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USD 332 Bond to Lock in Low Rates

Voters in Kingman County USD No. 332 (Cunningham-West Kingman County Schools) will go to the polls on April 5th to decide if now is the right time to make a significant capital investment in their schools in Cunningham. The April bond issue election requests the authority to issue \$13.245 million in general obligation bonds to finance the proposed improvements.

The Board of Education of USD 332 believes that now is an advantageous time to consider the improvements and the bond. Interest rates are near historically low levels making the cost of repayment more affordable than in most recent time periods. The District's financial advisor, The Wichita office of Stifel, has estimated the finance rate at 2.75% for the bonds.

Bond issue information indicates that USD 332 has a significant and growing tax base. The District's Equalized Assessed Valuation (including motor vehicles) is \$69,991,696. The District's tax base has grown by more than \$9.5 million (16.46%) in the last decade. It is of interest also that State Assessed Utilities make up 69% of the USD tax base and will, therefore pay the great majority of the bond payments. To be conservative in our Plan of Finance, we have assumed tax base growth of only 1% through 2032 and only ½% thereafter. It has also been indicated that there are certain projects that will come onto the tax rolls in future years. Growth above the conservative estimate should lower the required mill rate in future years.

USD 332 has no existing bonded indebtedness. The District did do a relatively small bond issue payable

from capital outlay moneys in 2016 that was retired last year. It has been many decades since the District had a voted bond issue for capital improvements.

Without a bond and interest mill levy, USD 332 has the very lowest total mill levy of 39 area school districts and one of the lowest in Kansas. In the current budget, USD 332 is levying only 36.486 mills. The average total mill rate of those 39 area school districts is 51.761 mills.

The proposed 2022 bond issue is estimated to require a mill rate of 9.9 mills. With bond approval, the District will still have a total mill rate in the bottom 5 of those 39 area districts.

A mill is \$1 of tax on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property in the District. A 9.9 mill increase represents added taxes on a \$75,000 home of an estimated \$85.39 per year or \$7.12 per month. Homes are assessed at 11.5%

of fair market value. The estimated tax impact of the 9.9 mills on 160 Acres of Dryland Farm is estimated added property taxes of \$65.58 per year or 41 cents per Acre. Taxpayers are encouraged to find the assessed value of their property and can determine the estimated tax impact by multiplying the assessed value times .0099 (9.9 mills).

In addition to very low interest rates, inflation will undoubtedly increase the cost of improvements with delay.

A public meeting is scheduled as follows to share more information and to answer your questions about the bond prior to Election Day:

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:00 PM

High School in Cunningham



Board of Education to Have Retreat

March 21, 2022 5:00 p.m. at the board office.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Celebrate and Reflect the past
- III. Meal
- IV. Topics to follow: (executive sessions as needed)
 - 1. Activities
 - 2. Instruction
 - 3. Facilities and Transportation
 - 4. Safety
 - 5. Technology
 - 6. Staffing
 - 7. Finance
 - V. Adjournment



Takeaways from the March School Board Meeting

Mr. Reed opened the meeting by talking about the EPA grant for a new school bus. The school district has been put on a waiting list--Cunningham schools along with 180 or so other school districts across the state. They did award several grants to other districts. A lengthy discussion was held about the transportation situation. Two bus leases will be ending in September. Do they want to renew the lease for the 53-passenger bus or get a newer one? A decision was tabled until the retreat.

Twenty-three honor students will be attending a Mosley Street Melodrama this spring.

Stage lights are still not here.

Radio on the new bus has been installed. Seems there is an issue with radios working once the buses hit the wind tower sites, so they don't work on the south end of the district and have to use cell phones to communicate.

Track practice has started and track meets start April 1st. About 75 athletes have signed up for the sport.

State assessments begin March 22nd and need to be completed by April 29th.

There is an informational meeting for high school enrollment planned for March 30th.

The district state accreditation is in the works. One of the district's goals is to grow their social media presence.

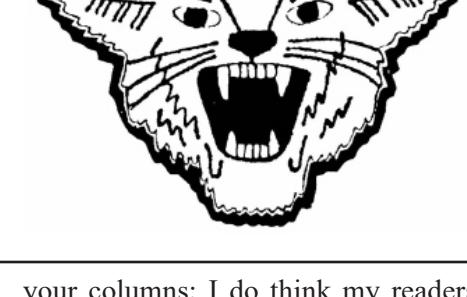
(editor's note: NOT EVERYONE is on social media. Maybe the goal should be to grow their MEDIA presence... include local newspapers as well; in-

suring better coverage for the district patrons.)

A brief discussion was held about the bond issue and the upcoming election.

A motion was made to hire Emily Meireis as a junior high teacher. Another motion was made to accept Ashley Nix's resignation as the junior high cheer coach.

-the editor



New Column Comes to The Courier

Monday afternoon I was browsing around trying to find interesting and/or fun columns to share with you in our little paper. (ones that don't cost very much) I signed up with the Kansas Farm Bureau. They have some good articles

by Gaille Renee Pike



I grew up in Healy, Kansas and graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield. I then attended Temple University in Philadelphia's Creative Writing Program and earned a Master's degree in English. I remained on the East Coast for three decades before

and columns and reasonably priced membership.

Shortly after I got a confirmation that the subscription was good to go, another email popped up in my in-box. An email from Gaille Pike:

Dear Ms. Kobbe,
My name is Gaille Pike.
This is a snippet of her email:

returning to Kansas in 2019.

Since then, I have been rediscovering the beauty and diversity of my home state and once a week I try to recreate a bit of that magic for my Readers. I do not deal in politics or fractious current events but rather focus on the daily wonders and situations of the lives of everyday Kansans.

I crisscross the state constantly and there is no end to the wealth of untold stories buried in the Kansas plains.

So please enjoy the work and I hope to hear back from you soon.

Kindest Regards,

Gaille Pike

She enclosed a few samples of her work. I read them and enjoyed the stories and bits of advice and such.

What could I say? I immediately replied: "So, Gaille, as a fellow Southwestern grad, I'm interested in

your columns; I do think my readers would enjoy them."

Almost as soon as I sent the message, my phone rang. It was Gaille. She had to call so we could discuss our time at Southwestern. We didn't remember each other. She was a year younger than I was, having graduated in 1984, and no doubt more active on campus, because I was always off campus working. Then my junior year I moved to an apartment off campus. She was an English major, I was an Elementary Ed major, so our paths wouldn't have crossed too often.

Probably in the cafeteria. I did get out my 81-82 directory, and recognized her face immediately. (She looks different now, all these years later. Unlike me. I haven't changed a bit.)

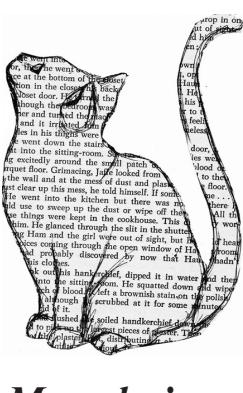
I hope you will enjoy her column each week. - Roberta

Happy National Nutrition Month to our Dietitian, Danielle Cox!
Thank you for all that you do for our patients and staff!

KINGMAN
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Danielle Cox, RD, LD



Meanderings

I am going to look for more honest reader friends or friend readers. Two weeks ago, I got a notice from the gentleman at the prepress office at the Hutch News after I had emailed in the paper for that week (#9 for the year). His name is Patrick. This is his message: "I wanted to let you know that all the pages still had the "2021" in the folio. I was able to fix them but thought you'd like to know for the future." Well, bless his heart!

I went back and checked all the newspapers since January 6, 2022. And sure enough, they all had "2021" in the folio. Eight weeks of 2021 still on the top of the pages. Sheesh. You would

have thought I'd notice it. I change the date every week, the month ever four or five weeks... The only page that had the correct year was the first page. How could I have missed that? How could my readers have missed it? How could the techs in the prepress room have missed that? I guess your proofreading skills are on par with mine.

They are fixed. I think they are. I found "Mrach" on one page this week. It's probably been spelled like that for two weeks... I guess our minds read what we know it's meant to say, not what it actually says.

A few nights ago, ol' Peter, my one-eyed-monster-ogre kitty didn't come around for supper. He'd just been on the front porch a few minutes before supper time. I saw him out there and told him he needed to head around to the back door, he wasn't coming in the front door to eat.

