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County Commission Meeting January 11th

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 4th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Kingman Leader-Courier; Shanna Henry; Emergency Manager; Caller 01; Larry Landwehr; Tammy Miller; Caller 03; Jerika Francis; Joyce Foley

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Chuck Luntsford; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Dolores Henning

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Sheriff Randy Hill; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director

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

Swearing In of Elected Officials was given by Judge Sylvester.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner District #2

Jack Thimesch, County Commissioner District #3

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer
Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds
Randy Hill, Sheriff

Carol D Noblit, County Clerk
Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to add some comments at the end of Commission meeting.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer welcomed Commissioner Thimesch to the Board.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to get signatures for the County checking account and Ms. Luntsford let them know that when the CD's come due they will need to sign those.

The County Clerk submitted the January 4th, 2021 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch approved the minutes of the January 4th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Russell Clouse declining the Dale township position.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the resignation of Russell Clouse to the Dale township position he was appointed to. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Robert Frampton about the Dale township position and that it was township Treasurer that was vacant. Mr. Frampton would like to suggest Lowell Fairchild for the Dale Township Treasurer position that was vacated by Mr. Nichols.

The County Commissioners would like to wait two weeks before appointing for the Dale Township Treasurer position.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from the Kansas Historical Society letting them know that the Louis Werner Barn at 4550 NE 80th Ave, Pretty Prairie was placed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to get signatures that were missed last week for Eagles Pub & Golf Course and Tiny Toes Daycare.

Duplication agreement for Veach Chiropractic that qualifies for the CDBG-CV grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the CDBG-CV grant for Veach Chiropractic and Samantha Younger's Daycare. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$48,515.21.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$282,078.74.

The County Commissioners signed abatements.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with Garber Surveying Contract for 2021. Mr. Garber does all surveys for Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Garber Surveying Contract for Kingman County for 2021. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz was in to let the Commissioners know that other Counties are implementing Sick leave like the Commissioners approved last week.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that we have had a new case within the County which will be able to use the new Sick Leave that was passed.

Mr. Goetz explained the pay matrix for Jack Thimesch and if he had any

questions about the information to just get with him.

Mr. Goetz discussed windfarm information and that he had heard some information about Flat Ridge Four.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Keith Strohl for a storage shed in Section 9, Township 29, Range 10W.

Troy Heard for 3 sheds and Living Quarters in Section 25, Township 27, Range 9W.

Bryce Bolen for a shed/cabin in Section 36, Township 27, Range 06W.

Commissioners discussed the holiday next week and if they would have a meeting.

Commissioners decided to not hold a meeting next week and the next scheduled meeting will be January 25th, 2021.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with COVID stats.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the Kansas vaccination phases with the Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz asked for an executive session for performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse, Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:04 a.m. to discuss employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. and no decision was needed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and reviewed the 2020 Right of Way Use Permit fees and the dispersion of funds to the townships. The funds to townships totaled \$21,800.00.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed doing a debriefing meeting between the FLAP committee and Commissioners on February 8th, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

The County Commissioners discussed attending the debriefing and being able to let them know why the County has changed accepting the FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan 8 & 6 Structure Replacement Letting on February 8th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf was in with the Cost Share Agreement with KDOT for FAS Bridge #11 & FAS Bridge #13.

The Commissioners signed the Cost Share Agreement for two bridge replacements between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County. Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Annual Township Meeting and if they Commissioners want to hold it.

The Commissioners would like to not hold it this year due to COVID restrictions but maybe a newsletter could be sent out.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners

know that he will have a Field Check meeting for the FAS #12 with KDOT is Wednesday, January 12th via teleconference.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed Flat Ridge 3 and the extra AB3 the windfarm has and that he will have coordination between WOOD and the townships.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Arensdorf know that he went by and looked at the fence at the landfill.

Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director was in to discuss the new phones for the Law Enforcement Center and the billing received from AT & T in the amount of \$6,700.00.

The Commissioners would like to see if there is any funding options left for the phones.

Sheriff Hill submitted bills from Equate (voice logger) and Motorola for approval because the Law Company told the Sheriff that they only will handle the wiring not the moving of equipment.

Commissioners would like for John Caton to look into that these bills with the Law Company.

Sheriff Hill would like permission to go ahead and pay the bills.

John Caton, County Counselor would like for those bills to be paid out of the Law Enforcement Center funding.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that there was a water leak in the new portion of the Law Enforcement Center. Since the leak was an emergency, Eck Electric was called to fix the leak.

Sheriff Hill let them know that they had a gas leak last week on Tuesday.

Ms. Kinsler let the Commissioners know they had an issue with air conditioning on Thursday last week.

Sheriff Hill discussed mental health and currently the facility contacts Horizons Mental Health and if they are needing further help they are sent to Larned State Hospital. Currently Larned is at compacity.

Sheriff Hill said he would like to get a group together to work on this problem.

The Commissioners agreed that getting a group together would be good and one of them would be happy to be in the group.

Chairman Henning asked Sheriff Hill if thefts are up. Sheriff Hill believes that our statistics are up on theft and it comes from other counties.

Chairman Henning asked if we should put something out that if people see suspicious activity they should report it.

Sheriff Hill said that he has put it on Facebook in the past to help with awareness.

Ms. Kinsler said if people would put an owner identification on there items it would be helpful in identifying items.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:22 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12i9nmpeojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

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

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Thursday, January 28th 4:00 p.m. JH BB vs Pretty Prairie at HOME	Tuesday, February 2nd HS BB vs Fairfield at HOME **** Lions' Club
Friday, January 29th HS Girls 54 Classic at Skyline	Thursday, February 4th JH BB at Burrton
Saturday, January 30th HS Girls 54 Classic at Skyline	Friday, February 5th HS BB at Norwich
Monday, February 1st Regional Scholars' Bowl *** JH BB vs Norwich HOME	Monday, February 8th Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30 dismissal

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W.A. Bradley, Editor

1921
January 28- W. H. Brown, our prominent citizen, can vouch for the rain last Sunday evening. While catching some chickens back of his store, with his head in the coop, the heavens let loose with a water spout and almost drowned him. He started saying things before he straightened up and immediately rushed in the store for his rain coat. The cloud burst proved to the dish-water from the hotel just above.

