Unified School District No. 332 Play Day to be held in Cunningham today (Thursday), according to Ken Klufa, Play Day Director. Schools taking part in the play day include St. Leo, Willowdale, Nashville, Zenda, and Cunningham.

Fire, whipped by high winds, burned about 75 acres of pasture on the Roy Wetherall farm property in Pratt County, Sunday afternoon.

The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly dinner-meeting at Mary's Hi-Way Café, Tuesday evening. Guests of the club were the officers of Dresden and Rural Townships, City of Cunningham officials, and a representative of a Wichita swimming pool construction company, who showed films of various pool constructions.

Merle McCune was welcomed as a new Lions Club member, raising the total membership to 26.

Column One, by Editor Bill Bradley

We've been having a spell of betwix weather – 'taint good enough to be pleasant and 'taint nearly bad enough to be good.

In a small town, people will sympathize with you in trouble. If you haven't any trouble, they'll hunt some up for you.

1972

April 27– Harold Schreck has been appointed to the City Council. Mr. Schreck replaces Kent Williamson, who moved to Scott City.

The First National Bank of Cunningham topped the \$3 million mark in total assets, according to their April 18 statement of condition.

Two land transactions were reported in the Cunningham area last week.

Douglas J. and Gray Miller purchased about 80 acres of land from Chase Foutch of Meade. The ground is located southeast of Cunningham and the reported purchase price was \$12,000.

The George Lawson farm, four miles east of town, was sold at public auction last Wednesday afternoon by the Kansas Masonic Home of Wichita, owners. George Ross of Kingman was the purchaser, paying a reported \$300 per acre for the 80-acre farm on the Ninnescah River.

Cunningham High School's track team scored 14 points, good for a ninth place finish in the 13-team Skyline High School Invitational Track Meet at Pratt, Monday.

Cunningham's medley relay team (David Watkins, Jerry Simon, Kent Scripsick, and Mark Stillwell) won that event in the time of 4:07.7. Mark Stillwell was third in the 440-yard dash in the time of 56 seconds; Kent Scripsick won third in the 180-yard low hurdles in the time of 21.9 seconds, and Kevin Rohr was fourth in the 880-yard run in the time of 2:15.1.

The name of Ruby Parsons was inadvertently omitted from the results of the Sharon High School Girls Invitational Track Meet last Tuesday. Ruby won third place for Cunningham in the shot put.

We had several light showers and one good rain during the past week that have done much to "perk up" the countryside, but the accompanying chilly windy weather has "unperked" everyone.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

What A Dope!

Several years ago, in what seems like another life, I was riding stores with a colleague. A Monday morning, we were lamenting having to work on such a beautiful day when we passed a golf course. We glanced to our left just in time to see a man about our age slamming his club to the ground, obviously unhappy with his tee-shot.

What a dope!, we thought. Here was a guy who was fortunate enough to be golfing on a Monday morning, yet here he was all upset instead--oblivious to his good fortune. So lost in

failing to meet his momentary golf expectations that he was ruining his entire morning. Trapped in ties and the pressures of the corporate world, we'd have traded places with him in a heartbeat.

How easy it is to make ourselves miserable--even in obviously great situations. We unknowingly write scripts of what we expect from each and every moment of life and then focus exclusively and constantly on meeting that script. When things don't conform to that plan --which they often don't -- negative feelings roll over us. This is about the time that golf clubs begin to fly.

Although that peeved golfer appeared to be fully conscious, in reality

he was fast asleep. Asleep to the knowledge of what he had just done to himself. He actually had two opportunities to prevent his ruined morning. The first chance was missed when he failed to control his expectations of the day. Instead of accepting the beauty and good fortune that surrounded him --shooting for enjoyment -- he set a Jack Nicklaustype standard for himself--shooting for par instead. He unwittingly, unconsciously, wrote a script that set himself up for failure.

His second opportunity came after the dubbed tee shot. His response was immediate and without thought -- he threw the club. Had he been awake, watching the negative thoughts roll over him, he could've refused to act on them, refused to even call them his, and watched them dissipate. He would've seen better options of how to respond. Darn, he might have said. What can I do next time to avoid that result? Beautiful day out isn't it?

Unrealistic? Pollyanna thinking?

Only to the mental novice. It is possible to stop the treadmill of creating self-written scripts of expectations and then thoughtlessly riding off on negative feelings when they aren't achieved. We can write scripts that stack the deck in our favor. We can let negative feelings roll over us without riding off on them. Just because so few people do, doesn't

mean that we can't wake up and be different.

After all, the stakes are pretty high--happiness or not.

Without learning to control our thoughts, our lives become a roller coaster ride of one failed expectation after another where we react brainlessly and then spend days or months or years picking up the pieces of our rash actions.

Like any other skill, with practice, controlling our thoughts can be learned. But first we have to wake up. We have to remember we're always on the golf course on a Monday morning.

Happiness has always been here. It's here right now. This very instant.

Just clear your mind

of all expectations and watch it reappear.

After passing the golf course, we drove by a blood plasma center with a line of people outside, many who looked unemployed and impoverished. I thought about how rich we must have looked to them. I thought about my job complaints of a moment ago. And I thought of what they'd think of me for complaining about my job.

What a Dope!

Suddenly, I felt like a golfer throwing clubs on a Monday morning.



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Bill is a Navy vet and retired oil field engineer. His hands are thick, and his fingers branch out in all directions. Pulling on ropes as a sailor off the coast of Maine gnarled a few of them. The others were jammed playing baseball in the South African semi-pro league. He has a story for every break, and for why he leans a bit starboard. He moved back to America late in his career and, after raising his three daughters, found himself with some free time on his hands. So he got to know the boys in the neighborhood who played on the high school baseball team and started going to their games.

Baseball is a game of

nuance, mental acuity, and patience. And so is mentoring young men.

