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Sunrise on May 26th

Cunningham City Council Met May 24th

The Cunningham City Council met in a special meeting (to replace regular session due to Memorial Day holiday) on Monday, May 24, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham.

Present were Mayor, Aaron Murphy, Council Members; Bart Ricke, Jason Ruckle. Craig Woodard, Karl Vierthaler, and Tim Schultz (by Zoom at 6:36 p.m.); and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Also attending was Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; and a guest.

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

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

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments – None

Fire Department – Chief Stark reported no changes and no fire runs since last meeting.

Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle to adopt the Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan as Resolution #2021-03. Motion

carried, 4/0. (Schultz abstained)

Annual Appointments – Mayor proposed the following appointments:

Water & Sewer commissioners (2): Tim Schultz & Karl Vierthaler

Street commissioner: Jason Ruckle

Parks & Swimming Pool commissioners (2): Bart Ricke & Craig Woodard

Community Center Board representative (1): Aaron Murphy

Recreation Board (3): Randy Thimesch, Bayleigh Newell, & Kelsey Beat

Tree Board (3): Angela Murphy, Eric Meyers, Rita Strohl

City Forester: Eric Meyers

Property Officer: Jackie Ruckle

Animal Control Officer: (vacant – no appointment)

Clerk: Molly Morgan

Treasurer: Eric Meyers

Attorney: Graffman & Smith, L.L.C.

Municipal Judge: James D. Mathis

Official Depository: Ninnescan Valley Bank, Cunningham

Official Newspaper: Cunningham Courier

League of Municipalities delegate: Aaron Murphy

LKM alternate: Jason Ruckle

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Cunningham Held Memorial Day Observances








David Amick, Tim Renner, Brandon Kallenbach, Garrett Beat, Lowell Gridley, John Fischer, and Chase Ward were honor guard for Cunningham's Memorial Day observance. Musicians were Anna Schwertfeger, Annika Panek, and Luke Panek. The invocation was given by Pastor Mike McGovney. The weather was inclement so the ceremony was held inside the Sacred Heart Catholic Hall; with a ceremony at Hilltop Manor following.

CPL announces a Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults!




Plan to join us for an artistic experience when we tour Bixler's Art Barn & Studio on Saturday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m. The Studio and Art Barn is located at 20011 SE 20th Ave, near Pratt (just off Lake Road), and is situated in a beautiful country setting complete with rolling pastures and beautiful wildflowers.

In 2019, Dick and Nancy completed "Bixler's Art Barn and Studio." The 1500- square-foot building acts as a gallery space for their metal artwork, in addition to serving as a unique living and entertainment area. Bixler's art can be easily recognized throughout the entire building as his work is built into the furniture, railings, and fixtures. The working studio is located just next door to the art barn, separated only by horse stables, which also feature his handmade steel artwork.

During the tour, we'll learn how Bixler's metal art is created as well as the inspiration behind his pieces. The Bixlers hope that as visitors we will be, "drawn into an artistic experience."

We ask participants to arrange for their own transportation to the Art Barn, as we plan to meet there. If you need a ride, please contact Kerri at 620-213-0658. The tour will take about 45

minutes to an hour and is geared for teens and adults. For more information, please stop in the library during regular hours. You may also email cunninghamlibrary@yahoo.com



Visit <http://www.dickbixler.com/> to learn more. Photos by Stan Reimer are courtesy of Dick and Nancy Bixler.

submitted by Kerri Steffen, Librarian

Readers, the paper is a bit short this week, and I apologize. Due to the holiday on Monday, I was unable to get minutes from the County Commissions. I will run all available minutes next week. Also, with the ending of school, two of our pages will need summer activities to fill in. Send me photos (or tag me in Facebook). And, as always, advertising is greatly appreciated. - Roberta

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's,
Willowdale

Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart,
Cunningahm

Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. Johns's, Zenda

Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. Leo

Sunday
10:00 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 ser-
vice is found on
YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.
com/channel/ UCCren-
CH12i9nmpcojCFyYLA.
You can also find the
service on Facebook
by searching for ei-
ther 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.

Community Bulletin Board

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Thursday, June 3rd

12 noon

Swim Team Practice

Tuesday, June 8th

9:30 a.m.

Library Story Time

Sunday, June 6th

10:45 a.m.

Worship in the Park
(see page 3 for details)

Wednesday, June 9th

3:00 p.m.

Library Author Visit

6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 7th

3:00 p.m.

Library "Myrtle
over the Moon"

Thursday, June 10th

9:30 a.m.