Frank Allbritten slipped the editor a dollar and a half Monday for his subscription for another year. Many thanks, Frank.

The county league game of basket ball will be played at the high school auditorium Friday night between Cunningham high school and Kingman high school. Both teams will play.

Louis Hellar bought a new Ford for the children to drive to school.

Orville and Ethel Shelman played Saturday afternoon with Jessie and John Vermillion.

T. A. Kelley, Homer Kelley and Louis Hellar worked on the roads Thursday, putting in a new culvert.

Mr. John Sterneker and sons Albert and John, motored to Willowdale Sunday.

Thoroughbred White Leghorn Rooster for sale. Sec. A. L. Doty.

Mrs. Andrew Donnel and daughter Frances, of Ashland, Kansas, are visiting with Mrs. Donnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simonson.

MEAD CREEK ITEMS
Mrs. Ray Crossley of Cairo, is visiting the home of her parents, Abe Roush and family.

The young folks of Mead Creek School are quite busy this week practising their play.

Earl Bainum and family spent Sunday at Leo DeWeese's.

Laura Allen had her guests for Sunday dinner, Delpha and Henry Roush.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
The splendid weather certainly gives everyone inspiration, and ambition to start out right on the new semester's work.

Two members of the H.S. faculty were taken to police court at Norwich last Friday night for failing to pay for some sandwiches and chili. Of course they plead not guilty. No names will be mentioned, but the mathematics and domestic science teachers have resolved to hereafter pay all their honest debts. The other members of the faculty succeeded in getting them safely home about 1:30 a.m.

Miss Helphrey led Y.W.C.A. Tuesday morning. Her subject was "Sham Friendship."

Karl Scott spent the week-end in Wichita. Perhaps celebrating because he was exempted from the finals in all his subjects.

1931
January 30- Assistant Coach Roy Wetherall took eight high school basketball players to Zenda last Friday, where they dropped a close game by a 19-18 score. Coach Lloyd Williams and seven other players are laid up with the mumps and chicken pox. The high school girl's basketball team, and their coach, Mrs. Lloyd Wells, were unable to make the trip to Zenda due to the mumps and chicken pox epidemic, and had to forfeit their game.

Nothing much is doing at Cunningham's first oil well, No. 1 Miles, during the past week. The well was turned on one day and flowed 90 barrels of oil in an hour and a half, which is at the rate of a barrel a minute.

Cunningham's volleyball teams won two games from Pratt teams, representing Jett's Mercantile Company and Calbeck Furniture Company, Wednesday night. Members of the local squad are Ed Naanes, Rufus Leiter, Virgil Pugh, Roy Wetherall, Reed Price, Carlos Cannon, Wayne DeLair, Wiley, Bruce Askrens, Rex Shelman, Everett Hauser, Clyde Ratlief, and Charles Fee.

1936
January 31- Cunningham will vote again on a City Waterworks System next Monday. The proposition carried by a large majority at a special bond election last summer, but due to a technicality the proposition will have to be voted on again. 45% of the total cost of \$36,000 will be paid by the WPA.

The Skelly oil company hosted company employees of the local gasoline plant, production and pipeline departments at the Pratt Country Club, Wednesday evening. Those attending from here included Superintendent C.P. Duvall of the gasoline plant, Superintendent Floyd Kent of the production department, District Field Clerk Paul Confer, D.D. Davis, Ray Amick, Merwyn Fargar, G.I. Harkrader, W.T. Southard, Bert Matthews, Fred Burnett, Edgar Robinson, Percy Scott, Frank Parker, L.W. Cook, Glen Pearson, Jake Keyes, and Lloyd Wells.

Cunningham's basketball town team won a game from Turon, Tuesday evening, by a 22-21 score. Members of the local team include George Crow, Wilbur Slattery, Victor Miles, Alferd Thorp, George and Lloyd McClellan, Richard Cozens, and Coach Waldo Shelman.

1941
January 31- Rev. Albert Kienhoefer, pastor of St. Leo's Church of St. Leo, for the past 35 years, passed away, Tuesday.

The high school basketballers scored their fifth straight Kingman County League victory (without a defeat) at the expense of Zenda last Friday night. Undefeated Norwich plays here next Friday night in a game which will decide the county championship.

1951
February 2- The high school basketballers won the Kingman county League Championship with a thrilling 60-59 victory over Norwich last Friday night. Cunningham's second team won the Kingman County League Second Team Championship by defeating the Norwich second-stringers, 36-26. Cunningham will participate in the Kingman County League tournament at Kingman next week-end, and will be seeking their tenth straight tournament championship.

Mrs. Robert Barr has resigned her position as telephone operator, and will move to Wichita. Mrs. Viola Matthews in the new operator.

1956
February 2- The formal dedication of Cunningham Rural High School's new gym-auditorium will be held this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The dedication address of the afternoon will be given by Dr. Harry Corbin, President of the University of Wichita. A feature of the afternoon's program will be a short history of the organization of the high school district, and a recognition ceremony of all past and present school board members.

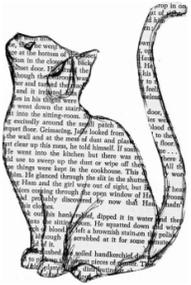
The public is cordially invited to attend, and a special invitation is extended to all former teachers and students of the school.