Bill simply sat in the stands and watched. It's a pleasant pastime, whether on summer evenings under the lights or beneath the midafternoon sun and it suited Bill to watch the boys develop their skills. Before long, the boys started looking up at Bill, his elbows on his knees, almost crouching in his familiar catcher's squat. After a good play, Bill would flash a thumbs-up. An error would earn a smile that meant, "You'll get another chance."

It's rare to see a bond that bridges generations. Bill in his late seventies, the boys just north of earning their driver's licenses. But soon they were chatting after the games, Bill mostly talking about dusty expeditions into the middle of nowhere in search of new oil fields and the

boys asking about playing catcher with such a small glove. Sometimes there were sodas afterward, no heavy discussions about life, just a cool drink, a few laughs and the clack of baseball cleats on the sidewalk as the boys made their way to their cars.

In all his time running crews, playing baseball, and raising kids, Bill had figured out the one thing that's most important in all of human relationships. Just being there is most often enough. He knew the mistakes he'd made in his life, and when you shook his hand, those fingers testified to

that's where every story he told the boys led: Just keep trying. The boys learned to expect a little more from themselves just because Bill was

a life lived trying. And

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Peter

Forest

Gump

and St.

When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.' "

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are."

1) Which two days of

the week begin with the letter 'T'?"

2) How many seconds are in a year?

3) What is God's first name?

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd

St. Peter interrupted

him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"



Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Cunningham

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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)

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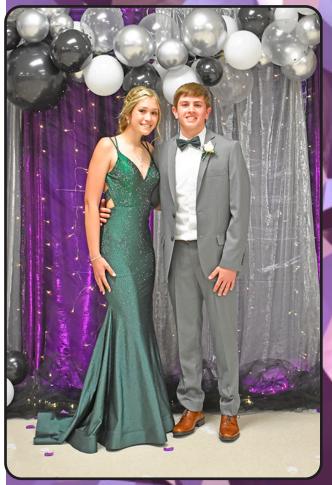
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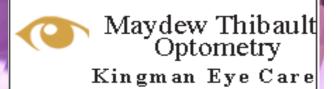
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Track Team Competes at Kingman

The Cunningham squad came to Kingman's Tuesday meet off from a long Easter weekend feeling a little sluggish. However both the boys and girls squads performed exceptionally well. Both groups performed extremely well in our relays posting personal best times and splits. Many individuals helped put the Cunningham boys in 4th place overall as a team. Some notable performances were Lane Halderson 1st in the javelin 149'5". Trey DeWeese 2nd in the 800M run posting 2:08. Dagim Reed 2nd in the 1600M run posting 5:10. Scott Wyatt 4th place in the 3200M run posting at 13:56. improving his personal best by over a minute.

The Cunningham girls team finished at the bottom of the pack in final team results, that being said we had several girls get better and improve their marks on the season. I'm really proud of both these teams and their willingness to keep working at their craft and striving to improve and better themselves not only on the season and in track and field, but in future preparation for their other activities and athletic goals.

Cunningham girls came out at the Kingman meet and put forth a good effort. We finished last with 9 schools but like the boys had many personal best efforts on the evening. Proud of the work that the girls contunue to give each week!

1	Cheney	174	6	Andale	37
2	Larned	70	7	Chaparral	35
3	Kingman	64	8	Nickerson	24
4	Pretty Prairie	61	9	Cunningham	10
5	Wichita-Trinity	49		-	

Cunningham Boys finished in 4th place with 56 points on the evening. The meet was loaded with bigger schools and featured some of the states best athletes in 3a sprinting. Proud of the finish in the boys. Ended the day again with many personal bests on the season and a few all time bests. Looking ahead next to Norwich.

1	Kingman	115	6	Larned	38
2	Chaparral	104	7	Wichita-Trinity	34
3	Cheney	74	8	Nickerson	33
4	Cunningham	56	9	Pretty Prairie	10
5	Andale	49	10	Conway Spring	gs 6
			subn	nitted by Coach E	ric Kerschen

CHS Track Team Has Great Showing at Norwich

Cunningham had a great showing at the Norwich Invitational this past Friday! (April 22).

As a team the boys finished 1st place out of 13 teams. Notable performanceswere as follows: Erik Paris 1st in the HJ 5'10" Trey DeWeese 1st in the 800m 2:09. Along with Trey was Dagim Reed 2nd place and Kelden Mills with 4th place.

Lane Halderson 1st in the javelin 142'11.5". Along with Lane was Erik Paris 2nd place and Luke McGuire in 3rd place, sweeping the javelin event!

Will Wegerer 2nd place in the PV 11'6" and Isaiah Reed 3rd in the shot put 38' Lastly notable performances 4x800 and 4x400 both finishing 2nd place.

The girls performed well today. Not as many personal bests as we have been seeing but none the less we came out and competed well. Some highlights on the evening: Shanelle high jump personal best 4'6" 5th place along with Maranda 4'6" 4th place. 4x800 relay finishiing 3rd with Shanelle, Ada, Taylor and Maranda.

Ellie McGuire came out stong with 2 personal bests, one in the javelin and the other in the discus placing her 4th. Taylor and Kaitlyn did polevault for the first time and did very well each of them clearing the opening height and Kaitlyn placing.

Elizabeth also finished with some personal records on the day in the 100m and -Coach Eric Kerschen 200m.