I got food around for cats and took to the back room and hollered and hollered for Peter. This

guy never misses an opportunity to eat or demand to eat or beg to eat. He loves his food. As a matter of fact, Peter is the reason the cats get canned food at night. It is the ONLY solution I have found to get him to come in in the evening. Well, Peter didn't come. I waited several minutes, finally, returned to the front door, opened it and a large black cat took off. Peter was sitting there watching him. I am sure a fight was about to ensue. Peter doesn't back down from a good rumble.

I shooed Peter around the back, got him in the house. Luckily the other cats eating with him aren't huge eaters and there was something left for Peter. He tried to tell me he needed more because the black cat on the porch made him miss the beginning of supper time. I told him, maybe he should stay in the backyard and not be roaming all over the neighborhood so he could be on time for supper.

Last night about 2:00 a.m. Quin woke me with his usual rattle of the

wooden blinds in the bedroom. I was "Good boy, Quin." "Good boy to wake me for a potty." I opened the pet door, and Quin stood on the porch for about 5 seconds then took off for the back fence. I called to him. He came running, but then veered off this way and yawed that way, nose to the ground. He heads back to the porch, stares in the kitchen's patio door. I call him again. He takes off, zigging and zagging, nose to the ground. Finally, I got him back in the house. I figured the black cat was in the backyard prowling around and Quin was going to run him off. Not sure the cat was looking for. There's no food out there, only a couple of water bowls.

Sitting here tonight, my kitties and I hear a cat crying outside the front door. I turned off the lights and peeked outside. The large, black cat is sitting on my porch. When I opened the door, he took off. I gave a "kitty, kitty, kitty." But he just kept running.

Hm. I am sure he's out

looking for love, 'tis the season for it. All my little females are spayed so he's out of luck here. All my males are neutered, and some, like Peter, like to strut their stuff, so if he's looking for fight, he can get one here, unfortunately. Silly cats.

I finished the last of the Michael Harvey books. A very good series. I read two other books this weekend that were 'un-put-down-able.' A Curse Dark as Gold" by Elizabeth C. Bunce. It was the retelling of the fairytale Rapunzel. I highly recommend to middle school and high school students as well as older readers who enjoy historical information with a hint of magic in the telling.

The other book I could NOT put aside was "Need to Know" by Karen Cleveland. A CIA analyst, Vivian Miller, hacks into a computer of a suspected Russian spy and finds her husband's picture in a folder marked "Friends." She is shaken to her core. They have been married for

10 years and have four children together. When she asks him "How long have you worked for the Russians?" He replies, "Twenty-two years." And the story pinwheels out of control from there. I kept asking Vivian, "Don't you see this?" or "Why don't you ask this?" There were times I was thinking "MAJOR plot gaps." But as the pages turn and the story unfolds, the pieces all fit together, everything explained. But then there was that surprise ending I didn't really see coming. Always reading, and currently reading, "Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind"

by Suzanne Fisher Staples, Roberta

"There are two means of refuge from the misery of life — music and cats."

— Albert Schweitzer

"If I'm honest I have to tell you I still read fairy-tales and I like them best of all."

— Audrey Hepburn

our pets, I went from rolling my eyes to a willing and enthusiastic participant. I was even the first person to let them into the house when they showed signs of curiosity.

After a few weeks,

milk was added to our meal offerings in an effort to try to get close enough to pet them. In the spring, the 100 pounds of cat food and somewhere between 5 and 10 gallons of milk paid off. Marc was able to pet the tabby, now named KitCat. She soon discovered the joy of a good scratch behind your ears, and it wasn't long before both cats lined up for scratches.

At some point in this

long campaign to convince the cats to become

pets. I let fear and worry about responsibility color my decisions and convince me cats weren't that great.

KitCat reminded me that my capacity to love and serve others will only grow out of necessity. I would not have willingly sought out this responsibility but when it landed on me, the burden was lighter than expected and completely worth it.

We all make excuses and rationalize our reasons for not doing the hard things like volunteering to help, building relationships with new people, giving generously or being selfless. Stop letting those excuses and

curious.

It became clear by the affection, wrath and possessiveness that KitCat chose me to be her human servant. And that fills my heart with joy and peace.

It was a surprise to realize I am not apathetic to

and because your editor knows some of you have a sweet tooth....

Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup water
1 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon vanilla

2 1/4 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

FOR THE FROSTING:

1/2 cup butter (softened)

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

3 cups powdered sugar

1/4 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a 9x9" square pan with cooking spray.

Whisk together sugar, water, mayonnaise, and vanilla. Set aside.

In a separate bowl stir flour, baking soda, cocoa powder, and salt together.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Do not overmix. Pour batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow cake to cool completely before frosting.

MAKE THE FROSTING:

Make frosting by beating together butter, lemon juice, and salt until light and fluffy, about 1 minute.

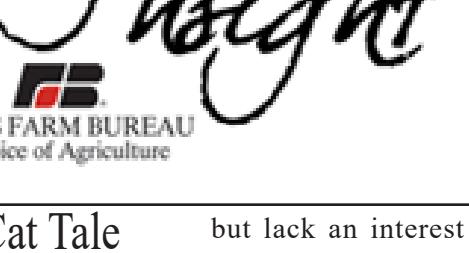
Mix in 1/4 cup heavy cream, cocoa powder and 1 cup powdered sugar and combine.

Slowly add in the rest of the powdered sugar 1/2 cup at a time until all 3 cups have been incorporated.

Turn your stand mixer on high and beat for the next 5 minutes until light and fluffy.

Frost cake and cut into squares.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature.



A Cat Tale

Jackie Mundt,
Pratt County farmer
and rancher

Our household has only one rule about pets. We cannot buy or seek out pets, they must find and choose us.

This rule is not my creation, but it is easy to follow because I have always been apathetic to pets.

I don't dislike animals

but lack an interest in pets. I am not the person who stops to talk to dogs in the park or asks about someone's pets with interest beyond friendliness. Owning a pet has always seemed like a chore I want to avoid at all costs.

Life rarely goes how we plan. During the polar vortex cold spell last February, my life was transformed by the unlikely arrival of two new pets.

At some point in the bitter cold days, we noticed the appearance of a couple of stray cats. We knew these cats needed help surviving the cold spell and put out food, a heated water bowl and some straw bales to keep them dry, warm and full.

The cats continued to show up for meals, and we began to learn their personalities. The female tabby had ninja stealth, which she used to get her food. The grey male was more interested being friends with the tabby. He followed her bellowing the most pitiful "hellooh" in hopes of becoming her friend. She was not impressed. This created hours of entertainment for us as we watched

him try to sneak food without alerting her. We later learned he made that sound constantly when he was looking for others. Fittingly, we named him Hello Kitty

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of mayonnaise cake to the Depression, just like Mom said. But she found published recipes as early as 1927 that listed mayo as ingredient that made the cake moist. And then in the 1950's its popularity went viral due to a marketing campaign based on salesman's Frank Price's wife's recipe using their product. Before you could say sugar-coma, other companies noticed and wanted to cash in, too. Newspapers were filled with advertisements touting competing recipes from Kraft, Miracle Whip and other brands. By the 1960s, these recipes were included right on the mayo labels. And most slogans claimed it was easy to make.

According to Ms. Genevieve Yam, Assistant Editor of *Epicurious* (a foodie magazine available in print and online) "making do" is not the whole Chocolate Mayo Cake story. Ms. Yam was inspired to research and publish her treatise on the subject because, coincidentally on the same day I had a square, it was served to her as dessert at a Michelin-starred restaurant in New York City. I'll bet mine was better by the way. She reports that she found many sources attributing the popularity

There is detail I'd overlooked: *Chocolate Mayo Cake* requires cocoa powder. We don't keep that around. Guess I'll have to make do. While I wait for the snow to stop, I'm going to look in my purse for a peppermint or two.

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

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gailie Pike

Dear Readers,

I woke up with an unusual, inconvenient craving for sweets, like a piece of cake or pie. This was odd because I don't typically require a sugar fix in the morning and if I hanker for one throughout the day or in the evening, my go-to treat is chocolate candy. And my yearn for a slice of baked goods was ill-timed because, like much of Kansas, our Flint Hills driveway was covered with white drifts and the snow was still coming down. What to do, what

to do? I consider pie outside my culinary range but cake, a cake should be something I could bake.

I knew if I started with looking at recipes it might make my longing worse, so I went to the kitchen to inventory our supplies first. That way I'd have some idea what I could make since I could not get to any store. When I opened the refrigerator, I instantly regretted yesterday's decision not to run to town to pre-storm stock up. We were out of eggs.

A week ago that would

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Thursday, March 11th - 18th
Spring Break!