With no last minute change in plans, purchase of oil from Barber County's huge Rhodes Field ended, Wednesday.

The Skelly Oil Company announced some time ago that they would cease taking crude oil from the 130-well field, which has an adjusted daily productivity of more than 51,000 barrels and a January allowable of 140,000 barrels, on February 1.

Skelly engineers and chemists said the decision was reached because

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Meanderings

In one week, I am counting on my back feeling about 100 years older. But in two weeks I will feeling like I have a new back. In three months, I'll be doing cartwheels. (not that I have EVER been able to do a cartwheel....)

I am looking forward to pain relief. I am not looking forward to recovery and most of all I am not looking forward to the medications I will have to take.

This is my third major surgery. I had a couple of vertebrae fused in my neck in April of 2000. The doctor operated by creating an opening in my throat. But I felt so much better after all the healing was done.

The cotoocr had a little draining tube right below the incision. The nurse came in and said, "I'll be back later and take that out."

At the time, that

sounded like a good plan.

She did return later in the afternoon. She told me what she was going to do. And I asked, "Is this going to hurt?" I thought it was a legitimate question. And she answered legitimately: "Oh, yes, quite a bit."

"Okay. Wait. Can we rethink this? I don't want to hurt!"

The nurse gave me a funny look. "Well, it's not going to hurt THAT much, and it is a pretty quick procedure."

I saw the lying in her eyes.

I think she was a bit annoyed with me because I was the only patient there on that Easter weekend. The surgery was done on the morning of Good Friday. She came in after surgery and told me I could go home on Saturday. I informed her the doctor said I could stay until Monday.

"Do you have children at home?" she asked.

"Nooooo...?"

"Well, there you go. You can go home and rest without anyone bothering you."

I informed her I was staying until the doctor told me I could go home. I was just as annoyed with her as she was with me.

Later, I asked another nurse about going home on Saturday. She looked at me funny and said, "You have to stay until Monday morning."

I told her what the other nurse suggested. Well, seems I was one of two patients in this little facility over the Easter weekend, and the other patient was going home on Saturday....

Back to 'not hurt THAT much and quick procedure.'

I want to clarify here that I have a very high pain tolerance, and I swear the removal of that tube was the most painful experience I have ever had. And it seemed to last forever. I was screaming very loud swear words. The nurse is saying "it's okay, it's okay, almost done, almost done." And I am sweating and griping the bed rails and swearing loudly (did I mention that). I think my dad would have been of the great job I learned from years of hearing him swear loudly.

Later, I was telling someone about that incident. She said she'd had the same procedure. She's also had four children C-section, and the removal of that tube was by far the most painful

thing she'd ever endured. I felt much better.

It's been about 5 and half years since my knee replacement.

I don't remember receiving morphine after my neck surgery, but I definitely got it after my knee replacement. Evil stuff, morphine.

I felt good when I had relief from pain, but I was a bit disconcerted when my collie dog, Joey, showed up at my bedside there at the hospital. There was no one in the room to ask how he got there, so I talked out loud to him.

"Oh, Joey! What are you doing here?"

Tail wag.

"Are you here because you miss me?"

Smile and tail wag.

"Come here, Joey."

Tail wag, smile, bends his head a bit, and walks closer.

"Joey, I am sooo GLAD to see you! How did you find me?"

Tail wag, smile.

I reached out to touch him. And my hand felt nothing. I remember thinking, "Well, that's weird."

(yeah, like it wasn't weird that the love of my life managed to get into my hospital room in East Wichita, seemingly

by himself.)

When I looked again, Joey was gone.

What was weird, was that I didn't find it weird.

A day or two later, Mrs. Barbara Wunsch was standing next to me. I greeted her and asked how she was doing. She was fine she said.

She was wearing a light blue blouse with a broach that was silver. I couldn't make out what it was, though. She had on black slacks and black pumps.

Okay, now keep in mind, I only met Mrs. Wunsch one time in my life. I did teach 3rd grade with her daughter, Melissa, at Kingman Elementary School. But I really didn't know Mrs. Wunsch.

She told me, "I am thinking about having a lunch, and I'd like you to come. I am going to invite Missy and Bill (Melissa husband). It will be something casual. Can you come tomorrow; do you think?"

"Mrs. Wunsch, that would be lovely. What time?"

"Well, Melissa has to work, but she can take off. How about right around 1:00."

"I will be there."

Then I reached out

to shake her hand. I was confused, because I couldn't find it. Good grief! She's standing right there. She must think I'm an idiot.

THEN I realized I was in that hospital room all by myself again, my arm up in the air, shaking up and down.

Just unsettling

Even a few days after I came home, I was prone to panic attacks because I thought the bed had me trapped. I was even in a twin bed, for heaven's sake. But I just knew it wasn't going to let go of me.

I am really hoping, morphine won't be necessary after this surgery. I am highly suspicious of that stuff.

And it makes it difficult to read, trust me.

Always reading, and currently reading, "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini, Roberta

"For Harley, reading was the equivalent of chocolate, sleep, and morphine all rolled into one. Like all cats, she was quite the hedonist."

— Suzanne Wright, Force of Temptation

YEARS AGO

the high salt and Sulphur content of the crude oil from these wells was damaging its refinery equipment at El Dorado.

Ever since the announcement was made, there has been speculation over what possible effect it might have on future oil field development of Barber County. There have been rumors that it might lead to a drastic cut-back of drilling and exploratory activity. To date there has been no such action, however, and drilling is continuing at a steady mid-winter pace.

There has been a growing belief that some other company may step into the breach and take the oil from the field. Skelly has offered to transport the oil through

their pipeline facilities to other interested buyers. Consensus seems to be that too many major operators have too much invested in the field not to find an outlet. No other Barber County oil fields are affected by the Skelly order.