JH Track Tackle the Wind at Burrton

The Cunningham Junior High track team traveled to Burrton to participate in a seven meet on April 22, 2022. The Cunningham thin clads placed first as a team in the 8th grade girls and boy's divisions and the 6th-7th grade boy's division. The 6th-7th grade girls placed 3rd overall. The participating teams included Burrton, Pretty Prairie, Reno County Home School, Stafford, Fairfield, Cunningham, and Central Christian





Stackhouse Results:		Mucken	zie Hartley	
	6-7 th Girls	8 th Girls	6-7 th Boys	8 th Boys
High Jump		Emily Ogg 2 nd 4'4"	Andrew Kerschen 3 rd 4'2"	Logan Kinsler 6 th 4'2"
		Grace Hageman 3 rd 4'2"		
Long Jump		Emily Ogg 5th 11'11"	Andrew Kerschen 4 th 13'2.25"	Skyler Thimesch 5 th 14'7.5
		Grace Hageman 3 rd 12'1"	Gunner Glenn 9 th 10'7"	Richard Vaughn 8th 12'8"
			Tyler Osner 16 th 8'11"	Logan Kinsler 12 th 10'10.5
Triple Jump	Macy Neufeld 4 th 24'6"		Andrew Kerschen 4 th 29'3.5"	Kendall Rogers 1st 29'11.5"
	Morgan Oldham 7 th 20'4.5"		Adam Sterneker 10 th 23'7.25"	Andrew Schultz 2 nd 22'.5"
			Caleb Lohrke 11 th 21'4"	
Shot Put	Whitney Mead 1st 27'1"	Kyra Morgan 1st 32'1"	Stephen Kerschen 2 nd 33'2"	Dylan Halderson 3 rd 35'1"
	Nora Huff 2 nd 26'1"		Layne Green 4 th 29'4.5"	
	Kourtni Fischer 4 th 25'1"		Wyatt King 9 th 24'6.5"	
Discus	Nora Huff 1st 61'9"	Kyra Morgan 1st 68'11"	Stephen Kerschen 2 nd 133'7"	Dylan Halderson 1st 108'9"
	Whitney Mead 2 nd 59'4"		Layne Green 3 rd 95'3"	Andrew Schultz 5 th 64'4"
	Kourtni Fischer 5 th 51'11"		Hank Adams 7 th 59'2"	
Pole Vault	Routen risener 5 51 11			
100m	Brynn Wyatt 2 nd 15.21	Emily Ogg 1st 14.63	Stephen Kerschen 1st 13.15	Skyler Thimesch 4 th 13.51
200111	Andi Young 16 th 19.02	Grace Hageman 6 th 15.62	Cole Hageman 4 th 14.18	Richard Vaugh 7 th 14.14
	Stasia Sheldon 17 th 22.88	Grace riageman o 15.02	Cole Gridley 11 th 16.12	Trey Sheldon 8 th 14.5
200m	Brynn Wyatt 1 st 33.81	Emily Ogg 1st 31.3	Stephen Kerschen 1st 28.97	Dylan Halderson 4 th 29.19
200111	Rylee Miller 12 th 37.03	Grace Hageman 6 th 34.43	Gunner Glenn 8 th 38.06	Trey Sheldon 7 th 30.49
		Grace riageman 0 54.45		
	Janessa Schnittker 13 th 38.28		Tyler Osner 11 th 41.78	Logan Kinsler 10 th 35.15
400m	Rylee Miller 6 th 1:20.26		Nathan Ndambuki 6 th 1:21.96	Skyler Thimesch 1st 59.65
			Gabriel Chapman 8 th 1:29.09	
			Myles Thimesch 9th 1:33.93	
800m			Jack Harden 1st 2:37.63	Blake Swope 1st 2:43.72
			Weston Rogers 7 th 3:14.27	
			Will Halderson 10 th 3:24.84	
1600m			Jack Harden 1st 5:49.85	
			Will Halderson 6 th 6:58.44	
100mHurdles	Makenzie Hartley 6 th 24.98		Cole Hageman 5 th 20.10	Richard Vaughn 3 rd 18.84
			Kollin Fischer 6 th 20.68	
			Weston Rogers 7 th 21.53	
200 LH	Makenzie Hartley 4 th 43.39		Weston Rogers 2 nd 42.36	Kendall Rogers 3 rd 37.25
			Gabriel Chapman 3 rd 42.4	
4X100 Relay	Oldham, Perkins, Schnitt- ker, Neufeld 5 th 1:08.44		Osner Lohrke, Thimesch, Adams 6 th 1:01.56	Sheldon, Schultz, Swope, Vaughn 3 rd 58.05
4X200 Relay	Oldham, Perkins, Schnitt- ker, Neufeld 3 rd 2:24.64		Fischer, Glenn, Sterneker, Ndambuki 3 rd 2:17.16	Kinsler, Schultz, Rogers, Swope 4 th 2:11.74
Medley Relay	Young, Neufeld, Miller, Wyatt 4 th 2:33.82		Fischer, Hageman, A. Kerschen, Harden 1st 2:02.99	Sheldon, Rogers, Halderson Thimesch 1st 2:02.18



Morgan Oldham



Nathan Ndambuki



Kollin Fischer



Visions of Summer

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer

The wheat is greening, the fruit trees are blooming and spring planting is in full swing. One day the temperatures reached nearly 90 degrees, and then two days later we received a dusting of snow. Needless to say, it's all part of spring in Kansas!

While looking at the calendar to mark the first day of corn planting, I quickly realized that we have officially hit the one-month mark until school is out for the summer. The days of my two kids home all day are upon us, and I couldn't

be more excited!

They have a garden to help maintain, livestock to care for, swimming lessons to complete, little league practices and games to go to, library programming to attend, wheat harvest to help with, and 4-H projects to complete. It's safe to say I plan to have an enriching summer with my kids while also taking care of our responsibilities on the farm.

The garden has been prepared, and it's now ready for two children to help manage. The kids have had a say in the seeds selected. They have helped plan the way the water will get to the growing plants. My two children have been given full reign of the garden space. They are free to dig and rake and wa-

ter (with my oversight) to their choosing. Yes, weeding will also be a priority, but with their own garden tools, a radio playing music, and ownership in the space, I envision this summer gardening to be a fun experience that will perhaps incorporate more vegetables into my children's picky food preferences. At the least, I hope my two will have a few garden entries at the local fair later this summer.