Monday, March 21st
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd
HS Meats/Agronomy and Floriculture
*** HS Mentor luncheon

Thursday, March 24th
HS Forensics at Cheney

Friday, March 25th
7:00 p.m.
Junior High Play

Saturday, March 26th
10:00 a.m.
UMW Brunch ***
4:30 - 7:00
Lions Club
Pancake Supper

B-29 Museum

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

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

"The library is the worst group of people ever assembled in history. They're mean, conniving, rude, and extremely well-read, which makes them dangerous."

— Leslie Knope

"She'd absolutely adored the library—an entire building where anyone could take things they didn't own and feel no remorse about it."

— Ally Carter, Heist Society

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

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9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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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



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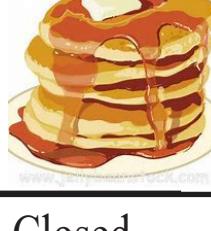
We Serve

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Community Center

Pancake Supper

Saturday March 26

4:30 to 7



City Hall Will be Closed

City Hall will be closed March 16, 17, & 18! If you need assistance please call 620-298-3077 and leave a message. Messages received during regular business hours will be returned same day! If you have an emergency please send a message to the "City of Cunningham" Facebook page.

Bond Project Informational Meetings Will Be Held

These are going to be informational meetings including a PowerPoint presentation, informational flyers, questions/answers, and opportunities to show people how they can register to vote online and where to access bond information on the district website.

March 22 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm - informational meeting at the school, followed by tours available.

March 24 (Thursday) 7:00 pm - informational meeting at St. Leo Catholic school hall - same plan as previous meetings.



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Community Wide Garage Sales

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

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

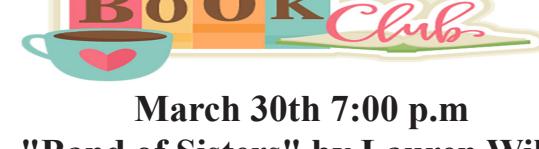
Walk Kansas 2022

March 27-May 1

Registration is now open at <https://www.walkkansasonline.org/>

The Pratt Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday, March 4th at 5 to 7:30 p.m. and every Friday during Lent.

You may dine in or pick up a to-go-box at Columbus Hall, 1223 N Main Street, Pratt, KS Meals are available for the suggested donation of \$14 each.



March 30th 7:00 p.m.

"Band of Sisters" by Lauren Willig



Be sure to plan many visits to the library this spring and check out books or movies. Our library is one of the best small libraries around.

And we have a very dedicated librarian and several dedicated volunteers.



Father Knows Best, and he says to report suspicious vehicles or people by calling the Kingman County Sheriff's Office at **620-532-5133** OR **1-800-kscrime** OR **911**

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Showtimes:

Friday & Saturday at 7:30

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March 18th - 20th

Batman

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

What Are We Really Risking?

Something attracts me about a guy who straps on a Harley, launches himself up a ramp leading into thin air, and flies 80 miles per hour over a chasm full of Mac Trucks.

I've always looked up to Evel Knievel.

Although he should be inducted into the mathematics Hall-of-Fame for calling attention to the value of geometric equations in the positioning of landing ramps, he's more commonly remembered as the world's greatest daredevil.

For more than a decade, Knievel thrilled millions with his successful - and unsuccessful - death-defying motorcycle jumps. For Knievel, living without a net, became his way of life.

"In my line of work," he used to say, "You have to have a positive mental attitude. And if that positive mental attitude doesn't work when you make that jump, you've got to be man enough to handle the circumstances. In my case - I'm man enough."

The jump that provided the most "circumstances" was the one that launched his career - a 1968, world-record jump in Las Vegas over the fountains in front of Caesars Palace. Knievel had positioned his ramps

to soar 30 feet over the magnificent fountains, landing 145 feet away, leaving just enough room to land before roaring 80 mph into the entrance of a parking garage. Unfortunately, on that January day, he only flew 141 feet.

Missing the sweet spot of his landing ramp, Knievel was thrown over handlebars, becoming a crumpled, rag doll of skidding body parts who didn't awaken for almost 30 days. Even so, he got up and jumped again. And again. Over the next decade, Knievel's successively longer jumps broke every world record - and every bone in his body. Yet he survived it all - even unsuccessfully launching himself via rocket over the Snake

River Canyon.

Most "normal" people called Knievel crazy. Why risk losing your life just to discover how far you can jump?

The truth is, most of us never come close to risking anything at all. Although we see the dream we'd like to achieve, the gap between where we are and where we want to be seems too great. Too uncertain. So instead of focusing on our destination, we're riveted on the void. We let the fear of failure buffalo us. Afraid to release the familiar, we never make the jump, never grow to our potential.

When Knievel jumped, his very life was at risk. When we leap toward our dreams, what are we really risking?

Embarrassment from revealing our wishes to the world? Looking inept for awhile until we master the new skill? Financial setbacks until we land the new career? So what? It's not like we're risking death or dismemberment. It just seems that way. Fear's shadow is always larger than its actual size.

Living without a net is the philosophy of focusing all efforts on achieving a goal, leaving none for the possibility of failure - because once committed, we can not fail to succeed.

"A man can fall many, many times in life," said an experienced Knievel, "but he's never a failure until he refuses to get up."

How far can you jump?

(Editor's Note: Evel Knievel passed away from a pulmonary disease on November 30, 2007 at the age of 69.)

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

Pass It On®... Believe in Others

Wrestling is the ultimate sport: One-on-one, you win or lose; it's up to you. Which sounds a bit harsh to gangly high school boys trying to fit in socially as well as win a little respect on the mat. They look more like flying monkeys than athletes, and only a few have grown into their singlets. Michael stands in a circle with the other boys. At the center of it all is Coach Dave, a former college wrestler, now history teacher, who doesn't miss a moment to inspire this gawky clan with tales of Spartan warfare. Sometimes he talks about his heritage: the strength of his Hispanic mother and the determination of his Dutch father. It all melds into a philosophy of believing in yourself.

"I honestly believe each kid can win every match," Coach Dave says. "And I tell them that."

The mental strength gained from a coach is as important as physical strength. And Michael soaked it up, the same way blood was sopped up in old socks pinched on bloody noses. As a freshman, Michael lost half his matches, but the next year the practice began to pay off.

"It finally just clicks," Michael says. "You walk onto the mat, and you know you're going to win. All the hours practicing and visualizing suddenly align, and when Coach Dave tells you how you are going to beat an opponent, you just go out and do it."

At a tournament in Reno, Michael was ranked nationally and faced a wrestler from the Midwest ranked a few spots above him. In the final seconds of the match, ahead by one point, Michael clung to the lead while his opponent clung to his ankle, trying to get a takedown.

Michael was hopping his way out of the circle to gain a restart. It's the easy way out, like a

boxer ducking out of the ring to get a breather and preserve a lead. With his back to his opponent, he took one more step. The opponent grabbed the other ankle, and Michael went down. Two points. Match over.

It's hard to know who was more disappointed, Michael or Coach Dave. They sat in a corner, and Dave asked one question: "Are you going to run away from challenges in life or turn and face them?" Michael knew exactly what he'd done wrong--and that it could become a lifelong flaw if he didn't correct it. All he had to do was turn into his opponent and counterattack. "You'll beat him next time," Coach Dave said.

That tournament was a double-elimination tournament, and Michael would go through the losers bracket all the way to the finals and win the tournament. That's the comeback part, but not the most important part of the story. He would win a lot of matches that year. But the encouragement from that folding chair sanctuary is where he learned the most.

"When someone believes in you like that,

you know you can do it," Michael says. "I often hear Coach Dave when I'm in tough situations. 'No excuses, just do it.' That encouragement has been my guide."

This is not the story of an extraordinary young man making his way to the Olympics or the top echelons of NASA. It is the story of a young man who worked his way through law school--twelve-hour days and a shift each night as a cook at a BBQ joint. "I changed my habits because of his belief in me," recalls Michael, now a volunteer coach at the high school. "I try and be that person to these young men. You need people in your life who believe in you. They become part of who you are."

When someone believes in us, we gain the strength to do the work we have to do.

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Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

[Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?](#)

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



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo

Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo

Father Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

620-246-5370

St. John, Zenda

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

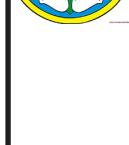
St. Peter Willowdale

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451

620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville

620-246-5220

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

620-886-3397

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

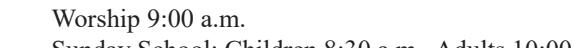
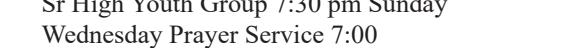
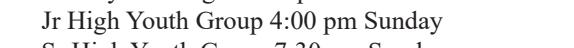
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Church of Christ

Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.



YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Wetherall Brothers completed a deal Tuesday, whereby they disposed of their ice plant and battery station to Mr. J. C. Grove, of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mr. Wetherall will complete the plant about the first of next month and the new owner will take possession soon thereafter.

Chas. Lakin of the Lakin Implement company delivered two John Deere tractors to the Preston neighborhood Wednesday. The tractors went to L. F. Patterson and Arndt Petrosky.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks are the proud parents of a 12½ lb. baby boy, born to them, Saturday, March 19.

The work of the rebuilding of lines of the Southern Kansas Telephone Co. will begin in the very near future. The telephone company have received clear title to the building which they have purchased for a telephone office. It is the building just east of the south entrance of the Fee Hardware store.

The Lakin Implement company unloaded a carload of five John Deere Model R tractors Wednesday. Mr. Lakin is selling quite a few tractors this spring.

The Bowersock Mill and Power company are putting in a new scale at their elevator. The old ones are too small to weigh the big loads of wheat that are now brought to the elevators in auto trucks.

1932

William S. (Bid) DeWeese, aged 66, prominent Kingman county farmer, died at the Nashville hospital at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. DeWeese had been a resident of the Nashville community for many years and a resident of Kingman county for the past 45 years.

The big blue Golden Rule truck which passed through town going west about noon Wednesday, burned up in a snow bank about ten miles west of town. The gasoline which was in the large trailer tank did not explode, but the truck was a total wreck.

The house for the oil pumper on the Miles test was moved in last week end and has been put on the foundation. The house was brought down from near Arlington, Kansas.

For Sale - Seed Corn, Reid's Yellow Dent, Crib Selected, Shelled and Graded, \$1.25 per bushel - Verne Stanley, Cunningham, Kansas.

Special for Saturday - Snow Bird Cedar Polish, 24-ounce bottle, a regular 40c value at 25c; Fifteen Cent Value for 10c. Large 4-ounce can of Sewing Machine Oil for 10c. Save by buying now. - Cannon Hardware and Variety Store.

Wetherall Bros.

Swift's Hams, 8-10 lb. avg., 22c lb.
Home-killed corn fed beef for an Easter dinner - Roast, 10c lb.

Sugar, 10 pounds for 49c
Bisquick prepared biscuit flour, 2½ lb. pkg., 35c
No. 10 Loganberries, per can, 49c
Two-pound box crackers for 19c
No. 2 can Corn, 3 cans for 25c

Hauser's Cash Mkt.

Sugar, 10-lb. bag, 49c
Lard, home rendered, 4 pounds 25c
Pineapple, crushed, No. 10, 59c
Cherries, red pitted, No. 10, 59c
Beef or Pork Roast for Easter, 10c lb.
Coffee, bulk Peaberry, 3 lb. for 59c

1937

Ralph Cannon, driver of one of the Cunningham Oil Co. transport trucks, miraculously escaped injuries when his truck was crowded from the road and crashed into the stone abutments of the bridge, two and a half miles west of Kingman.

Miss Velma Steffen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steffen of this city, and Robert Wilson, son of MR. and Mrs. Thos. L. Wilson of West Redding, Conn., were united in marriage, Sunday, March 21, at 4:00 P.M. at the home of the bride's parents.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Sam Henderson sang "I Love You Truly" accompanied by Miss Marie Hoyer of Nashville. Rev. Krause of the Lutheran Church of Nashville performed the ceremony.

Following the ceremony a two-course dinner was served to about 60 relatives and friends by the parents of the bride.

Museum Winter Hours

Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

The Maud School District was very well pleased with their entries in the Rural Fine Arts Festival held in Kingman last Thursday afternoon and evening. Max Smith ranked Highly Superior in Piano Solo. Mary and Eugenia Cooley ranked Superior in Vocal Solo. Junior Shelman received the rating Excellent in vocal Solo, and Darline Kelly and Ross Vermillion each ranked Good in Reading.

The chorus, consisting of Pauline Tatro, Alma Barnes, Mary and Eugenia Cooley, Darline Kelly, Junior Shelman, Ross Vermillion, and Max Smith, were given the rating Good from among the eleven choruses entered.

These students, with their teacher, Miss Josephine Shafer, deserve much praise for their efforts.

1942

300 high school students over Kingman county are expected to participate in the county high school music festival at Penalosa Friday. Cunningham, Norwich, Belmont, Adams, Nashville, Spivey, and Penalosa are the schools taking part. Zenda will not enter this year as their music instructor, Robert Olson, was recently called to army service.

The high school basket ball team was treated to a trip to the Class B State Tournament at Hutchinson last Friday evening, by interested businessmen of the city. Financing the trip were E. C. Hauser, Frank Allbritten, Rufus Leiter, Jim Luce, and Francis Wilson. Cars were furnished for the trip by Jim Luce, Rufus Leiter, Francis Wilson, and Evan Thornhill.

About 350 Kingman county men are now in the armed forces of the United States according to a compilation by Art Smith, quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here.

Nine Cunningham young men will leave in April for Army service along with 40 other young men from over the county. In the Cunningham group are Francis E. Wilson, Eli V. Tatro, Clemens Freund, Leonard Detmer, Rex Ruth, George Crow, Wilfred Kerschen, Richard Cozens, and Daniel C. Tatro.

Five Cunningham boys left Tuesday morning for the United States Coast Guard service, going first to the Wichita recruiting station for an induction examination, then on to the St. Louis station for their final examination. In the group were James Thies, Donald Huhman, Robert Rimmer, Doug Burchinal, and Lelland Harris.

1947

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dafforn on the arrival of a 7 ½ pound boy, Saturday, March 15th at the Kingman Memorial Hospital.

The 8th grade students of the grade school took the 8th grade county examinations at Kingman, Wednesday.

The Cunningham High School Senior Class Play will be presented tomorrow night in the High School Gym. The cast of the comedy, "Me, Him, and I" includes James Stanley, Jerome Schnittker, Mona Wilcox, Junior Harris, Fairy Foster, Virginia Bradley, Esther Sheldon, and Marcellus Schwartz.

No ticket has been filed as yet in the approaching Cunningham City Election. Present incumbents are Mayor Frank Doty, and Councilmen S. T. Kincheloe, D. E. Thompson, Floren Rose, Faunes Wilson, and Wayne DeLair.

1952

Beginning with our edition of Friday, April 4, the printed service of the Clipper will be discontinued and we will be printing all eight pages of the paper in our office, and setting copy to make up for the space now taken up in the ready-print service. Needless to say this will necessitate a great deal of added time to put out each week's edition, and more news to fill the extra space.

Burglars entered two Cunningham business places last Thursday night or early Friday morning and got practically no reward for their efforts.

The J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Company, Inc., office was entered where the thief or theives stole \$2.50 in cash, belonging to the City of Cunningham, and some miscellaneous tools, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc. Entry was gained through the office window.

The burglars also broke into the Dafforn Motor Company but a check-up thus far has revealed no loss. The burglars emptied a safe of miscellaneous papers, scattering them on the floor, and jimmied the cash register in the office. Entry was gained through a back shop window.

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The March dinner-meeting of the Community Men's Club was held in the Lodge Hall Tuesday evening. Eighty members and guests enjoyed a fine ham dinner served by the Sacred Heart Altar Society, and heard an excellent and inspiring talk by Lester Weatherwax, Farm Director of Wichita Radio Station KFBI.

1957

The Ninnescaw 4-H Club was entertained by the Turon Lions Club, Tuesday evening at Turon. 4-H clubs from Sylvia, Turon, and Langdon were also invited.

Those attending from Cunningham were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Voss and daughters, Mrs. Joe Pelzl and sons, Mrs. Frank Boswell and family, Betty Amick and David, and Raymond and Beverly Lawson.

The City Election will be held next Tuesday, April 2, at the City Building. Polls will be open from 8:00 o'clock in the morning until 6:00 o'clock in the evening. No tickets were filed for the election, so eligible voters will be presented a blank ballot.

The Cunningham community was fortunate to be situated on the extreme eastern edge of the worst blizzard to hit Kansas in 25 years last week-end. We received some snow here but most of our moisture was in the form of welcome rain. About three inches of moisture is estimated to have fallen here during the week-end.

The Cozy Café will close this Saturday for two to three weeks, while Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris are re-decorating.