1961

February 2-Two Cunningham schools, Cunningham Grade School and Sacred Heart Parochial School, won first and third in a basketball tournament held at Penalosa, two weeks ago.

Norwich was second, and Nashville took fourth place.

Other teams participating in the tournament were White Mound, Adams, Spivey, Zenda, Belmont, and Penalosa.

The Twentieth

Century Club met in the home of Mrs. Ferd Burnett last Friday afternoon.

President Mrs. Bill Boyd conducted a brief business meeting, after which Parliamentarian Mrs. Burnett presided at the election of new officers for the coming years. The new officers are Mrs. Boyd, President; Mrs. Laverna Bradley, Vice-President, and Mrs. Bill Bradley, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Kansas Day theme was used in the program given by Mrs. Bill Bradley, and the meeting was concluded with Dr. Ferd Burnett showing pictures of Rome, Italy, taken on the Burnett's European tour last spring.

A salad course, nuts and mints, and coffee were served from a beau-

tifully appointed table centered with a fruit arrangement in an antique crystal holder.

1966

February 3-The Cunningham Wildcats will play one home game during the next week of basketball activity.

Tomorrow night (Friday), the Wildcats will play host to Preston. It's Cunningham's annual homecoming game, and will feature the crowning of this year's basketball queen between the second and first team games.

The five candidates for queen are the cheerleaders, Teresa Rose, Shirley Lubbers, Donna Lacy, Pat Baber, and Jean Brady.

A dance for high school alumni and friends will be held in the high school recreation room

following the games.

Cunningham, sporting a record of 11 wins and three defeats, has taken over undisputed possession of first place in the Ninescah League after breaking the tie with a victory over Alden last Friday night, and will be out to keep the league lead with a victory over Preston. The Wildcats bowled over Preston by a 142-57 score in their previous meeting, earlier this season, but the Preston line-up is now bolstered by three senior players who became eligible the second semester.

Installation services for the new officers of the Cunningham Rebekah Lodge were held in the Lodge Hall last Wednesday evening, at the lodge's regular meeting.

The installing officers were Acting District Deputy President Mary Phillips, and Acting Deputy Marshall Doris Thornhill.

The new officers are Evelyn Fitzsimmons, Noble Grand; Helen Rose, Vice Grand; Novadea Bowers, Chaplain; Naomi Huffman, Secretary; Cozette Taylor, Treasurer; Eleanor Graves and Gwen McClellan, Supports to the Noble Grand; Frances Nossaman and Esther Davidson, Supports to the Vice Grand; Darlene Schreck, Warden; Doris Thornhill, Conductor; Mary Phillips, Inside Guardian, and Etta Mae Cooley, Outside Guardian.

Following lodge, the members retired to Mary's Hi-Way café for refreshments.



Challenge Yourself This New Year to Enter the 2021 National Festival of Breads

Looking for a creative challenge to start 2021? Brush off your mixer, don your apron and develop your own original recipe for the 2021 National Festival

of Breads. Entries are accepted January 8 through February 22, and winners will receive cash prizes and baking bundles from sponsors Kansas Wheat, King Arthur Baking Company and Red Star Yeast.

"The National Festival of Breads celebrates the creativity of America's home bakers," said Cindy Falk, co-chairperson of the event and nutrition educator for the Kansas Wheat Commission. "Our goal is to connect these top competitors to the wheat farmers and the indus-

tries that put that bag of flour into their pantries."

The nation's premiere yeast bread baking contest is the only baking competition of its kind, but virtual entries for 2021 mean expanded opportunities for both adult and youth competitors. The official rules and regulations for the contest are posted at <http://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/>.

Entries for the National Festival of Breads must be an original yeast bread recipe, must use a Red Star Yeast product as a leavening

agent and 75 percent or more of the total flour in the recipe must be King Arthur unbleached wheat flour. A variety of both branded products are eligible for use in the competition.

Looking for inspiration for your entry? Check out these stories of past winners of the contest.

- RaChelle Hubsmith, 2019 Champion, Home Baker Division
- North Logan, Utah
- Winning Recipe: Chai Ube Rosette Rolls
- RaChelle Hubsmith's grandmothers always

had homemade bread ready as a snack, a tradition she has carried forward for her own children. Her winning recipe was anything but traditional - using purple sweet potatoes she spotted at a farmer's market, adding chai (her family's favorite spice) and rolling dough into a rose-shape using fondant techniques.

- Ronna Farley, 2017 Champion
- Rockville, Maryland
- Winning Recipe: Seeded Corn and Onion Bubble Loaf

Ronna Farley makes her own creative baking challenges by incorporating ingredients from other countries and cultures that customers purchase at the grocery store where she works as a cashier. Her inspiration for her winning entry came from closer to home - incorporating a family corn pudding recipe into

a loaf of bread.

- Lisa Keys, 2015 Champion
- Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Winning Recipe: Smokehouse Cranberry Cheese Bread

Lisa Keys described herself as a self-taught, trial-and-error cook who loves to experiment with different ingredient combinations. Her winning recipe was a tribute to her mother-in-law's love of local farm-fresh ingredients and healthy foods by incorporating flavors of smoked cheddar and the soft texture of tofu.

Read the full set of rules to perfect your entry or learn more about the National Festival of Breads at: <http://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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Clockwise from the top: Henry Huelskamp, Morgan Meyers, Mackenzie Wright, Maddison Panek, Max Wegerer, Jon Ruckle, Nathan Lohrke, Ethan Paris, and Evan Paris.

Construction Class Finishes Cabin

Cunningham High School added a construction class to its Industrial Technology program this year. The class is being taught by Sebastian Huelskamp, and the school is partnering with Randy Thimesch Construction. The class is building a 16' by 24' cabin. The cabin has one bedroom, a living room with a kitchenette, and a bathroom.