While on summer break, the livestock will get even more attention from my children. My son's cow and calf will soon return to the pasture near our home. Ensuring the animals have access to water daily and an occasional serving of range cubes will be a priority for my boy. He knows his cow is already bred and will deliver a calf later this fall. He also knows it is his responsibility to care for and observe his animals daily to ensure they also have a good summer on the farm as he anticipates another calf to add to his herd later this year.

The sheep have already been released into their summer grazing space after the kids helped their grandpa build the fence. A breeding harness with a blue crayon has also been put on the ram that we recently introduced to the ewes. Soon, we will hopefully begin seeing signs in the form of blue marks on the backs of the females indicating the arrival of lambs later this fall. My two children will be responsible for help-

ing keep watch over the ewes daily and note when a blue mark appears on another member of the flock in anticipation of lambing season.

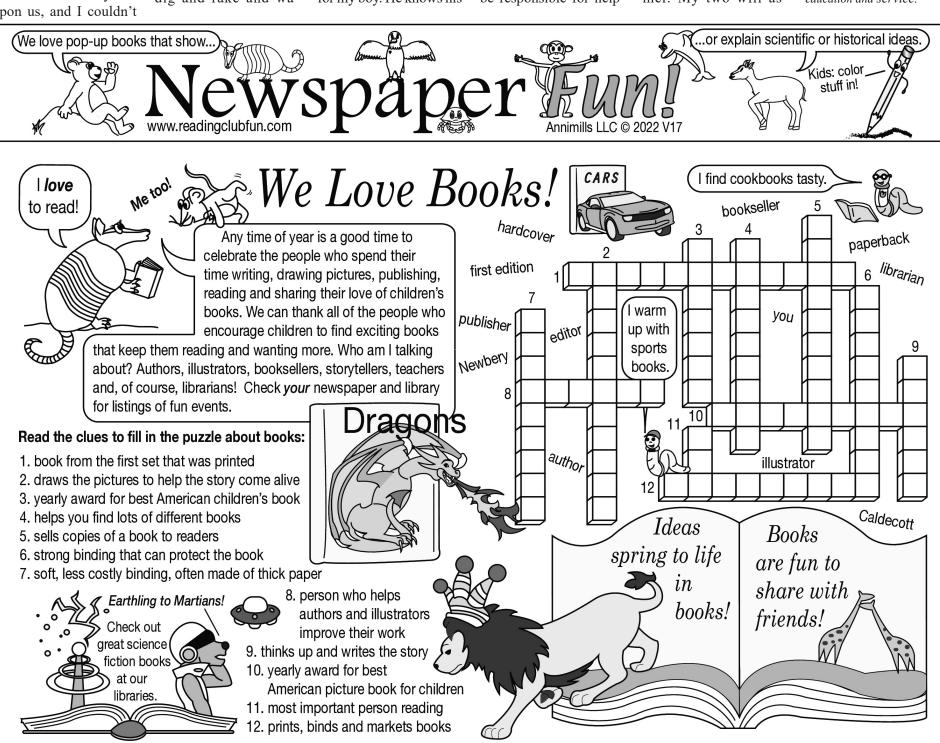
Physical activity will also be key to being home this summer. Organized time at the swimming pool as well as ball practices and games will keep my kids moving (and decrease screen time) while also having fun with friends.

Fun will also be had with friends as my children participate in our public library's summer program in town as well as during sessions with others to work on completing their 4-H projects.

And we can't forget about the wheat harvest we will all focus on when the time comes this summer. My two will assist me with making and delivering meals to the field, helping deliver truckloads of grain to the local elevator, and sitting in the buddy seats next to their dad and grandpa as the combines work through fields.

It's safe to say we have a full summer planned that will keep my kids' minds engaged, their bodies active, and their relationships nurtured, while also providing them with opportunities that will help them understand the importance of fulfilling responsibilities on the farm.

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What Kinds of Books?



Mystery Dog can find out anything! He wants to let kids know what kinds of books they can find at the library to borrow. *Three letters* of the alphabet are mysteriously missing from the words in Mystery Dog's list. Can you help him by filling in the blanks with the missing letters?

(Hint: one letter is a vowel, one is a consonant and one can be used as a vowel or consonant!)

Fiction Books (not real)

1. Fant __ sy

2. Sc ___ ry

3. My ___ tery

4. Folk and Fair___ Tales

5. Sports ___ tories

6. Hi ___ torical Fiction

Non-Fiction Books (real)

1. nimals

2. We ___ ther 3. Geogr ___ ph _

4. ___ ports

5. Hi ___ tory 6. Biogr ___ ph

What Did the Characters Do?

We all have our favorite Mother Goose nursery rhymes! Writers and artists have created many different books using Mother Goose verses. Can you match these characters to the phrases that tell what they did?

1. Old Mother Goose

2. Peter Piper

3. Humpty Dumpty

4. Jack and Jill

5. Little Jack Horner

6. Jack Sprat

7. Old Mother Hubbard

8. Cow

9. Little Bo-Peep

10. Blackbirds 11. Simple Simon

🗖 12. Baby

A. jumped over the moon B. picked pickled peppers

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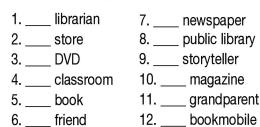
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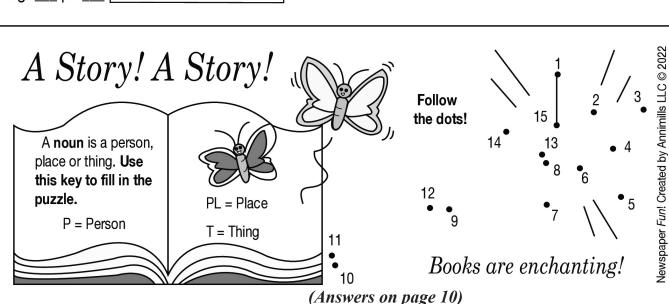
J. rocked in a cradle on a tree branch

K. wanted to give her a dog a bone L. liked to eat Christmas pie



Where can you find a story? Who will tell you one? What contains a story? Read each item below. Is it a person, place or thing? Use the key to fill in the blanks. (Hint: there are 4 people, 4 places, 4 things.)