1962

1962 - Willis Welch has purchased the Elmdale Motel from Ed Devine and will assume management April 1.

The Senior Class is selling the Cunningham Lions Club Calendars this year as a means of raising funds for their class trip.

Cunningham IGA

Store Hours - Monday thru Friday,
7:30 to 6:00; Saturday, 7:30 - 7:00
"Right on the Highway"
"Right on the Price"
Kraft's Midget Longhorn Cheese, 1 ½ lb. pkg., 99c
Good Value Margarine, 3 1-lb. pkgs., 59c
Swift's Ice Cream, ½ gal., 59c
TV Orange Juice, 12-oz. can, 29c
Fancy Washington Winesap Apples, 4 lb. poly bag, 59c
Ruby Grapefruit, 10 for only 69c
IGA Fancy Tomato Juice, 46-oz. can, 25c
Libby Yellow Cling Peaches, 2 lg. #2½ cans, 59c
Niblets Whole Kernel Corn, 2 12-oz. cans, 49c
Good Value Bacon, 2-lb. pkg., 89c
Baking Hens, 33c lb.
Pork Roast, 49c lb.
Lean Meaty Pork Chops, 10 for \$1

1967

Easter Week Evangelistic Services began last night at the First Baptist Church in Cunningham and will continue through Sunday evening. Ron Myers, a lay minister, who is a business executive in Great Bend, is in charge of the services, according to Rev. J. P. Cragar, pastor. Mrs. Harry DeArmond and Gordon Messer have charge of the music, with Mrs. Roy Rose serving as pianist.

Susan Rottinger, Cunningham High School junior, has qualified for the State Speech and Drama Festival, according to speech instructor James Kelso. Susan received a I rating at the District Speech and Drama Festival at Argonia last Saturday, for her poetry interpretation.

Gary Wegerer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer of Cunningham, left last Thursday for Fort Campbell, Ky., where he began his basic training in the U. S. Army.

1972

March 16 - Joseph Kampling, 86, a former resident of Cunningham and retired farmer, died Saturday, March 12, at Kingman. He was survived by his wife, Frances, sons Joseph, Louis, and Leroy, and daughter Mrs. Walter (Edna) Freund, 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The Cunningham High School Senior Class, through the cooperation of Principal Harry Johnston and Supt. Richard Turner and the sponsorship of the Cunningham Lions Club, enjoyed a trip to Topeka last Friday, where they attended the last-day sessions of the Kansas Legislature.

History teacher Don Shorock kept the 25 class members busy with a visit to the House and the Senate; visits to the offices of Attorney General Vern Miller and Secretary of State Elwill Shanahan; a handshake with Governor Robert Docking, and talks with W. W. Graber, Fred Linde, and Lobbyist Neal Foster.

The day concluded with a tour of the Kansas State Historical Society, and the White Lakes Shopping Center.

Mr. and Mrs. David Horton of Pratt, owners of the Cunningham Grocery, have purchased the Kent Williamson property in the southwest part of town, and will move into the home this summer.

2022 Girls Heart of the Plains League

All-League Basketball

Tamara Lozoya, Attica, Senior
Kaylee Kaufman, Central Christian, Junior
Aly Lambert, Central Christian, Senior
Paisley Smyth, Fairfield, Junior
Anna Kyle, Norwich, Senior
Kira Kelly, Norwich, Senior
Jorah Harbaugh, Pretty Prairie, Senior
McKenna Vogl, Pretty Prairie, Senior
Bailey Young, Pretty Prairie, Junior
Aubrey Young, Pretty Prairie, Senior

Honorable Mention

Zoie Redgate, Attica, Freshman
Cassie Dunlavy, Burrton, Junior
Shali Henss, Burrton, Senior
McKinsie Hoopes, Burrton, Senior
Samantha Ramsey, Central Christian, Senior

Ellie McGuire, Cunningham, Freshman

Kady Anschutz, Skyline, Junior
Grace Cantrell, South Barber, Senior
Taylor Denio, Stafford, Sophomore

2022 Boys Heart of the Plains League

All-League Basketball

Xander Newberry, Attica, Senior
Cam Schmidt, Burrton, Freshman
Jake Lambert, Central Christian, Sophomore

Trey DeWeese, Cunningham, Junior

Jace Gosch, Norwich, Junior
Chance Hilger, Norwich, Senior
Bryan Steadman, Pretty Prairie, Senior
Ryan Miller, Skyline, Junior
Caden Rathgeber, South Barber, Senior
Josh Hildebrand, Stafford, Junior

Honorable Mention

Cooper Traftas, Attica, Senior
Colter McDaniel, Attica, Sophomore
Aiden Hoopes, Burrton, Freshman
Emilio Ibarra, Central Christian, Sophomore

Drew Yoder, Central Christian, Junior

Lane Halderson, Cunningham, Junior
Brady Fowler, Fairfield, Senior
Jacob Bauman, Fairfield, Senior
Leo Egging, Skyline, Senior

Come and Enjoy Butterfinger!

The Cunningham Junior High will be presenting the play Butterfinger by Adam Pasen. In this brief parody of a famous British spy, we follow our leading man, James Bon Bon, as he tries to protect the Butterfinger weapon from being stolen from a candy factory. Along the way, he meets a cast of candies and snack foods come to life, such as Marsha Mellow, her sister Cara Mellow, Her She Kisses, Pop Tart, and a selection of other sweet treats. Will they be able to keep the Butterfinger out of the hands of the criminal mastermind, K. Andy Bars? Join us on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 to find out! Tickets are \$2 at the door. Activity passes will be accepted. Want dinner and a show? The FFA club will be hosting a pancake feed in the school lunchroom from 5:00 - 6:45.

- Rebecca Huelskamp, Director



photo from USD Facebook

Cunningham Musicians Perform in HOPL Music Festival



Molly Morgan Photo

The Cunningham High school students went to Pretty Prairie for the HOPL League Music Festival! It has been two or three years since our students have competed in a music competition, and I couldn't be prouder of them! They memorized their music, and were so brave to perform in front of judges, parents and friends.

Performers are judged with a 1-5 rating. 1-Outstanding, 2- Excellent, 3-Average, and so on. Receiving a 1 is the highest rating you can get.

Here are the results of the day:

Alto Sax Solo
Will Wegerer- 1
Tenor Sax Solo
Luke McGuire- 1
Vocal Solos
Hannah Ellis- 1
Trey DeWeese- 1
Luke McGuire- 1

Main Street Mixed Ensemble- 1
Main Street Men's Ensemble- 1

Man Street Women's Ensemble- 1

Ellie McGuire and Mattie Jump-
Performed beautifully, but asked for
comments only and not a rating.

Concert Choir- 1, 1, 1
Concert Band- 2, 2, 2

taken from Nicole Kerschen's Facebook page



Left: Hannah Ellis

Right: Luke McGuire

Below left: The Ladies of Main Street Singers:

Maranda Lohrke, Hannah Ellis,
Elisabeth Paris, Ellie McGuire,
Julia Hageman, Joanna Hansen,
Mattie Jump, Taylor Schultz

Below right: The Gentlemen of Main Street Singers: Lane Halderson, Luke McGuire, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese



Photos by Nicole Kerschen

Sacred Heart CYO Acknowledges Firefighters

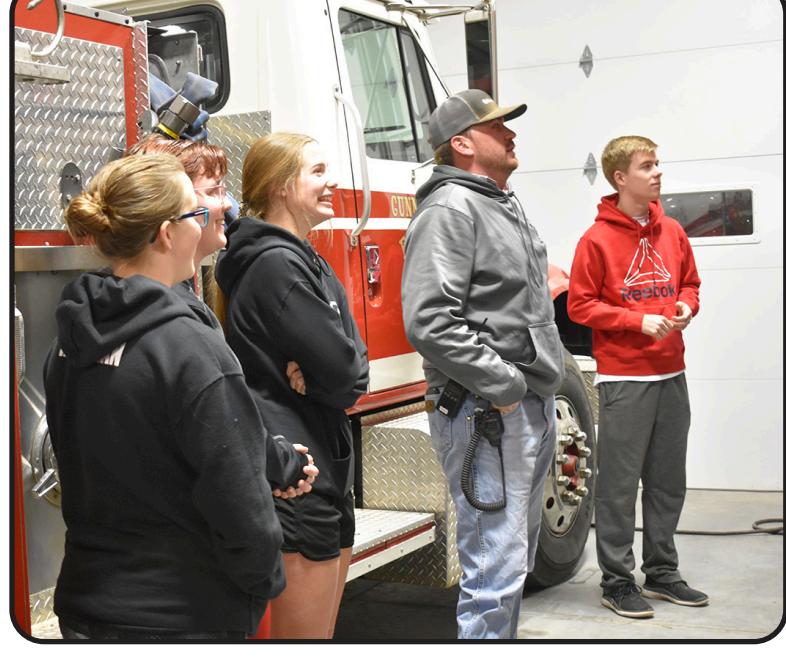


Molly Morgan Photos



The Cunningham CTO and their sponsors, Sebastian and Rebecca Huelskamp, recently visited the Cunningham Fire Department on the evening of their monthly meeting. They presented the firefighters with small tokens of their appreciation. The kids were then given a tour of the build-

The kids were then given a tour of the building and the fire fighting equipment.