Library Story Time

5:00 p.m. Swim
Team Practice

Lions' Club Park
T-Ball and coach
pitch games

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

Kingman Historic
Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

May 28th - May 30th

Last
WeekendCruella

Rated: PG-13

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday
at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm.

All Seats: \$6.00

Doors open 45 before showtime.

FREE Thursday
Throwback Movie
June 3rd 7:00 p.m.

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Rated PG-13

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Cunningham Public Library

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Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

1931

June 5- Analysis of the mineral water found on the Homer Kelly farm last week has been completed, and was found to contain Sodium Chloride, Magnesium Chloride, Magnesium Sulphate, Calcium Sulphate, and Calcium Bicarbonate. Further testing was completed this week, and the report indicates the water can be of good mineral value for public consumption. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly report that 59 people called at their home for the mineral water during the past week. They are selling the water for 10¢ a gallon.

1936

June 5- The new City Waterworks System was formally dedicated last Friday evening with a program I the High School Auditorium. Talks were given by Mayor A. I. Jones, Chief Engineer Jack Hefling of Hutchinson, Councilman Wayne DeLair, and Rev. Eugene Stump. Musical numbers were provide by the Preston High School Band, Helen Luce, and Virginia Bradley. Fire Chief James Luce served as Master of Ceremonies. Over 100 meters have been installed throughout the city.

1941

June 6- Nic Hilbert, a farmer living southeast of town, has the distinction of being the first in the harvest field in this section of the county. He started binding barley Wednesday afternoon, and although he doesn't have a large acreage, the heads are well filled out and promises a fine yield when threshed.

1946

June 7- A banquet for returned servicemen and college students is being sponsored by the Youth Fellowship and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

The banquet will be held Wednesday evening, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist church.

The Women's Society is furnishing the food and the Youth Fellowship class, the program. This is for all veterans and service men home on furlough and college students home on this date.

The four rural school houses, which were sold last week by the school board of District 30, brought a neat sum into the school treasury netting \$2996.00, only four dollars short of the \$3000 mark. A good crowd

attended each sale and the bidding was quite strong. The four schools sold were Maud, Union Star, Sunny Slope and Fairview.

Following are the names of the buyers and the price each house brought.

Maud School, Albert Grisier, for \$410.00.

Sunny Slope School, Henry Gibbens for \$375.00.

Union Star School, Mr. Mercer of Wichita for \$1450.00.

Fairview School. Fairview Sunday School For \$205.00.

1951

June 8- Three tests are now being drilled in the new Dresden Oil Field, located about six miles northeast of Cunningham. The Lion Oil Company is drilling a No. 2 and No. 3 McMichael, and the Anderson-Pritchard Drilling Company has started their No. 1 Freeland, just east of the McMichael lease.

125 attended the Father and Son Banquet at the Christian Church, Tuesday evening. Rev. Don Jones served as Toastmaster, and entertainment was provided by the Kingman Barber Shop Quartet.

1956

June 7-Alphons (Tuffy) Liebl brought in the first load of 1956 wheat to the Gano Grain Corp. Elevator, Thursday evening.

Manager Dewey Cooley said the wheat was shriveled slightly, but tested 61 pounds, and was quite dry.

Mr. Liebl's load consisted of two varieties, Early Premium and Wichita. The Early Premium had a moisture content of 11.61%, and the Wichita wheat had a moisture content of 12.27%.

Harvesting will really get underway in a week to ten days. The prospects look generally good throughout this area. The community received about .20 of an inch of moisture during Wednesday night.

The market price of wheat was \$1.90, Thursday.

1961

June 8- Five Cunningham youths received the coveted Rural Church Award in a impressive ceremony at the Methodist Church last Wednesday evening.

The five young people were Debby and Randy Sheldon, Mary Cusenbary, Norma Greenlee, and Rollin Dillinger.

The award presentations, made by Rev. Sidney Dillinger, were the first such awards earned in Kingman County.

To be eligible for the award, candidates must have completed two years membership in a rural youth organization, such as a 4-H club, and to be active in the organization; active in the youth orga-

nizations of their church, and regular in attendance of Sunday School and church services. Their church then sponsors a definite study and service program as outlined by the Kanss Council of Churches. This program of study requires a minimum of one year to complete it, and the requirements are almost word for word the same as those required of Boy Scouts to receive a God and County Award.

The Rural Church Award is one of the projects of the Kansas Council of Churches, whose headquarters are in Topeka.

For the first time in 12 years, Cunningham showed a population drop, according to figures released last week by Kingman County Clerk Sylvester Biggs. The figures were compiled from the annual assessors' reports.

Cunningham's population total is 629 for 1961, a five-person drop from last year's total of 634. Of this 629 total, 441 live in Dresden Township, and 188 reside in Rural Township.