Cunningham hosted the HOPL Forensics tournament on Tuesday, April 5th. Thanks to all of the teachers, students, and community members who helped time, judge, and host the hospitality room. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated, the tournament could not go on without everyone's help and dedication.

The students of Cunningham did a



great job at the HOPL Tournament. Brianna Ditmer and Taylor Schultz both performed in both Prose and Poetry. They did an amazing job.

Ellie McGuire placed 5th in Prose with her piece "Instant Ramen", Hannah Ellis placed 4th in Poetry with her piece," To this Day", also Alice Huelskamp took 2nd place with her poetry piece, "Drowning Fish" and "Lady Lazarus". Shanelle Romine place 3rd with her Serious Solo, "Multiple Personality Murder".

Cunningham also took 2nd place in both Duet and IDA (improvised duet acting). Alice and Hannnah performed a duet piece, "The History of Television, Condensed" and Shanelle and Joanna competed in IDA's.

a team, Cunningham placed 3rd, with Pretty Prairie taking home the first place plaque and South Barber receiving 2nd place.

Cunningham has 7 students on our team this year and six of those students will be competing in the STATE Champs or STATE Festival competitions, on Saturday, May 7th in Salina, Kansas. I am so very proud of all seven participants on the Cunningham Forensics team. They have put in a lot of hard work and dedication.

Ellie Mcguire, a freshman, will be performing her prose piece, "Instant Ramen" at the State Festival Tournament. She will receive a I, II, III, or IV rating. At State Champs the students must participate in five rounds in order to receive a medal. Cunningham has four entries at the State Champ level. Competing at the State Champs level will be Alice Huelskamp, Hannah Ellis, Shanelle



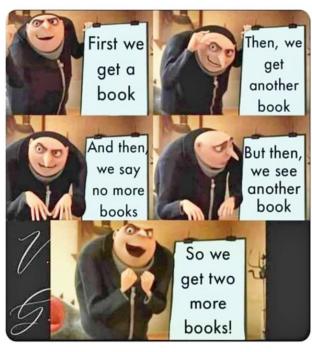
Joanna Hansen, Brianna Dittmer, Alice Huelskamp, Hannah Ellis, Shanelle Romine, Taylor Schultz, Ellie McGuire, adn Coach Vahsholtz

Romine, Joanna Hansen, and Taylor Schultz. Alice Huelskamp will be performing her poetry collection, "Drowning Fish" and "Lady Lazarus" by Rudy Francisco, Sylvia Plath. Alice also qualified for State Champs with her duet partner,

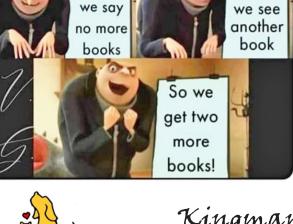
Hannah Ellis, with their duet, "The History of Television, Condensed".

Taylor Schultz will be performing her collection of Poetry, "My Honest Poem" and "Complainers" by Rudy Francisco. Finally, the IDA team, Joanna Hansen and Shanelle Romine will be competing in the State Champs competition in improvised duet acting. Thank you for supporting our Cunningham Forensics Team.

by Coach Carrie Vahsholtz



"Read. Read anything. Read the things they say are good for you, and the things they claim are junk. You'll find what you need to find. Just read." - Neil Gaiman



Kingman County Humane Society Pets for Adoption

Leonard

Sponsored by Baker Accounting Weight: 64.8 lbs Female Coonhound Age: 5 years/6 months Adoption Fee: \$180.00 Intake Date: 3/23/2022

People friendly

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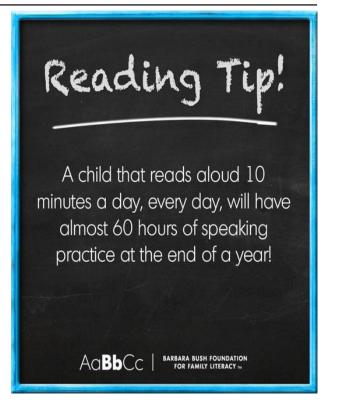
Daisy is sweet and gentle and loves nothing better than snoozing on a rug on the porch on a warm spring day. What Elvis said is true "There ain't nothin like a hound dog". We love Daisy Dog! (Editor's note: She is, indeed, a

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Shorthair Weight 10.3 lbs Age; 1 year/1 month/3weeks Adoption fee: \$25 Intake date: 3/1/2022

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.





Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours.

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friends!

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items: dry cat and kitten food clumping cat litter canned dog food Purina Puppy Chow long-lasting chews 8-quart stainless steel flat sided water buckets

in

books!

bleach liquid laundry detergent poop bag rolls disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103

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Minutes from Kingman County Canvas and Commission

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier and Larry Landwehr

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Joyce; Caller 02

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Randy Hill; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda. 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 discussed his take on school legislation and governing people.

County Clerk sub-

mitted the minutes of the April 11th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the April 11th, 2022, Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk let the Commissioners know that LaDawn Stegman was in the paper last week as Internal Auditor and she is the Financial Officer.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss an appointment to the South-Central Regional Homeland Security Council.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint Richard Schott to serve as Kingman County's representative on the South-Central Regional Homeland Security Council beginning April 18th, 2022, through December 31, 2024. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioner Henning discussed the agreement for Dispatching with the City. The quarterly report request will add extra paperwork for dispatch.

Commissioners discussed that the addition to paragraph seven was not in the original agreement.

Commissioners signed one abatement

Commissioners approved the March 2022 Transfers and Corrections received from Linda Langley, Internal Auditor in the amount of \$114,305.56.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with monthly reports for January, February, and March for Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed the sheriff vehicles and the performance ratings with Sheriff Hill.