Upcoming Auctions

Sat. March 19th, 2022 – 9:30 AM
Hamm Auction Center



**Saturday March 26.
Annual Farm Equipment
Consignment Auction - Saturday
March 26. Registration by March 12
- Carter Barker Corner east of Pratt.**

**For more information and a complete
list of auctions, see our website at**

www.hammauction.com

**107 NE State Road 61, Pratt, Kansas, 67124
620-672-6996**

You need to plan the way a fire department plans: It cannot anticipate where the next fire will be, so it has to shape an energetic and efficient team that is capable of responding to the unanticipated as well as to any ordinary event.”

— Andrew S.

*Andrew S.
Grove, Only the
Powerful Survive*



Minutes of the Kingman County Commissioners on March 7th, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas March 7th, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Caller 01 & Joyce

Staff: John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

Commissioner Henning would like to have an executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr told the Commissioners about Facebook and that they need to educate people.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with the State agreement for spraying the state right of ways.

Commissioners discussed the spraying and the time it takes to do it. **MOTION:** Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the County agreement to treat Noxious Weeds with Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:11 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners discussed an application for the Dilapidated Structure program.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the application for the Dilapidated Structure program for the City of Kingman. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:50 a.m. to discuss attorney-client privilege pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the

Board meeting room at 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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Martin Lohrke was in to discuss the radios and that he tried his Fire radio on the way to the meeting and it wasn't working.

Commissioners let Mr. Lohrke know that they are working on radios but suggested that he talk with Sheriff Randy Hill.

Commissioners signed additions.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with formal documentation for Ron Leroux for Noxious Weed Director.

Mr. Goetz submitted formal documentation for a Communications officer starting March 7th, 2022.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Floodplain map meeting that he had attended and that the state is reworking the floodplain maps by 2023 and the last maps are dated in 1977.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Leon Sowers for a shed addition at 13103 SE 40 St.

Greg Beat for a business shed in Section 4, Township 28, Range 10W.

Whitney Rohlman for a shed/shop in Section 4, Township 27, Range 10W.

Eric Eslinger for a shed in Section 15, Township 30, Range 7W.

Kirk Inslee for a storage shed in Section 12, Township 28, Range 5W.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of February 28th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to ap-

prove the February 28th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners know that the State formula was raised for funding opportunity.

Kingman County could receive an additional \$7,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the KDHE State Formula 2.0 Funding Opportunity for Kansas Local Health Departments.

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

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the masking guidelines are changing again.

Recommendations focus more on severe illness prevention. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

Ms. Schwartz informed the Commissioners that the new desks are in place and should offer the old desks to the county departments before putting out for sale.

The County Clerk asked about the old phones from the departments and what to do with them.

Commissioners said to destroy them as they are not of any value.

Ms. Schwartz submitted applications for the following grants:

ELC (Expanding Lab Capacity) Expanding Infrastructure ends July 2023

IAP (Immunization Action Plan) Expansion ends July 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning let Mr. Arensdorf know that the door is ready to be installed at the Extension office when there is a nice day to install.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed closing the planning for NW 10th project with Schwab-Eaton.

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for March 7, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Gruber, IT director.

Amy Jones, treasurer, requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes

at 2:01 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:04 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve a six month .50 raise for Cescha Hoffman. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes for February 28, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated the ESRP filing is complete. He suggested getting started on county employee handbook.

Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Jones

agreed they need to start from scratch. Tyson would like to send an email to Morris Laing, to start the process, commissioners gave their approval. He updated on the tax foreclosure sale. Six or seven tracts have been fully redeemed. Others are in the process.

Chairman Adams stated the city manager had stated they are working on the old Walmart store for the retail store, Burkes that is coming to town.

Commissioner Shriver gave an update on the work being done on the public safety building. The overhead doors are still on hold. Parking lot is progressing. He suggested recessing the meeting today and going out next Monday to do walk through.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, re-

ported she had been contacted by a person that might be acquiring one of the new motels on Hwy 61. They are interested in the revitalization program and updating the motel. Economic Development will be meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. She reported the state is in the process of SPARK 2 funding, there are many requests. Locally, Praireland Food has requested funding for expansion. The base grant program has over 300 applications.

They will announce the recipients at the end of March. She thanked Mark Gruber, IT and Lori Voss, county clerk for supplying her invoices and ledgers for reporting the ARPA funds.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve vouchers for March 7, 2022. Commissioner

Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman Construction for certificate #15 in the amount of \$223,347.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Landmark Architect for invoice #21 in the amount of \$3,491.25. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver reported he attended the 911 meeting with the city of Pratt.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess at 2:38 p.m. to meet at the public safety building for a walk-through at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed until Monday, March 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session, Monday, March 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at 103 NE 20th Avenue, Pratt, KS to walk through the new public safety building. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, Mark Gruber, IT director and Mike Tibbetts, communications.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 1:19 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm.

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Before and after her time at Centralia, Kim coached at three different high schools and took all three to the state tournament. Her overall high school volleyball record is 788-145 (.845).

"It was a great time and I was really lucky and blessed to be able to teach and coach in communities that supported us and the girls believed in us," Kim said. "It was just a lot of fun."

In 20 years as head volleyball coach at Nemaha Valley (3A) and Centralia, Kimbrook Tennal's record was 791-49 (.941).

In 19 trips to the state tournament, his teams won 11 state titles, along with five runner-up and three third-place finishes.

Kimbrook coached six undefeated seasons, which included a state-

team, so that made it so very special for our family."

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Kimbrook also experienced outstanding success in his 14 years of coaching girls basketball. His record of 307-48 (.865) produced three state championships, two runner-up and two third place finishes. In 16 years coaching track and field, Tennal coached 14 state champions in the pole vault, javelin and discus.

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50 for 50

The Tennals

Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX

"But still I will always wonder how different the lives of the girls before Title IX would have and could have been if they had only been allowed to play sports."



50 for 50: The Tennals Celebrating 50 years of Title IX

Like virtually everyone involved with female athletics, hall of fame coaches Kimbrook and Kim Tennal, the winningest husband and wife coaching duo in Kansas history, are thankful for Title IX, which opened doors for females across the United States 50 years ago.

The Tennals, who grew up in the 1960s and '70s, only regret that it

But Kimbrook said there's no doubt that countless lives have been changed by Title IX.

"Girls playing sports for the last 50 years in Kansas has changed and altered so many lives," Tennal said. "Girls in Kansas are pole vaulting 13 feet. That is amazing. Girls are even wrestling now. Women are coaching Division I, high school, and junior high sports. Girls are officiating football and basketball in college and even the pros. The growth of girls sports and what they have been allowed to do and been able to do in just

live in Urbandale, Iowa, are both members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame, with Kim inducted in 2021 and Kimbrook in 2020.

During 19 years at Centralia, Kim Tennal and her Lady Panther volleyball team posted a record of 582-47 (.926), and made 17 state tournament appearances, winning nine Class 1A state titles with a state record of eight in a row from 1997-2004 with Kimbrook serving as her assistant coach.

During that span, the team posted an amazing record of 311-11 (.966), posted three undefeated seasons (1997, 1999, 2000) and a winning streak of 126 matches.

"My favorite years coaching were the years that Kim and I coached together," Kimbrook said. "Coaching together when our daughter, Miklannet, was on the team was the most special time in our coaching careers."

"Together we coached the Panthers to eight straight state titles when there were over 100 teams in Class 1A. The first three titles came when our daughter was on the



didn't happen sooner.

"It's come a long, long ways, it was just slow," said Kimbrook Tennal, best known for dominating coaching runs at Nemaha Valley (now Nemaha Central) and Centralia. "I always felt like it was such a rip-off that the girls in my class and the ones before that didn't get to do any sports at all."