The county gained 117 in total population, from 10,480 to 10,597. County-seat Kingman was the biggest gainer, with a 171 person jump to 3,907; Nashville was up 10 to 150; Norwich gained nine to 457; Spivey gained 23 to 121, and losses were credited to Penalosa (down 17 to 76, and Zenda down six to 165.

Township populations continue to show losses, with 11 of the 23 townships showing a drop in population, and one, Hoosier, remaining the same at 204. Rural Township was up 16 to 166, and Dresden gained seven to 217.

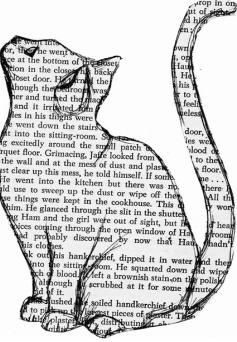
1966

June 9- The Cunningham Lions Club held their regular bi-monthly dinner-meeting at Virginia's Café, Tuesday evening.

Two new members, Dean Cooley and Dan Cusenbary, were welcomed to the club, raising total membership to 29.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They include Fr. Eugene Robl, President; Henry Eichorn, First Vice-President; Ray McIlvain, Second Vice-President; R. C. McNerlin, Third Vice-President; Dean Mantooth, Secretary and Treasurer; Harry DeArmond, Lion Tamer; James Stucky, Tail Twister; Ralph Baber, Lee DeWeese, and Jack Meyers, Directors, and Kent Williamson, Program Chairman.

The club voted to "treat" the Wichita Model A Ford Association when they come through Cunningham, July 20, and will also sponsor an adult driver education course here later this month. The three-hour course will be held one evening (to be announce later), and 35 drivers will be required to get the course to come to Cunningham. Interested adults are requested to leave their names at the



Meanderings

I finished the Ariana Franklin series, and have crawled out the window of Medieval England where I’d been living in my mind for the last couple of weeks.

As I was googling information about the people and foods and places in the books, I happened upon a couple of videos of a man and a woman talking about food in medieval England. (later I tried to find the video for referencing here, but was unsuccessful) In the

first video they talked about the peasants’ food. Peasants ate a lot of fish because it was a cheap food for them. I, myself was getting rather tired of eating eel pie... seemed to be a favorite food. Ugh!

And doesn’t ‘pottage’ sound nasty? Pottage was anything cooked in a pot. Hmmm. In the video they were fixing and serving pea pottage with salmon.

The peasant class also ate pork. The woman-mentioned that peasants owned pigs and their diet was frequently "bread, beer, and bacon."

Brown bread was made from barley and rye and the browner the bread, the lower your social status.

In this final book, “Death and the Maiden”, a lord holds a feast described in this way: “A succession of enormous

platters, each requiring two men to carry it, was paraded through the hall: roasted peacocks displaying their tails still, litters of crispy baby pigs with apples in their mouth, a roasted bittern and a swan in full plumage resting on a bed of pastry painted green to resemble grass.” (a bittern is a bird belonging to the heron family.)

So...how did they cook the swan and put its ‘full plumage’ back on, I wanted to know...I googled “cook swan in full plumage”. And there were instructions. No, I won’t explain here, and, definitely I’m not planning on cooking a swan anytime soon (this peasant can’t afford a swan as the cost begins around \$900.00).

In London, it was forbidden to eat swans, as they were the property of the royal crown. When

a few of the elite houses were allowed swans, the birds were nicked on their beaks to denote ownership by the few who were allowed to keep them. The birds without nicks belonged to the royal family and were kept by the Royal Swan Master. There was even a book that contained a listing of beak markings for the birds.

I am unsure why anyone would want to eat these beautiful and noble birds. Rather sad.

In the second video. the woman told me that consuming chicken was for the wealthy. The earls and other nobles felt they could afford to eat the birds that gave them a staple to the medieval diet. Peasants had chickens, but they were cared for (allowed in the house and allowed to sit up in the rafters) because eggs

were important to the lowly serfs.

Not a food today, but humble pie began in the Middle Ages. After a royal hunt the ‘umbles’ or the parts of the beast not wanted by the noble hunters -- innards, tendons, organs etc. -- were baked in pies and given to the poor. And thus, if a person of nobility admitted to a mistake, they were told to eat ‘umble pie’.

As I was reading through other search hits, it was mentioned that many royal meals would consist of numerous courses. Numerous as in over 75. Yes, seventy-five course meals. They ate. They had entertainment, they ate, they took a bathroom break, they ate, they danced, they ate, they had entertainment. Can you imagine the time involved in a meal of this proportion? Meantime

the peasants and serfs were starving and eating the entrails of slaughtered game in humble pies.