The cabin is being built on school grounds, just north of the high school. Thimesch Construction is providing all the materials for the project and will also be responsible for moving the cabin once it is completed. The students in the class are responsible

framing the structure, and installing shingles, siding, doors and windows on the exterior. On the inside, they will install the wiring, plumbing, and insulation, hang drywall on ceilings and walls, and do all the interior trim work. Once the project is complete, Thimesch plans to sell the building and move it to the new owners location.

Students in the class are enjoying learning new skills, and some of them have expressed interest in choosing a skilled trade as their career. Mr. Huelskamp and Mr. Thimesch are very happy with the success they have

seen in this class and plan to continue this partnership next year with another cabin.

The CHS construction class celebrated completing the structure of our cabin with a topping out party. This is a Scandinavian tradition in which you attach a tree branch to the top of a structure when it is completed to honor the trees that were used in its construction. The kids also enjoyed rolls and drinks afterwards.

photos and article are from Sebastian Huelskamp



Wildcats Take on Falcons

After a week off due to the host's scheduling conflicts, the Cunningham Junior High boys traveled to Fairfield to take on the Falcons. The Falcons are much improved and we started off SLOW, which is not a good combination. Our shooting was not up to our standards (below 40% in the first quarter with a decline in the 2nd) and our defense allowed more points than we are accustomed to. The ball seemed to bounce right off our hands and we were all frustrated, but as these boys have shown before, they stayed the course. In the second half they continued to pound the paint and rebounded with a vengeance. Our

shooting attempts went up and so did our percentage. We were 4 for 5 in the paint and 2 for 2 from behind the arc. The fourth quarter was not as good as the third offensively, but it was probably our best quarter of the night on defense. We allowed 2 makes and neither of them were in the paint.

An 18 point win may sound like a large victory but the game seemed closer than that. We know we can play better. We weathered a few quarters of below standard (our standard) play on both ends of the court and still found a way to win which is a great skill to learn. Turnovers need to be reduced and we need to finish plays at the rim.

Fairfield, in hindsight will most likely be one of the top teams when the tournament rolls around in a few weeks. We will work on consistency knowing that the margin for error shrinks at the end of the season. It will be a short turnaround and another game before we know it!

Dagim Reed and Wylan Betzen led the team with 6 rebounds. Lucas Hageman followed with 5 and Dylan Halderson with 4. Dylan led the team with 5 steals. Several Cats had 1 or 2 steals. Dylan also led the team with 4 assists followed by Will Wegerer with 3.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcat Scorers

Dagim Reed	15
Nate Sterneker	10
Will Wegerer	6
Trent Schnittker	5
Dylan Halderson	4
Lucas Hageman	4
Wylan Betzen	1



TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	7	7	16	15	45
Fairfield	4	11	7	5	27



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along with commendations from their deans. The honors also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

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Norwich: Tyson Doll

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Spivey: Carter Oeding, Makayla Oeding



Washburn University Announces Fall 2020 Dean's List Honorees

TOPEKA, KAN. -- Washburn University has announced its fall 2020 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

More than 900 students qualified for the Dean's

List. Congratulations to all of these students, Washburn University is proud of their hard work and commitment to their education.

Dean's List honorees include:

Elizabeth Carter of Kingman

Desiree Thimesch of Kingman

About Washburn-Founded in 1865, Washburn University is a public institution with nearly 7 thousand students and a thousand faculty and staff involved in more than 200 academic programs. Washburn's programs lead to certification, associate, bachelor, master's degree or doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees.

In addition, Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech) -- a

nationally recognized innovator in career and technical education - is also part of the Washburn University family. The dedicated faculty and staff at Washburn Tech serve adult and high school students as well as business and industry participants with career specific training.

All programs are offered on either the 160-acre residential campus in the heart of Topeka, KS, or at Washburn Tech's campus on the West Side retail hub of the city. Washburn University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and many of the individual programs have additional accreditations.

Luke McGuire Wins Contest



Luke McGuire won the Boys 54 Classic 3-point shooting contest conducted during the three days of the tournament.

Out of 18 possible shots each day, Luke shot 14 on day 1; 12 on day 2; and 11 on day 3; for a 3-day total of 37 baskets out of 54 and making 69% of his 3 point shots.

He broke the record for the contest, which began in 2007. Last year, Ryan Miller of Skyline shot 36 of 54 baskets.

Molly Morgan photo

KSHSAA BOD Approves Four Spectators Per Participant

TOPEKA, Kan. - The KSHSAA Board of Directors met Wednesday at the request of the KSHSAA Executive Board to discuss spectator limits for the winter activity sea-

son. During the meeting the following action took place:

Motion by M. Kastle, seconded by B. Sutherlin to implement the following rule change for member schools during the 2020-21 school year only:

Beginning January 29 until the end of winter activities regular season this school year, a maxi-

mum of four spectators per participant will be permitted to attend with appropriate social distancing required. Local school districts may choose to have stricter limitations based on seating and local health department guidelines.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 46 in favor, 27 opposed.

Wildcats Lose to Skyline in 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats fell to Skyline on January 19, 2021 in the first round contest of the 54 Classic hosted by Cunningham. The Cats lost by a score of 61 to 37.

Cunningham came out firing in the first quarter as Nathan Lohrke scored five of his game high 15. With two points from Isaiah Reed, the Cats led by a score of 7 to 5 early in the quarter. The well went dry for the

remainder of the quarter as Skyline built a 14 to 7 lead.

Cunningham managed 11 points in the second quarter to 17 for Skyline. Lane Halderson carried the load with five points with Luke McGuire adding four. Lohrke put two more in for the Cats. Cunningham trailed 31 to 18 at the half.

A three-point basket by both McGuire and Lohrke with a traditional three-point play by Halderson tallied nine points for the Cats in the third quarter. Skyline

added 13 more to their total finish the third quarter with a 44 to 27 lead.