Sheriff Hill submitted a letter to the Commissioners for an overview of the Kingman County Law Enforcement Two-way Radio System.

Sheriff Hill and the Commissioners discussed the importance of radio coverage.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with a form from the

County Treasurer for an

employee moving from part-time to full-time for approval.

Surrounding Communities

Commissioners approved the employee change of status.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he has a Planning/ Zoning meeting on April 25th, 2022, and what will be on the agenda.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Ezra Olson for a house in Section 34, Township 27, Range 7.

Chance Cox for a shop shed in Section 21, Township 27, Range 5.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss the scanner in her office and that she needs to update the computer software for the scanner as it is Windows XP. She submitted a quote from the company that the scanner was purchased from.

Commissioners asked Ms. Hubbell if this is the only company that can quote this scanner.

Ms. Hubbell let them know there are not many companies that handle the kind of scanner she has. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the quote received from The Crowley

Company in the amount of \$11476.00 to be paid from the Register of Deeds Technology Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley read correspondence received from Core Mentoring and Core Community.

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

S C Telecom-Placement of Fiber Optic Cable-Various location in Township 27(10), Dresden, Rural and Kingman Townships.

AT & T-Kansas-Lay phone line between Sections 2 & 11 Township 28, Range 7 (E Ninnescah).

Commissioners asked Mr. Arensdorf to look at the no-parking signs over by the Health Department parking lot.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the Annual County Engineer's /Road Supervisors Report for 2021.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the March 2022 Budget report with the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the

Commissioners know that the deck pour on bridge #13 was completed last week and he also received a final public notice for the Kyle bridge and it will be posted at the bridge and in the newspaper.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the grain trucks that use county roads and that he made calls to the State about funding to help counties fix roads that are used for hauling grain.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the haul routes for grain trucks county wide with the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz was asked to come back in by the Commissioners to discuss the yard maintenance and who was to take care of it. Mr. Goetz let them know that he had someone to take care of the yard until next year and then they would look at the maintenance again

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:39 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from **Pratt County** Commission for April 11, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, April 18, 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 Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Will Wohlford, Morris Laing, via Zoom, dis-

cussed changes to the employee handbook he is updating. He will get a draft with changes sent out for review.

Commissioners.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she has been assisting the small cities with the ARPA fund reporting. She will finish Pratt County's report and submit.

a s k e d Commissioner Shriver about the city of Coats, he will contact an official in Coats and report back to Heather. The treasurer announced another audit change. In place of the single audit they have changed the reporting. They also released a rural grant guide. Includes options for funding for public safety equipment. Spark is meeting, funds could be available to local government. Tuesday, Department of Commerce released the base grant recipients, no one in Pratt County was awarded any grant funds. Prairieland food did make the final cut to go to the board, they might qualify for funds with their expansion. Pratt area economic committee approved the facade grant program. The forms are on the Pratt County website, also available in the clerk's office and appraiser's office. Neighborhood revitalization forms have to be filed prior to any work started on the project. Burkes is hiring and will be opening in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson presented the updated lake resolution 04-18-2022. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adopt resolution 04-18-2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams reported Charles Thimesch stated the weeds need to be sprayed. He reported the hydrants had been raised by Integreen per Charles Thimesch.

Commissioner Shriver gave a short update on the tower at the new public safety building.

Chairman Adams reported someone had wanted to purchase some old equipment at the road department.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for April 18, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Landmark Architect for \$3,491.25. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jalaa miller, Ryan Powell and Jill Cooper, IMA consulting, presented final options for employees health insurance. Commissioners did not make a decision at this time. They will discuss at the April 25, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



The City of **Dreams**

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher I recently traveled to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with the Kansas Ag and Rural Leaders (KARL) program. Our trip included unique farm tours like a camel dairy, falcon hospital and the oldest irrigation district in the world. We experienced local traditions and culture by visiting museums, a desert oasis, a camel race training facility, a livestock market, a palace and the grand mosque. However, the

UAE is to see Dubai. Dubai's leaders seem to have committed to the "if you build it, they will

real reason people visit

come" ideal popularized in "Field of Dreams.". Their vision

for Dubai has

been to replace oil revenue that will eventually dwindle with money from tourism, business and the financial sectors. They are creating a center of business for the Middle East and the world; a "City of Dreams."

Dubai had been described by many former travelers as the Las Vegas of the Middle East. I expected the Burj Khalifa (currently the world's tallest building) and the Palm (a manmade island complex) would have a row of sky scrapers connecting the two areas and the city might feel like

Chicago or Los Angeles. My mind was not prepared for what the city actually looks like. Everything is new and re-

ally tall; high-rise buildings as far as the eye can see. When you emerge from a cluster of them, you can see another cluster of 10 to 20 a few miles away in any direction except downtown, which is more like 100 to 200 high-rise buildings. The city is filled with brand new metro lines, shopping malls, tourist attractions and residential communities. Dubai is a modern city of stunning architecture and the latest

technology. Our tour guide joked that Emiratis' favorite word is 'est. They have the tallest building, largest shopping mall, deepest swimming pool, largest dancing fountain, highest Ferris wheel. The list goes longer and makes me think Guinness Book of World Records probably has an office there purely for convenience.

The most impressive

part is almost none of it existed 20 years ago. Many attractions didn't exist 10 years ago as lots of the projects were fast tracked to prepare for the World Expo, which was originally scheduled for 2020 and delayed a year because of COVID.

The six-month Expo ended March 31 and was expected to bring 25 million visitors to see the 192 country pavilions focusing on themes of sustainability, mobility and opportunity. If you are picturing the state fair, this expo was about 20 times bigger without the animals, and even though we visited at the end of month six, the place felt fresh; bathrooms were clean, pavilions and facilities were in good working order, and there were no visible signs of staff packing-up. The same feel of quality and pride could be felt throughout

Dubai is a city of dreams. It is the manifestation of leader's vision and ability to motivate others to join in creating something big, something people all over the world will talk about and want to see for themselves.