As a reader, I was able to span both worlds. What an interestingly culinary place to spend some time.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Hidden Valley Road" by Robert Kolker (recommended by Jody),

AND

"Dead of the Night" by John Marsden

Roberta

“Bread was normally made commercially. The bakers had been organized into a company as early as 1155. Each baker had to have his own seal, impressed on every loaf he sold.”

— *Liza Picard, Chaucer's People: Everyday Lives in Medieval England*



Cunningham Book Club Book List 2021 - 2022

June 30 – A Piece of the World by Christine Baker Kline (recommended by Eilene)

July 28 – West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge recommended by Martha)

August 25 – Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance (recommended by Liz)

September 29 -- Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben (recom-

mended by Rogene)

October 27 – This Magnificent Dappled Sea by David Biro (recommended by Martha)

November 17 –The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate (recommended by Joyce)

December 22 or 29 – Wicked Kansas by Adrian Zink (recommended by Kathy)

January 26 –Ordinary Grace by William Krueger (recommended by Roberta)

February 23 – Becoming by Michelle

Obama (recommended by Martha)

March 30 – ** Band of Sisters by Lauren Willig (recommended by Joyce)

April 27 – Our Darkest Night by Jennifer Bobson (recommended by Mary Ann)

May 27 – Planning night – 6:30 – covered dish supper

**copy available at the library

Other books that were recommended:

**Anxious People by Bachman

**Return by Nicholas Sparks (recommended by Mary Oller)

**Run Away by Harlan Coben (recommended by Roberta)

Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon (recommended by Kathy)

Win by Harlan Coben (recommended by Debi)

Stranger is Watching by Mary Higgins Clark (recommended by Debi)

In the Still of the Night by Ann Rule (recommended by Debi)

One Day in December by Josie Silver (recommended by Debi)

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks (recommended by Martha)

**Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan (recommended by Joyce)

**Storyteller by Jodi Picoult (recommended by Joyce)

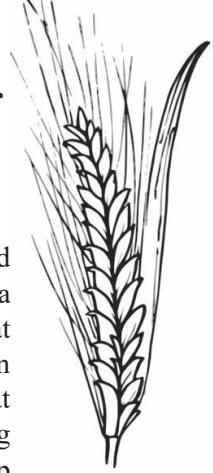
--Roberta

Community Invited to Worship in the Park for Special Blessing of the Wheat Harvest

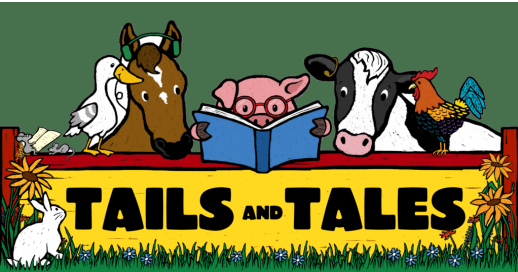
The Cunningham United Methodist Church will sponsor a pre-harvest Blessing of the Wheat during their worship service in Lions Park on Sunday, June 6th, at 10:45 a.m. All are invited to bring a lawn chair and join in fellowship near the south shelter as Pastor Mathew Musyoki offers a special blessing of the wheat with prayers for a safe and bountiful harvest. Farmers are asked to bring a small sheaf of wheat or loose grains (in a baggy) to be blessed. Anyone who can't attend but would like to send wheat may contact Mary Stackhouse at 620.243.3540 or Kathy or Alan Albers at 620.298.2725 or 620.388.0774.

Following the church service, a meal will be served. Food, drink, and table service will be provided by the church. Please do join in this casual service in the park. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Cunningham Community Center.

submitted by Mary Stackhouse



Woo-Hoo! Tails-Tales Summer Reading Begins Next Week!



Cunningham Public Library’s six-week Summer Reading Program, “Tails & Tales”, will begin Monday, June 7th, at the library. Each week we will have fun and interesting activities scheduled Monday – Friday during our regular library hours. The activities are in conjunction with Page Turner Adventures—our Virtual Summer Reading Program. Each week will follow the same schedule:

Following is our lineup for Week #1.

Week #1 - Farmyard Friends

Monday, June 7th, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Myrtle Over the Moon

In this original Mooosical Adventure, a “boring bovine” seeks love and fame on MooTube by attempting to jump over the moon using a trampoline, roller skates, and a jetpack.

She fails, but finally realizes the appreciation she craves was there all along. A cast of talented kids join Kenny and Page Turner in this tale of farmyard friendship.