"I didn't realize that until my first year as a coach. I coached an eighth grade girls basketball team and I didn't know girls were that competitive. I didn't know they could work that hard. I didn't know how tough they were, but I found out my first year and then I realized what a ripoff and what a cheat it was for the kids before."

Added Kim Tennal: "It's great that they've come this far, but it took a long time."

50 years is amazing. Kim Tennal

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The Tennals, who now

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DRIVE SOBER ON ST. PADDY'S DAY.



Public Notice

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER OF THE KANSAS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT #001 TO EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN K.S.A. 19-2763(c)

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-2763(b) requires that the district treasurer pay all funds received to the Kingman County Treasurer who shall have a duty to keep an accurate account of all funds received and a detailed account of all expenditures made by the district, and make available the record thereof open to public inspection.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 19-2763(c) allows for the treasurer of a improvement district to perform certain duties otherwise required by the Kingman County Treasurer under K.S.A. 19-2763(b), specifically to secure an appropriate surety bond and hold, distribute and maintain a proper accounting of all funds received and dispersed by the district.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2763(d) the Board of Directors of the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001, adopted Resolution No. 2022-R1 formally requesting that the treasurer of the district be allowed to exercise the powers allowed under K.S.A. 19-2763(c).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Kingman County, Kansas that the treasurer of the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 shall be authorized to exercise the powers and duties as requested by the district as set forth in K.S.A. 19-2763(c).

This Resolution to be published at least once per week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. If within 60 days after the date of the last publication of this Resolution, a petition signed by not less than 5% or 25 of the qualified electors, whichever is the greater, in such improvement district is filed with the county election officer, such resolution shall not become effective until the question has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of such improvement district voting at the manner provided by the general bond law. All costs incurred by the county pursuant to statutes which dictate this resolution shall be paid by the district.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas this 14th day of March 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS



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Jack Timesch, Commissioner

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The Tennals Celebrating 50 years of Title IX

Both Kimbrook and Kim coached multiple sports during their careers at both the junior high and high school level.

"Most years I coached at least three teams and some years I coached six sports, seven if you count summer softball," Kimbrook said.

Kimbrook has faced his biggest challenge after being diagnosed several years ago with co-

lon cancer, but remains active.

"The cancer's in remission," he said. "The chemotherapy gave me neuropathy in my feet and hands. My hands are a little better, but my feet feel like they're stone."

"It's real painful, but I can ride a bike and I ride a bike about 20 miles every day. I've missed three times in a year and eight months, so I'm exercising."

These days the Tennals spend a lot of time following and supporting their grandchildren's sporting endeavors.

"We have the grandkids to go watch and I try to help them out when I can, so I still get to coach a little bit," Kimbrook said.

Kim is also very much involved in a variety of roles.

"Our granddaughters are 9 and 10 and 6, so we're getting into a lot more of going and watching, definitely," she said. "I do a lot of cooking. Our son Kenton runs some camps and every once in a while he'll need help, but I'm not actively out there coaching, I just

do whatever I can. I keep pretty busy with the projects the kids want me to do."

Retirement has also given the Tennals time to reflect on their long careers in education and particularly girls sports.

"We feel so very lucky to have become teachers after Title IX was passed," Kimbrook said. "Our lives would have been so different without having had the chance to coach girls sports. We have always believed in what the Kansas State High School Activities Association promotes -

that the greatest predictor of success after high school is whether or not a student was involved in extracurricular activities during high school.

"Watching our grandkids play sports is really special for us now. We are so glad that Title IX has been around for 50 years. It gives our granddaughters so many great opportunities that they wouldn't have had. They are learning to work hard for some success, which is the most important lesson they will learn playing sports."

We are grateful to

Governor Proclaims March as Kansas Agriculture Month ~Celebrates industry's significant economic contributions~

Douglas County Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam toured family-owned Juniper Hill Farms and proclaimed the month of March as Kansas Agriculture Month.

"Kansas has long been recognized as an essential agricultural state -- our farmers and ranchers work hard to

put food on the table for families around the globe," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I'm proud to celebrate Agriculture Month here at Juniper Hill Farms -- a first-generation operation that will ensure that our agriculture sector grows for years to come."

The state ranks as the national leader in agriculture production.
1st in wheat and sorghum
2nd in cropland acreage
3rd in cattle and calves

The industry contributes more than \$65 billion to the economy and nearly 240,000 Kansas jobs, 12% of our state's workforce. Because of its unrivaled persistence, Kansas has achieved a record for agricultural exports. In 2021, Kansas

exported \$5.35 billion in agricultural goods.

"Kansas agriculture is at the foundation of who we are as Kansans, and during Ag Month we are proud to celebrate all of those farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in the Kansas Ag community," said Secretary Beam. "Farming is faced with many challenges, including unstable weather, uncertainty of the markets, and increasing expenses, and yet the people in agriculture stand strong and continue to work hard day in and day out to feed the nation and the world."

The tour included a walkthrough of propagation greenhouses, production greenhouses, grain bins, a packhouse, and a new agritourism and event space.

Applications Open for Community Service Tax Credit Program

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that applications are currently being accepted for the Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP). CSP provides an opportunity for private, non-profit organizations and public health care entities to improve their ability to undertake major capital campaigns for projects involving children and family services, non-governmental crime prevention, youth apprenticeship and youth technical training and health care.

"The Community Service Tax Credit program is an incredible opportunity for nonprof-

it organizations to create lasting, meaningful changes for people across Kansas," said Governor Laura Kelly. "These tax credits will foster local solutions to local challenges, and they will help improve the quality of life for Kansans now and into the future."

Under this program, the state authorizes non-profit organizations to offer tax credits to donors making contributions towards approved projects. Proposed projects should be unique or one-time in nature and create a lasting value for charitable organizations. For example, projects might include a capital campaign, major equipment purchase, major renovation, capacity building, etc.

Since 2019, CSP has earmarked \$1 million for childcare and early childhood development projects for services to applicants may request up to \$200,000 in tax credits. Applicant organizations in rural areas (less than 15,000 population) are eligible for a 70 percent credit. Applicant organizations in non-rural areas are eligible for a 50 percent credit. The application window is open through April 30, 2022 at kansascommerce.gov/csp.

CSP is administered by the Community Development Division of the Department of Commerce. More information on the program, guidelines, and application process may be found online here.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets for Adoption

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(editor's note: This gentleman is so friendly! If I could.... someone else needs to adopt him right away. He is a delight.)



Diesel
Sponsored by Quarters for Canines

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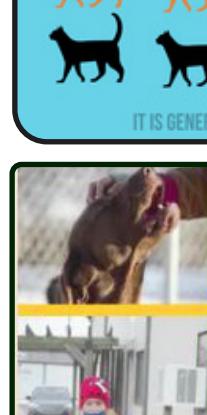
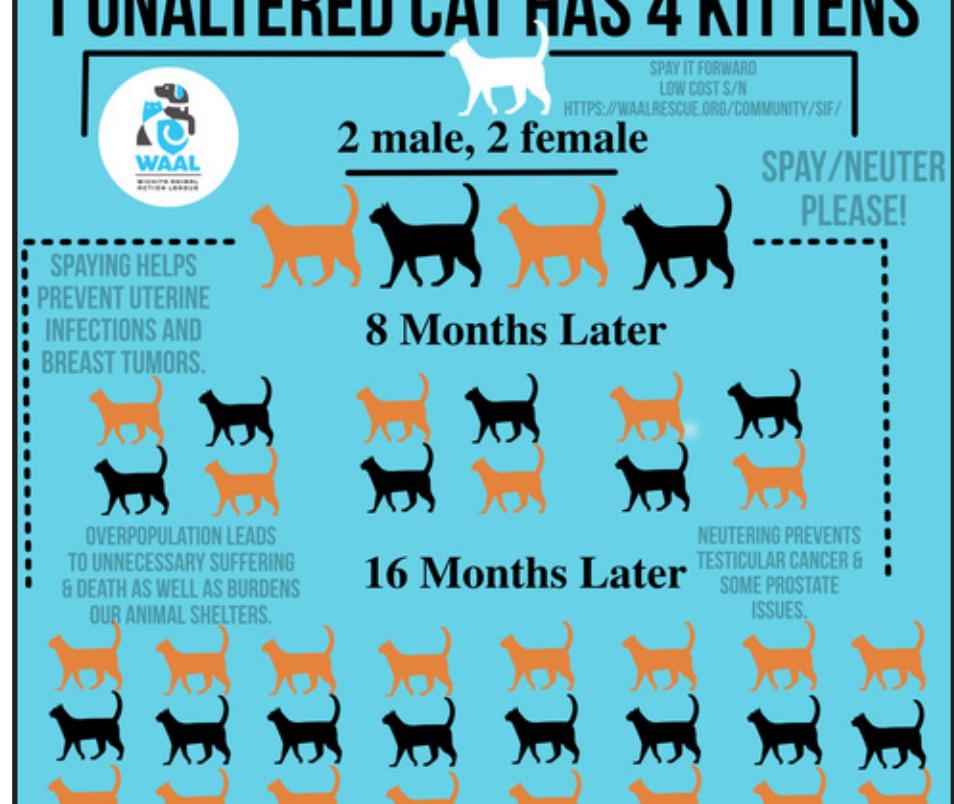
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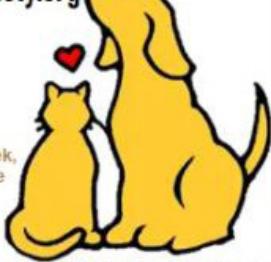
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Community Garage Sale Day

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077 to place your sale on the map (no charge).