People ignore their field of dreams because it seems too big. Dreams don't happen overnight. Small steps, like having a clear vision or creating things that you can be proud of, are what create the momentum to move big dreams forward.

The tallest building in the most extravagant city in the world was what one man saw when he looked across the barren desert. Just imagine what you can make of the world around you.

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"Everywhere the grain stood ripe and the hot afternoon was full of the smell of the ripe wheat, like the smell of bread baking in an oven. The breath of the wheat and the sweet clover passed him like pleasant things in a dream." — Willa Cather, O Pioneers!



DON'T BLOW SMOKE.



Dear Editor:

As we approach the 2022 primary and general elections, I would like to share important information about the measures in place to ensure a secure election process and encourage my fellow Kansans to participate in this year's elections.

First, Kansas has some of the most robust election security laws in the country. In 2011, Kansas adopted voter

ID, which requires every voter to present a government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot.

Voter ID ensures the voter is an actual person and protects the integrity of your vote. It is a fundamental tool to ensure one vote equals one person.

Second, Kansas counties have conducted over 300 post-election audits. Since post-election audits began in 2019, no county has failed an audit and every legal ballot has been accounted for. Postelection audits will take place following the 2022 elections to ensure the integrity of every vote.

Third, I want to thank our county election officials who work tirelessly to ensure the security of our elections. Election workers play an essential role in ensuring Election Day runs smoothly, and I encourage you to consider volunteering as a poll worker. For more information, contact your county election officer.

Lastly, if you are not registered to vote, the deadline to register is July 12th for the

August primary election and October 18th for the November general election. If you have recently moved or changed your name, you must re-register to vote in this year's elections. Voter registration information is available at sos.ks.gov or by contacting your county election officer.

ks.gov.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Kansas Secretary of State. If I can be of service to you, please call 785.296.4561 or email me at Scott.Schwab@

Scott Schwab Kansas Secretary of State

Public Notice

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> IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DONALD R. MERTENS, Deceased. CASE NO. 2022 PR 21

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 15, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Mary B. Mertens, Executrix named in the "Last Will and Testament of Donald R. Mertens," deceased, dated December 31, 2019, prayng the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executrix, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters

Testamentary.

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

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

Mary B. Mertens, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke Ricke Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, April 17h

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Assist other agencies

Monday, April 18th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Alarm

Assist other agencies Burglary Domestic Theft

Fuesday, April 19th

Traffic stops Animal

Public Service Wednesday, April 20th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Animal Disturbance Road Closure Road Closure Suspicious Person Vehicle abandoned

Thursday, April 21st Traffic stops

Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Animal Animal Assist other agencies Fraud Suspicious vehicle Trespassing

Unlock Vehicle Friday, April 22nd

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Alarm Animal Animal Assist other agencies Electrical hazard Fire - outside Shots fired Suspicious person Vehicle disabled Vehicle disabled

Vehicle disabled Saturday, April 23rd

Traffic stops Traffic check tag Traffic check tag Animal Harassment Harassment Suspicious person Suspicous vehicle Suspicious vehicle Vehicle disabled

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SW 130 St & W Hwy 42 area Spivey 400 block N Cedar St. Kingman

10000 block SE 30 St. Murdock

SW 40 St & SW 20 Ave Kingman SW 80 Ave & W Hwy 42 area Zenda 2000 block N Main Street Kingman 300 block S Somerset St. Nowich SE 100 St & SE 150 Ave area Norwich 1500 block SW 40 St. Kingman NW 10 St & NW 170 Ave area Cunningham E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave area Kingman

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Ditech Financial LLC

Plaintiff,

Jason Eric Hurt; Shawna Lou Hurt;

Court Number:

Case No. 2019-CV-000003

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Linda Hurt n/k/a Linda Zrubek, a/k/a Linda Mare Moore

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, on May 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

TRACT I - A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH PM; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 1353.06 FEET, THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 35 SECONDS LEFT-WEST 2245.92 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 2 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 44 SECONDS RIGHT-WESTERLY 330.67 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 47 SECONDS RIGHT-NORTH 222.90 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 44 SECONDS LEFT-WEST 361.71 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 90 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 16 SECONDS LEFT-SOUTH 361.28 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 44 SECONDS LEFT-EAST 361.71 FEET: THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 90 DEGREES 05MINUTES 16 SECONDS LEFT-NORTH 361.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 30.00 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS-EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES, SAID EASEMENT BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE/4 OF SECTION 10-30S-7W OF THE 6TH P.M., THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 1353.06 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 28'35" LEFT-WEST FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 86 DEGREES 15'47' RIGHT-NORTH 222.90 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54'44' LEFT-WEST 361.71 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54'44' RIGHT-NORTH 30.00 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 90 DEGREES 05'16" RIGHT-EAST 391.71 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54'44" RIGHT-SOUTH 224.75 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 86 DEGREES 15'47" LEFT-EASTERLY 301.79 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 2 DEGREES 49'44" LEFT-EASTERLY 2244.94 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 28'35" RIGHT-SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 30.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT II - A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT II, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT I; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT II, SAID SOUTH LINE ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF TRACT I, A DISTANCE OF 361.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT II, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT I; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST, ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT II, A DISTANCE OF 258.58 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT II; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST, ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT II, A DISTANCE OF 361.71 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT II; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST, ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT II, A DISTANCE OF 258.58 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS-EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES, SAID EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE/4 OF SECTION 10-30S-7W OF THE 6TH PM, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00'00" WEST AN ASSUMED BEARING, ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SE/4, A DISTANCE OF 1353.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28'35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 2245.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 38'51" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 330.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23'04" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 481.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42'12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 361.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 23'04" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42'12" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 391.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 23'04" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 483.33 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 38'51" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 301.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28'35" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2244.94 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SE/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00'00" EAST ON SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, commonly known as 2495 SE 137 St, Rago, KS 67142 (the "Property")

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Randy L. Hill, Sheriff Kingman County, Kansas

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ROBERT S. WUNSCH, Deceased.