Tuesday, June 8th, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.- Story Time and Cow Over the Moon Paper Plate Spinners. With a couple of paper plates and a few simple supplies, kids can make their own Myrtles or Clydes or Jessicas or....

Wednesday, June 9th, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.- Story Time and Virtual Author visit by Tammi Sauer

Tammi Sauer has written 30 picture books with more on the way! In THE FARM THAT MAC BUILT: The scarecrow from Old Mac Donald’s farm emcees a barnyard theater production that collapses into hilarious chaos in this rollicking rendition of “The House

That Jack Built.” And in NOT NOW, COW, all of the farm animals are ready for the seasons to change—but not Cow. Visit her at: Tammisauer.com

Thursday, June 10th, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Story Time and Clucking Chicken Cups

Time for another eggcellent craft. Thursday we will be making chickens out of cups that actually cluck!

Friday, June 11th, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Guest Day :

Kamal Bell from Sankofa Farms and Summer Scientist Stem project with Joyce Depenbusch

Kamal Bell is not your average farmer. He started the 12-acre Sankofa Farms, in Durham, NC to improve food policy, teach nutritional literacy, and educate kids about agricultural-related professions. Kamal will take us on a virtual tour of Sankofa farms, including their working beehives, and give kids a “taste” of modern farm life. Visit his website at sankofa-farmsllc.com

Guest Joyce Depenbusch with help us

with a bonus STEM activity, “Summer Scientist: Raising Corn on a Kansas Family Farm”

Can’t join us in person? No problem. Your children can join us virtually from our website at cunningham.scklslibrary.info. Just find the Summer Reading tab in the menu. From there, you’ll be directed to a page that will have that week’s programs—just click the link to join the fun! The virtual programs will be available on our website beginning June 7th.

Need supplies for the crafts? No problem! Stop by the library for a “make and take” kit! We’ll make sure you have the supplies your child needs to complete each craft activity.

You may signup now at the library or from our virtual library located on our website—just click the link! Call the library at 620-298-3163 or email cunninghamlibrary@yahoo.com for more information. Follow us on Facebook for updates and let the tales begin!

submitted by Kerri Steffen

CHS Athletes Compete in State Track Meet

KSHSAA State Track Meet Saturday, May 29th featured performances from 3 athletes from Cunningham. These Cunningham athletes did exceptionally well and they should be very proud of themselves.

Alayna McGuire (senior) performed in the pole vault clearing 9’ 00” and securing a 5th place finish! Alayna also ran in the prelims of the 100m hurdles with a decent time, but unfortunately not making the finals.

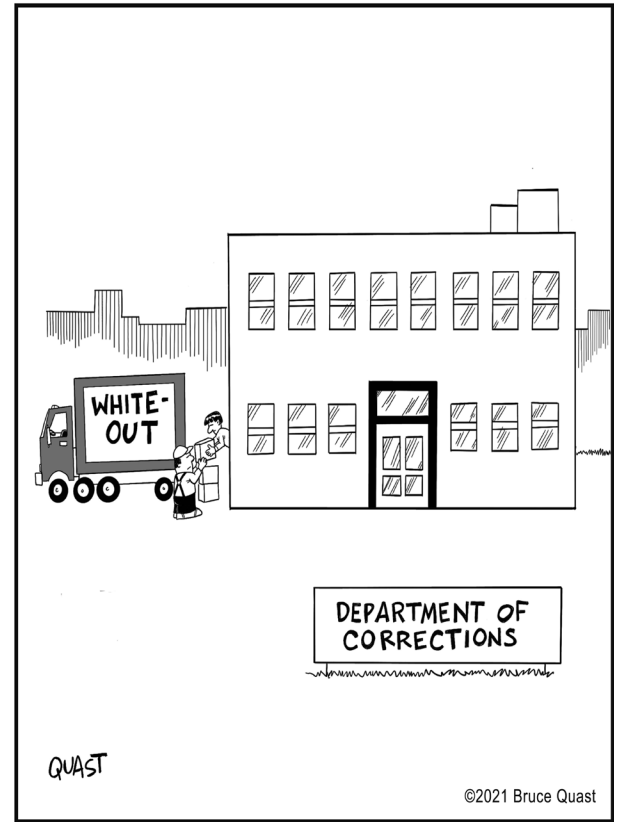
Lane Halderson threw the Javelin and finished in 12th place with a good throw of 140’.

Trey DeWeese ran a PR in the 800 meter finishing 10th place.

I’m very happy with these three athletes. Proud of their hard work and leadership. I look forward to having the team back for next year and seeing more state performances. Lane and Trey are both sophomores, so seeing them back again next year faster and stronger. Congratulations.