Lohrke scored five more points in the fourth quarter. Erik Paris added a three-point basket and Reed scored two points to add 10 points to the Cat total for the game. Skyline scored 17 more points to finish the game with the 61 to 37 win.

Cunningham will play South Barber in the consolation bracket at 7:30pm Friday at Cunningham.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	1	2/5	7	7	1	2	1
Halderson	3		2/2	8	2	2	3	
Lohrke	3	3		15	4		1	
Reed	2			4	3	2	1	
Ruckle					1			
Paris		1		3	3	3	3	
Wyatt							1	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	7	11	9	10	37
Skyline	14	17	13	17	61

Wildcats Lose in 5th Place Game in 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats played Kinsley for fifth place in the 17th Annual 54 Classic. Kinsley came away with the victory, 56 to 41.

The Cats played well in the first quar-

ter building a 13 to 10 lead with Erik Paris scoring six points and Lane Halderson scoring five points. Nathan Lohrke also made a two-point basket.

The basket shrunk at the Wildcat's end and got bigger on the Kinsley end with the Coyotes outscoring Cunningham 19 to

8 to take an eight-point lead at halftime. Lohrke scored four points with Paris and Reed adding two points each.

Playing catchup is never easy. Kinsley was able to hold off the Cats charge in the third quarter with timely baskets. They were able to increase their lead by one,

outscoring the Cats 11 to 10. Halderson scored five, Lohrke added four more and Reed made a free throw.

The Cats shot 12 free throws in the fourth quarter and made 8, but could only manage one basket with the Coyotes adding 16 points to their total to gain the victory.

Paris scored four points. Halderson added three, Reed had two and Luke McGuire scored one.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Wildcats Beat South Barber in 54 Classic

The Cunningham Wildcats played South Barber for the second time in a week in the consolation bracket of the 17th annual 54 Classic Basketball Tournament. Although the game didn't finish with an overtime period as before, The Cats won by making free throws down the stretch by score of 50 to 43.

The game was even after the first quarter of play at 11 apiece. Lane

Halderson scored four points. Luke McGuire scored on a three point shot and Isaiah Reed and Erik Paris each added two points.

Cunningham managed 11 more points in the second quarter to 9 for the Chieftains to take a two-point lead at halftime. McGuire carried the load with 8 points. Reed scored two more points and Paris added a free throw.

The Cats relinquished the lead in the third quarter by again scoring 11 points while giving up 14 points to South Barber.

Reed had six points with a traditional three-point play and a three-point basket. Halderson added five points.

Trailing 34 to 33 going into the fourth quarter, the Cats went to work building a slight lead before South Barber would make a run. In the end, with the lead and the ball, South Barber was forced to foul and McGuire calmly stepped to the free throw line and made six straight to seal the victory for the Cats.

By Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire			½	1	4	2	2	1
Halderson	4		5/9	13	9		2	
Lohrke	4		2/2	10	2	1		
Reed	1		¾	5	3	4	1	
Ruckle					2			
Paris	3		6/9	12	4		3	
Morgan					1			

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	11	11	11	17	50
South Barber	11	9	14	9	43



Micah Jump



Luke McGuire



Erik Paris



Isaiah Reed



Lane Halderson



Jack Ruckle

Molly Morgan photos

Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Jon and Jenny Stillwell, Stillwell Sales

“Every business can use a skid steer.” That statement refers to the skid steer loader, which can be used for moving pallets, receiving deliveries, relocating products, and hundreds of outdoor tasks. Today we’ll meet a young Kansas family which has built a business in marketing these skid steers from rural Kansas.

Jon and Jenny Stillwell are the owners of Stillwell Sales, a company that specializes in used skid steers. Jon and Jenny have rural roots. He is from Scottsville and she is from Hunter. “We met at the Mitchell County Fair,” Jon said.

Both went to K-State. Jon got a degree in biol-

ogy and Jenny got hers in education. At the time, Ebay was starting to grow in popularity. Jon tried using Ebay to sell some used equipment he had picked up at an auction. It went very well.

He found that buying secondhand equipment for resale was a good strategy. “A lot of it was good, store-returned merchandise,” Jon said. “You could buy those by the truckload.”

Jon and Jenny married and returned home to Mitchell County. Jenny took a teaching position in Beloit. Jon established Stillwell Sales as his business in his hometown of Scottsville.

“We were selling several hundred items a month on Ebay,” Jon said. “I bought a skid steer and found out that they were a hot item.”

He decided to try to sell a skid steer online, and it turned out to be a

sweet spot for the business. Skid steers are popular because they have so many uses in construction, agriculture, or everyday work. “Every business can use a skid steer,” Jon said.

Today, Stillwell Sales specializes in quality used skid steers, new trailers, used tractors, telehandlers, mini-excavators, wheel loaders, and much more related equipment. No longer using Ebay, Stillwell Sales primarily sells its products directly. Stillwell Sales advertises on websites such as machinerytrader.com and tractorhouse.com, and also provides equipment repair.

When the business grew to the point that it needed a full-time person to do paperwork and run the website, Jenny left her teaching position and joined the business full-time. “Most of our business is skid steers,” Jon

said. “There are hundreds of attachments for them.”

The days of Jon scouring old equipment auctions are gone. “People are coming to us (with their used equipment),” Jon said. “Jon has developed quite a network of people,” Jenny said.

“The big dealers want to sell new or like new equipment,” Jon said. “When they take in a used piece of equipment in trade, they contact me and I make them an offer.” Because his business is not brand-specific, he can work with all kinds of products. New equipment prices have gone through the roof, so Jon’s used equipment offers excellent value. This business model has worked extremely well.