> Case No. 2021 PR 31 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on April 7, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Melissa Tetrick, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Robert S. Wunsch, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court

find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Robert S. Wunsch, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 3, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m in the District Court, Kingman Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fai therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Melissa Tetrick, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioners

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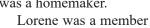


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Lorene Oak

Lorene Oak, 89, died April 24, 2022 at her home at Penalosa after years of bravely battling dementia.

She was born Jan. 19, 1933, at Langdon, Kansas the daughter of Ralph and Arbrie Goff Barr. A lifetime resident of the Penalosa community, she was a homemaker.



of the United Methodist Church and UMW, both of Penalosa; was a former 4-H leader; and was an election board volunteer.

On May 27, 1951, she married Melvin E. Oak at Penalosa; he died March 25, 1996. Survivors include son Eugene "Bud" and wife Connie; daughters Zella Jacobs, Cindy Baker and husband Stan and Julie Price and husband Mitch; sisters Pat Warta and Clella DiOrio; grandchildren Kenny (Misty) Jacobs, David Kienzle, Brandy (Mark) Illausky, Ben (Maria) Oak, Clara (Garth) Gebhard, Dennis Baker, and Brittany (Tyler) Esposito; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by brothers Nelson and Clarence Barr.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Lerado Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made with the Penalosa United Methodist Church or Angel's Hospice, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Kile Detwiler

Kile Wayne Detwiler, 18, passed away Monday, April 25, 2022 at Sandpiper Bay in Wichita. He was born on February 10, 2004 in Pratt to Joseph "Joe" Robert Millen and Lindsay Ann Detwiler.

Kile attended Winfield High School. He enjoyed listening to music, spending time with family and flirting with all the ladies. He was a ladies man.

He is survived by his parents, Joe (Jamie) Millen of Winfield and Lindsay Detwiler of Pratt; siblings, Anthony Detwiler of Meade, Ryker Lauritsen and Tayla Lauritsen both of Winfield and Ace Miracle and Chase Miracle both of Pratt; grandparents, Ronald Detwiler and Bob and Cathy Millen all of Pratt; uncle, Chris (Jessica) Detwiler of Pratt; aunt, Adi Millen of Joplin, Missouri; and many others that loved him dearly.

Kile is preceded in death by his grandmother, Patricia Ann Detwiler.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration Of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt with Reverend Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. The family would like everyone to wear bright colors for the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Children's Mercy Kansas City in care of Larrison Mortuary.



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Donna Folkers

Donna Lea Folkers, 80 Years, passed away April 23, 2022 at Pratt Health and Rehab, Pratt. She was born on the family farm near Collyer, Kansas, December 1, 1941 to R.N. "Newt" Tidball and Vernice (Jones) Tidball.



Donna attended Pleasant Valley, a one room school house until she went to High School in Collyer, Kansas. She graduated in 1959. She was a stay at home mom and she also cared for lots of foster children. She went to work for Cross Manufacturing. Retiring after 25 years in 2012.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Iuka, KS.

Donna's hobbies were gardening and painting. She loved to grow, plants and flowers in her garden, enjoying many hours there. She also enjoyed bird watching. She enjoyed watching KU Basketball.

She was a very loving mother and grandmother. She is survived by Daughter, Beth (Bucky) Walters of Pratt, KS; Son, Cody (Jackie) Folkers of Pratt, KS; five grandchildren, Matt (Katie) Walters, Katie Walters, Christian (Jackie) Folkers, Chance Folkers, Chase Folkers; great grandchild, Clayton Folkers; great grand child, Faith Folkers; Two Brothers, Charles Tidball of Wakenney, KS, Ken (Orvina) Tidball of Topeka, KS; Sister, Darlene (Gary) Gorsky of Collyer, KS; and many nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

Donna is preceded in death by her mother and father. Son, Gary. and brother, Tom Tidball.

Funeral service ws held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

Memorials may be made to Vernon Filley Art Musem in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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Jimmy Slaughter

Jimmy Wayne Slaughter, 71, passed away Monday, April 18, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on September 10, 1950 in Moran, Kansas to James "Pete" Franklin and Bernice Lenore (Cornelsen) Slaughter.



Jimmy married Opal Arlene (Kinney) Slaughter on December 26, 1970 at First Church of God, Pratt. They were married for 51 years.

Jimmy graduated from Cedarvale High School. He worked at Pratt Well Service for many years and most recently for Advantek in Hutchinson. He enjoyed gambling, fishing, doing lawn care, attending auctions, traveling back to his hometown and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He was jack of many trades.

He is survived by his wife, Opal; children, Arlene (Randy) Rice of Pratt, Arthur (Amy) Slaughter of Pratt, Terry (Lisa) Slaughter of Pratt and Jimmy L. (Stacey) Slaughter of Pratt; grandchildren, Timothy (fiance' Kaitlyn) Slaughter, Cheyenne Slaughter, Dalton Slaughter, Jennifer Slaughter, Morgan Slaughter, Riley Slaughter, Noah Slaughter, Kalli Otto, Ashley Gonzalez, Jessica Wehling, Jo Wehling, Katelyn Slaughter, Shawn Slaughter and Kameron Slaughter; great-grandchildren, Trinidy Slaughter, Johnathain Slaughter, Harper Hughes, Alyssa Cates, Lilly Gonzales, Gardner Cates and Theo Gonzales.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Florence Louise Buck and Mary Ilene Kingsley; grandson, James Slaughter; granddaughter, Danielle Rice and great granddaughter, Nova Banuelos.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

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