Eric Kerschen

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



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 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041

City Council

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Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler to elect Jason Ruckle as President of City Council.

Motion carried, 3/0. (Ruckle and Schultz abstained)

Property Officer – No report.

Planning & Zoning – Permit for roof at 225 S

Douglas St.

Maintenance – Report given by Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent.

Stadium Street – will begin repairing some potholes.

Leiter Street – Estimates for curb/guttering are approximately \$50,000 and paving is approximately \$150,000. Mesa reported that he is investigating grant

programs.

Wilmot Street – Concrete poured to repair street.

Consider purchasing a rototiller.

Pool leak – Possibly find a company that provides a service using an inspection camera in the plumbing.

Community Center - antenna

Swimming Pool –

Pool manager, Molly Morgan, reported that the staff was cleaning throughout the current week and would then begin certification classes on Thursday, May 27th. Class will take place May 27-29 at the Cunningham Community Center and swimming pool.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – The Council reviewed the

month’s bills and financial report. City Clerk reported that the One Call invoice had not been received, but it should not exceed \$15.00. Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the financial report and pay the bills/invoices as presented. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard to approve a fifty cent/

per hour raise for Mesa Sallee. Motion carried, 4/0. (Schultz abstained)

Adjournment – Motion made by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. (Schultz abstained) Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report



Sunday, May 23, 2021

Traffic Stop	1
Traffic Complaint	15000 block SE 20 St. Cheney
Traffic Complaint	2000 block SE 160 Ave. Cheney
Non-injury Accident	14000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Suspicious Person	300 block E. B Avenue, Kingman
Weapons/Firearms	15000 block NE Trailridge Rd. Cheney

Monday, May 24, 2021

Traffic Arrest:	16000 block E Hwy 54, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	5000 block W Hwy 42, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal	4000 block N Berry Ave., Kingman
Harrassment	1600 block NE 50 St. Kingman

Tuesday, May 24, 2021

Traffic Complaint	15000 bloc E Hwy 54 Cheney
Susupicious Person	NW 60 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Vehicle Disabled	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11 area, Kingman

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Traffic Stops	2
Alarm	1300 block W. D Avenue Kingman
Fraud/Deception	1300 block E. Kansas Ave. Kingman
Trespassing	100 block S Main St. Spivey
Welfare Check	13000 block NW 20 St. Cunningham

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Traffic stops	9
Traffic Complaint	NE 40 St. & N Hwy 14 area, Pretty Prairie
Injury Accident	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy. 54 area Kingman
Non-injury Accident	600 block N Main St. Spivey
Theft	SE 30 Ave & W Hwy 42 area, Spivey

Friday, May 28, 2021

Traffic Stops	8
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 80 Ave area Rago
Traffic Compaint	15000 block NE 50 St, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	NE 60 Ave & E Bluff St area, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2000 block SE 150 Ave, Cheney
Animal	SW 155 St & SW 90 Ave. Zenda
Citizen Assist	400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
Disturbance	15000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Fraud/Deception	4000 block SW 120 Ave Cunningham
Warrant Arrest	7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Warrant Arrest	200 block S Main St. Spivey
Weapons/Firearms	NE 10 St & Ne 130 Ave area Cheney

Saturday, May 29, 2021

Traffic stops	8
Traffic Complaint	13000 block E Hwy 42, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	2000 block NE 10 St. Kingman
Traffic Complaint	12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Traffic: Debris in Road	8000 block S Hwy 14, Kingman
Agency Assist	7000 block NE 50 Street Pretty Prairie
Disturbance	16000 block NE 50 St Cheney
Fire - outside	SW 10 Ave & SW 60 St area Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	15000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
Vehicle: Disabled	NW 20 St & NW 30 Ave. Area Kingman

Years Ago

Clipper Office.

Three members of the Zenda-Nashville Lions Club, Joe Strong, Larry Whitmer, and V. O. McMichael, were guests of the club, and presented the Cunningham club with a gift, a first-aid kit, to be used at the donkey softball game between the two clubs, July 8.

The Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is in their second week, and will close tomorrow (Friday, June 10), with a program.

There are 37 students enrolled in grades four through eight, and also a nursery with Mrs. Bob Long in charge. Other teachers include Mrs.

Marion Lackey, Mrs. Jerry Clark, Mrs. Larry Ruckle, Mrs. Kent Williamson, Mrs. Bill DeWeese, and Mrs. Ted Duell.

Thirty-one students are enrolled in Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church. The school will continue through June 17 from 8:00 to 11:00 o'clock in the mornings, with departments for students four through 16 years of age.