“We’ve sold product to almost every state,” Jon said. The aforementioned website is very important. “When we started our business, we

had dial-up (Internet access). It was very slow because it takes a lot of bandwidth to post all these pictures of these pieces of equipment.”

Cunningham Telephone, the local rural telephone company, installed fiber optic cable 10 years ago. This enabled a boom in online viewing of their products by customers.

Stillwell Sales has increased its facilities as well. “We now have two shops and a large storage shed for our inventory,” Jon said. “We bought the old bank building, which has become our office and we’ve purchased and cleaned up two more lots to display our equipment.”

This is a very positive development for a rural community such as Scottsville, population 25 people. Now, that’s rural. “There are several young families that have moved

back here,” Jon said.

Scottsville is situated between Beloit and Concordia. “I tell people, it is paved road all the way here,” Jenny said. For more information, go to www.stillwellsales.com.

We salute Jon and Jenny Stillwell of Stillwell Sales for making a difference with their entrepreneurial spirit. Every business can use a skid steer, and now the skid steer has helped build a successful business.

Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at <http://www.kansasprofile.com>. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit <http://www.huckboydinstitute.org>.

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Kansas farmers, wheat breeder featured in new U.S. wheat film

For audio version, visit kansaswheat.org.

Kansas wheat leaders Justin Knopf and Kyler Millershaski and K-State wheat breeder Allan Fritz shared their stories in the new film — “Wholesome: The Journey of U.S. Wheat”. U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) produced the 25-minute film to demonstrate how the passion, purpose and investments by the people in the wheat industry are integral to the commodity’s reputation as the world’s most

reliable wheat.

“In our organization’s mission to promote U.S. wheat exports, our representatives focus on the consistently high quality of our supplies,” said USW Vice President of Communications Steve Mercer. “Through this film, the people at every step of the journey to export tell their own stories about how they thoughtfully produce new varieties, care for the land and the crop, and handle the wheat responsibly to ensure it meets customer needs. This is an educational program that makes the stunning beauty of the land and the emotional attachment of these dependable people to the industry a key part

of the story.”

Fritz discussed how wheat breeding programs, like that at Kansas State University, work to develop and release wheat varieties that help farmers address production constraints and meet specific wheat food needs to bring healthy, nutritious food to the table.

“The journey of wheat to food tables around the world begins in a facility like this — in a breeding program,” Fritz said. “What we’re doing is taking the opportunity with the natural genes that we already have to put those together in a package that is the healthiest and the best for the environment that we possibly can.”

Knopf, a fifth-gener-

ation farmer in central Kansas and president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG), discussed how wheat farmers monitor the crop throughout the growing season, emphasizing how farmers take great care in choosing what products to apply to their fields.

“When I make the decision to use a particular product, whether it be to fertilize the crop — to give it the fertility... that it needs to grow and produce nutritious grain and good grain quality — or to use a fungicide to protect the tissue from a fungal disease that’s affecting it, I always weigh those trade-offs with the end in mind,” Knopf said.

“...Consumers can be confident we’ve done our due diligence at making those responsible decisions and weighing the trade-offs when utilizing products on our farm.”

Millershaski, a third-generation farmer from southwest Kansas and KAWG vice president, also emphasized how Kansas farmers are proud to produce an abundant supply of high-quality wheat, generation after generation.

“I would say as a farmer, and as a wheat grower specifically, there’s certainly a responsibility and a weight that you feel to not only provide a high-quality product but enough of it to feed the world,” he said. “That’s

why we’re real selective in our varieties and make sure it has the right fertilizer and nutrients to grow and perform well. We want to have the bragging rights that — hey, we’ve got the best wheat in the world. Buy from us.”

USW plans to use the film in seminars, courses and trade events as they conduct the organization’s work to inform world wheat buyers and users about U.S. wheat export quality throughout 2021. Individual short subject films will also be released throughout the year.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Carrots May Be Good for Your Heart, Too

Recent study indicates beta-carotene helps to reduce blood cholesterol

MANHATTAN, Kan. — There’s an old joke that asserts carrots are good for your eyes.

The punchline: Have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses!

Well, it turns out that carrots are pretty good for your heart, too, according to recent research from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Kansas State University food safety specialist Karen Blakeslee touted the study in a recent is-

sue of You Asked It!, a monthly newsletter from the university’s Rapid Response Center for food science.

Carrots contain beta-carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A. Among its benefits, vitamin A promotes healthy skin and mucus membranes, boosts the immune system and supports eye health.

“We all have an enzyme called beta-carotene oxygenase 1 (BCO1) that triggers this conversion,” Blakeslee said. “But we all have different amounts of BCO1 in our bodies.”

About 50% of the population has a less-active variant of BCO1, Blakeslee noted.

The Illinois study found that beta-carotene

contributes to an active BCO1, which in turn helps to lower blood cholesterol. In studies using mice, those that produced more vitamin A had lower amounts of lipids (fat-like substances found in blood and body tissues) in the bloodstream.

“As a result, blood cholesterol is reduced, which in turn reduces issues with atherosclerosis cardiovascular disease by reducing plaque inside arteries,” Blakeslee said.

Atherosclerosis, a buildup of fats, cholesterol and other substances on the artery walls, restricts blood flow and is a major contributor to stroke, myocardial infarction and angina.

Blakeslee said the study’s results should be taken in the context that

carrots contribute to a healthy heart.

“We all have varying amounts of BCO1 enzyme activity, so we still need to consume foods that already contain vitamin A, such as milk and cheese,” she said.

“This is more evidence that eating a balanced diet and a variety of foods will promote a healthy lifestyle. The newly released Dietary Guidelines for Americans (2020-2025) continue to recommend that half your plate consists of fruits and vegetables, and that we should make every bite count with such nutrient dense foods as carrots.”