The Past Noble Grand Club met in the home of Mrs. George McClellan last Wednesday evening, where they enjoyed an indoor picnic.

Attending were Mrs. Delmer Huffman, Mrs. Harold Schreck, Mrs. Paul Fitzsimmons, Mrs.

Chet Davidson, Mrs. Dean Cooley, Mrs. Herbert Park, Mrs. Evan Thornhill, Miss Helen Royse, Mrs. Amy McClellan, and Mrs. Waldo Graves.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Mrs. Huffman.

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June 3-Lawrence Dean Cooley, pumper in Skelly Oil Company’s Exploration and Production Department here, will observe his 30th service anniversary, June 3, and will be presented a diamond-studded pin commemorating his years with the firm.

Mr. Cooley began his Skelly career in 1941 as a roustabout. After serving in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant in the

Medical Corps during World War II, he rejoined Skelly in 1945. He has held his present position since 1946.

A graduate of Cunningham Rural High School, Mr. Cooley is a member of the Cunningham First Christian Church, Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Eastern Star, and the American Legion. He enjoys fishing, softball, and gardening is leisure time.

Mr. Cooley and his wife Etta Mae, live in Cunningham. They have three daughters, Mrs. Jack (LaDean) Bailey of Greensburg, Mrs. Gary (Marleen) Holland of Preston, and Mrs. Wayne (Rogene) Jarmer of Turon.

A memorial tribute to the American war dead was conducted at the St. Leo, Shelman, and Maud Cemeteries, Memorial Day morning (Monday).

Many were present to observe the services, conducted by the Carter-Luce American Legion Post No. 114 of Cunningham, commanded by Commander Dean Cooley.

The colors were presented by Dennis Raney and Jack Crick, and the riflemen were Mike Scripsick, Don Kitson, Ralph Baber, Bernie Albers, Charles Lackey, and Bob Witt. Ernie Bishop served as Sergeant-At-Arms. Taps was played by Kris Sheldon and Mark Dafforn, and the drum-

mers were Kandi Bradley and Danny Cunningham.

The flag committee for the “Avenue of Flags” included Henry Hart, Ernie Bishop, Ralph Baber, Don Kitson, and Rev. Henry Dutcher.

Post Chaplain Rev. Henry Dutcher gave the benediction at each cemetery, and the Girl Scouts placed American flags on the graves of the veterans. The Boy Scout Troop was in charge of traffic control.

Concluding the tribute service at the Maud Cemetery, John Foster of Hutchinson, Seventh District American Legion Commander, gave the Memorial Day address, and presented the Carter-Luce Post with their permanent charter.

Kansas’ Total Tax Receipts Up \$604.6 Million Over Last May

TOPEKA—The month of May marked one year since Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order 20-31 to safely reopen businesses across the state. Since that time, the Kansas economy has rebounding significantly – with May 2021 tax col-

lections totaling \$604.6 million, or 134.7% more than May 2020. For the month of May, the state collected \$1.1 billion in total taxes; an increase of \$509.4 million, or 93.7%, more than the estimate.

“Our May tax receipt numbers are good news and show that our efforts to strengthen Kansas’ economy are paying off,” said Governor Laura Kelly. “We will continue moving forward by

prioritizing pro-growth policies that will support Kansas businesses and Kansas families.”

Individual income tax collections were \$708.7 million. That is 154.9%, or \$430.7 million, above the estimate and \$492.8 million, or 228.2%, more than last May. Corporate income tax collections were \$29.8 million. That is \$33.2 million, or 976.8%, more than last May. Those collec-

tions are \$24.8 million, or 495.6%, more than the estimate.

“Overall, the economy performed much better during the pandemic than any state had forecasted and the tax receipt trend in Kansas is comparable to that experienced in other states,” Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said. “Taxpayers who had meaningful positions in the stock market did extremely well during the

pandemic. A significant portion of the individual income tax receipts are due to capital gains transactions.”

Retail sales tax collections were up \$53.9 million, or 31.0%, over last May with \$227.8 million collected. Collections were \$32.8 million, or

16.8%, more than the estimate. Compensating use tax collections were \$54.4 million which was \$14.4 million, or 36.0%, more than estimated. That is a \$16.7 million, or 44.5%, gain compared to the same month of the previous fiscal year.

USDA Reminds Producers of 2021 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that July 15, 2021, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2021. The Agricultural

Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

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

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline,

which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the July 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their spring-seeded crops.

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

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Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

TODD SWINDLE, Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 2021 CV 8

2007 SPRINTER TRAVEL TRAILER,

VIN # 4YDT3142471532066,

RICHARD E. DAVIS,

ANY AND ALL PERSONS OR ENTITES WITH AN INTEREST IN OR TO THE ABOVE VEHICLE

Defendant.