More information on food safety and healthy eating is available through K-State’s Rapid

Response Center, and K-State Research and Extension’s food safety website.

Links used in this story

You Asked It! (monthly food safety newsletter), www.rrc.k-state.edu/newsletter/index.html

Rapid Response Center for food science, www.rrc.ksu.edu

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, www.dietaryguidelines.gov

K-State Research and Extension food safety, www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety

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Kansas Trivia

January 29th is Kansas Day. It is 160 years old this year. I thought I’d fill this spot with trivia. But there’s so much. So I’m sticking with Kansas food trivia from factfile.org.

Kansas is the birthplace of the Isee Drink

Omar Knedik, owner of the Coffeyville Dairy Queen, made the first Isee drink in the 1960s. It was such a hit that Knedik had a particular machine developed to

serve the Isee.

Kansas is home of the original Home of Pizza Hut.

This is one of the most interesting facts about Kansas. In 1958 in the city of Wichita, two brothers opened the first Pizza Hut. They were attending college and wanted somewhere to eat good pizza. The chain now has more than 13,000 locations globally.

White Castle Hamburger opened in 1921 in Wichita, Walter Anderson opened White Castle hamburger restaurant, which is the first national hamburger chain.

The graham cracker got its name from Reverend Sylvester Graham, a Minister of Religion. He was a firm believer in consuming products made from whole-wheat flour.

Kansas is the largest producers of wheat in

the country. Just about one-fifth of the wheat grown in the U.S. comes from Kansas. It has been stated that enough wheat is produced to feed everyone across the globe for roughly two weeks.

Uh-oh, I’m a bit short soon...

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EUGENE J. ALBERS, Deceased. Case No. 2021 PR 3 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 25, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sharon K. Albers, the Executrix named in the "Last Will and Testament of Eugene J. Albers," deceased, dated February 13, 2019, praying 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 February 16, 2021, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Public Notice

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

Case No. 2021 CV 1
 ISAAC BLACK, Plaintiff, vs.
 2007 FORD MUSTANG, VIN # IZVF80N875211274,
 CODY TACKETT and ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WITH AN INTEREST IN OR TO THE ABOVE

VEHICLE Defendant.

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)
 NOTICE OF SUIT
 STATE OF KANSAS TO: Any and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, by Isaac Black praying for title to be quieted and given to the Plaintiff regarding a **2007 FORD MUSTANG, VIN # IZVF80N875211274**.

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before March 17, 2021, in said court, at the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course on said petition.

Isaac Black, Petitioner
 Matthew W. Ricke
 Attorney at Law, LLC
 349 N. Main, PO Box 113
 Kingman, KS 67068
 (620) 532-3103
 Attorney for Plaintiff

Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in February on the following dates.

Cunningham- Wednesday, February 3rd from 10:00am - 12:00pm
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USD 332 recently honored their school board members during National School Board Month. Pictured are: Joyce Gridley, Vicki Oldham, Kurt Preisser, Travis Thimesch, Brent Miller, Brent Hansen, Scott DeWeese

Governor Kelly Directs Flags be Flown at Half-staff in Honor of Leon Police Chief Jerry Farthing

TOPEKA – In accordance with Executive Order #20-30, Governor Laura Kelly has directed that flags be lowered to

half-staff in the City of Leon, Kansas, on Friday, January 29, until sunset in honor of Leon Police Chief Jerry Farthing.

“Chief Jerry Farthing served the people of Leon and Butler County well both as the leader of the Leon Police Department and as a volunteer firefighter in Cassoday,” Governor Kelly said. “He was a dedicated public servant

and deeply involved in his community. I offer my condolences to Chief Farthing’s friends and family, and the Leon community, during this difficult time. He will be missed.”

To receive email alerts when the governor orders flags to half-staff, please visit: <https://governor.kansas.gov/newsroom/kansas-flag-honor>

Governor Announces County Allocation Data Available on Kansas’ COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly is announcing county allocation data is now available on Kansas’ COVID-19 vaccine dashboard. A collaboration with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the

COVID-19 dashboard will be updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday by 12:30 PM.

“I am pleased to announce county-specific allocation data is now available on our vaccine dashboard,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “My administration is prioritizing transparency and communication with public health officials and Kansans to deliver vaccines quickly and efficiently. As we progress through Phase 2 of our vaccination framework, I encourage Kansans

to visit KansasVaccine.Gov or contact their local public health departments to learn more about signing up for the vaccine.”

As of January 25, Kansas has reported:

132,145 people vaccinated,

157,520 total vaccine doses administered,

255,550 vaccine doses distributed.

To view the COVID-19 vaccination dashboard, click here.

Kingman County Health Department Update

January 22, 2021

We have received several phone calls since the Governor announced the transition to Phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination plan. We need to

clarify vaccination for out-of-county residents; we feel the reported information has been misleading in reporting how Kingman County is going to be distributing vaccine. Current vaccine supply continues to be limited-the only people who will receive COVID-19 vaccines will be:

- Out-of-county residents who currently work in Kingman County
- People who receive their primary healthcare services in Kingman County

Current vaccine supply does not support vaccinating anyone outside of these categories for residents outside of Kingman County.



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Happy Birthday, Kay House!



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Karolyn Kay House celebrates 80 years young on Wednesday, January 27. We all know that in these unprecedented times, 80 years is something to commemorate! Since it’s so difficult to get her family together to celebrate her birthday, we’d truly appreciate her community wishing her Happy Birthday!! Happy 80th Birthday, Mom! We love you!!

The full Kay House story can be found on our website: cunninghamcourier.news.



Just a Kansas winter sunset photo by Joyce Deppenbusch



A Note of Thanks

The family of Bob Thimesch would like to thank their friends for the thoughts, prayers, and inquiries of concern; for the food and masses and donations after his death.

Joan Thimesch and family



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