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

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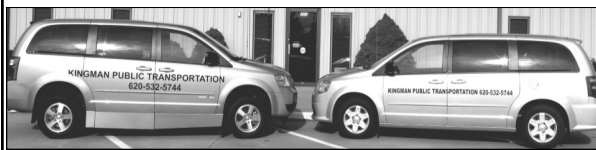
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Celebrations of Life

Rodney Phillips

Rodney H. Phillips, 61, of Waco, Texas, passed away at his home on Monday, December 28, 2020.

He was born July 1, 1959 in Odessa, Texas, the son of Richard and Nancy Phillips, he moved with his family to Pratt, Kansas in July of 1965. He graduated from Pratt High School Class of 1977, graduated from Pratt Community College and received his BSN in Nursing from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, and was working at Ascension Providence Hospital, Waco, Texas, in the Cath Lab, working with the heart was his passion, he was very caring and compassionate to all. He was a member of Trinity Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He enjoyed deer hunting, water skiing and camping at the lake.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Nancy Phillips; sister, Ronda Schauf of Hot Springs, Arkansas; daughter, Rachel of Benton, Arkansas; son, Tyler of Thailand; aunt and uncle, Marvin and Karla Ewing of Hutchinson; Aunt, Martha Phillips of Wichita; cousins; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Wayne and Mary Phillips of Cunningham, Glen and Nadine Ewing of Turon; brother-in-law, Dale Schauf of Hot Springs, Arkansas; aunt and uncle, Gene and Dorothy Johnson of Salina; and uncle, Gary Phillips of Wichita.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Class of 77 Scholarship fund in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas 67124.



Joann Danley

Joann Ilene Danley, 90, went to be with the Lord May 30, 2021 at Pratt Health and Rehab Center.

She was born January 13, 1931 in Pratt to William Everett and Hallie Pearl (Alexander) Baker.

Joann married Stanley D. Petrie, May 12, 1951. They were married for 27 years.

She married Lawrence A. Danley May 18, 1985 in Pratt, Kansas. Lawrence passed away April 26, 1991.

Joann graduated Pratt High School in 1949. She worked for the Clerk of the District Court of Pratt County.

Her faith in God was always an important part of her life and she was an active member of Trinity Evangelical Church, where she taught children's Sunday School and played the piano for worship services. Joann had a heart for volunteer service and was a member of PRMC Hospital Auxiliary, helped with the Pratt County Fair through Cairo EHU and was a lifetime member of Glendale Mother's Club. She was a founding member and the first president of the South Central Special Education Cooperative, which worked to bring special education into public schools. Gardening and raising flowers was something she enjoyed, along with playing cards, especially pitch.

She is survived by Daughter, Patricia (Roger) Shippy of Pratt, KS; Sons, David Petrie of Pratt, Daniel (Mary) Petrie of Garden City, KS, Brother, Garry Baker of Stafford, KS; Sister, Darlene Mayberry of Weatherford, TX; Two Step Sons, Keith (Laticia) Danley of AZ, Tim (Laurel) Danley of Rapid City, SD; and Step Daughter, Pricilla Danley; .

She was blessed with 7 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and a soon to arrive great, great grandson, 9 step grandchildren, 11 step great grandchildren.

Joann is preceded in death by her two Husbands, Stanley D. Petrie and Lawrence A. Danley; her Father, William Everett Baker; Mother, Hallie Pearl Baker; a son Raymond Petrie and brothers Everett and Clyde Baker.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 am, Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, with Pastor Doug Enick presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Evangelical Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd..300 Country Club Rd. Pratt, KS 67124.

Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com



Gene Rank

Francis E. "Gene" Rank, 86, died May 22, 2021 at Wichita.

He was born May 23, 1933, at Slater, Missouri the son of Charles and Sadie Coon Rank.

Gene was retired from Kraus Plow; and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include 4 sons Mike, Randy, Steve and Mark; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home.

Beverly Enterkin

Beverly Renee Enterkin, 60, died May 30, 2021. She was born Feb. 24, 1961, in Atlanta, Georgia the daughter of Lamar and Bobbie Plumley Chestnut. She was a homemaker.

Beverly was a member of the Church of Christ of Kingman, Kansas.

On March 17, 1990, she married Joe Enterkin at Wisner, Louisiana. Other survivors include her mother Bobbie; sons Joseph Enterkin and Kenneth Norris; daughter Christina Irwin; brother Larry Chestnut; and 6 grandchildren.

Services are pending with Livingston Funeral Home.

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