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Rita Theis

Rita G. Theis was born July 29, 1930 at Cunningham Kansas and died at Hilltop Manor March 13, 2022. Her parents were Alf and Ruth Wilson Cooley.

On October 14, 1947 she married Joseph A. Theis at Cunningham.

They had three son's, Dennis (Pam), Larned, Ks...Dan (Pat), Cunningham, Ks...David (Cindy), Pampa, Tx. She has Seven Grandchildren, Eight great grandchildren, Three great great grandchildren.

A Cunningham resident from birth till Joe took a promotion and moved to Healdton, Ok. in 1969. They returned to Cunningham in 1984 after some years in Chase, Ks. She was a homemaker, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Cunningham. She was a member of Altar Society, and former member of the Daughters of Isabella and The Legion of Mary. After Joe's passing she joined the Sister's of Habit out of Kingman, Ks. She had many great times performing with the group and many great memories!

Parish Rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday at the Sacred Heart Church, Cunningham followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund and the Cunningham Benevolent Fund both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



Pauline Jacobs

Pauline L. Jacobs, 85, died March 12, 2022 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born June 10, 1936 the daughter of Leo W. and Lucille Miller Mertens. A longtime resident of Kingman, having also lived in New Mexico and Wichita, she was a retired clothing store assistant manager and cashier for Dillons.

Pauline was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, William and Brian Jacobs; daughters Paula McLain and Sandra Glover; brothers Gene, Leo, Leroy and Marvin "Butch" Mertens; sisters Helen Meyers and Karen Lubbers; 6 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Delmar; brothers Edwin, John, Lawrence and Donald; and sisters Dorothy Swart, Rosella Henning and Alice Jacobs.

Parish rosary will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Family committal services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of the funeral home.

Luella Waterman

Langdon - Luella Marie Waterman, 80, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born on September 13, 1941 in Valley Township, Rural Pratt County to Elroy Jacob and Novadea Martha (League) Bowers. Luella married Charles Waterman on December 26, 1990. He preceded her in death on August 23, 2014.

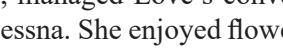
Luella graduated from Cunningham High School in 1959. She worked as a CNA for Harry Hynes Hospice and several nursing homes, managed Love's convenient store and worked at Cessna. She enjoyed flower gardening, watching birds, reading, attending church and spending time with her family. She was an avid coffee drinker.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Allen (Andrea) Oller of Loma, Colorado, Curtis Eugene (Susan) Oller of Pratt and Cynthia Elaine (Kenny) Reyes of Sylvia; brothers, Darrell (Carol) Bowers of Pawhuska, Oklahoma and Ora (Janice) Bowers of Fayetteville, Arkansas; stepdaughter, Dayna (Chris) Smart of Florida; stepson, Clay (Christie) Waterman of Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

Luella is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Houston Waterman; and sister, Yvonne Shelman.

Funeral service was Monday, March 14, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Clint Tyler presiding. Burial followed at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo.

Memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice, Pratt Area Humane Society or Leisure Homestead in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Ruby Cosby

Ruby Frances Cosby, 93, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on December 8, 1928 in Stark City, Missouri to Frank and Missouri (Bowman) Ray. Ruby married Clifford Abner Cosby on January 6, 1948. He preceded her in death on July 4, 2009.

Ruby worked for Red Rock Cafe', JCPenny's and Ace Hardware in Pratt. She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her two sons and grandsons.

She is survived by her son, Larry Cosby and grandson's, Lance and Chad Cosby all of Pratt.

Ruby is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford; son, Terry Cosby; brothers, John, Sam, and Claude Ray; and sisters, Ethel Dean, Gladys Laswell, and Opal.

Graveside service was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Iuka Cemetery with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Ruby Cosby Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Terry Cosby

Wichita - Terry Lee Cosby, 69, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2019. He was born on September 3, 1950 in Greensburg to Clifford and Ruby (Ray) Cosby.

Terry opened the First Pizza Hut in Pratt as manager they transferred him to Perryton, Texas. A few years later he moved to Wichita and worked for Boeing for 20 years. He was currently working for Central Plains Maintenance in Wichita as a janitor and custodian.

He is survived by his brother, Larry Cosby and two nephews, Lance and Chad Cosby all of Pratt.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Ruby (Ray) Cosby.

Graveside memorial service was Wednesday March 16, 2022 at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka, KS at Ruby Cosby and Terry's Service with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Terry Cosby Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Leola Osner

Leola Aletha Osner, 89, passed away on March 2, 2022 at Wheatlands Health Care Center in Kingman, Kansas.

Leola was born March 23, 1932 at Belmont, Kansas, the daughter of Oliver and Aletha Blumanhourst. She attended Kingman Schools.

Leola married Howard Osner on July 20, 1951, in Kingman. He preceded her in death in an accidental work-related accident on October 10, 1980. She was a home-maker, Mom, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have many great memories of their grandmother attending their events and taking time to play with them whenever they came over to her house.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Cecilia's Daughter of Isabel, St. Ann's Altar Society, lifetime member of Ladies Auxiliary and lifetime member in the National VFW Auxiliary. Leola was a very active Busy Bee 4-H leader and she is dearly remembered by many for her enthusiasm and dedication to 4-H.

Survivors are sons: Delbert (Vicky) of Kingman, Dallas (Deb) of Mulvane, and Kevin (Connie) of Dresher, Pennsylvania, daughters: LaReta (Bill) Hageman of Spivey, Karlene (Kenny) Roberts of Pratt, Sondra Oler of Wichita, and Linda (Dave) Jacobs of Fort Collins, Colorado, sisters-in-laws: Mary Blumanhourst, Grace Gruber, and Mary Lou Osner. She has 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren: Tim Osner, Nikki Osner (Harley and Riley), Steve and Dawn Hageman (Brady and Makayla), Sherri and Andy Ahlberg (Dreyvn, Staley and Braelyn), Cindy and Ryan Schmitz (Alayna and Lydia), Karly and Curtis Little (Addison, Harper, Luna and Nora), Kelsy and Caleb Gillig, Craig and An Henning (Aemon and Arden), Brock and Naomi Oler (Kylie and Skye), Trey Oler, Jessica Osner, Patrick Osner, Christal Lloyd, Evan Osner, Michael and Amanda Jacobs, and Samantha and Chris Yellow Boy (Alexandria and Scarlett). She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, LaVeta, her parents, Oliver and Aletha Blumanhourst and her brothers, Wayne and Oliver Jr. Blumanhourst.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at St. Patrick Church in Kingman with the burial at Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made out to St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Wheatlands Health Care Center, all in care of Livingston's Funeral Home.

Gary Duerson

Preston - Gary Edward Duerson, 80, passed away Friday, March 11, 2022 at his home. He was born on January 6, 1942 in Fort Scott to Lyle Edward and Nellie Ossee (Kent) Duerson. Gary married Alice Brooks on November 24, 1972 at the First Church of God, Wichita. They were married for 49 years.

Gary attended and graduated from Valley Center High School in Valley Center, KS. He worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation as a heavy equipment operator until retirement. He was a member of Lion of Judah Praise Fellowship, Preston, Kansas. He enjoyed driving trucks and loved training and showing horses.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Jerry Brooks, Gary Duerson and John Duerson; niece, Toni Ann Schneider; nephews, Jake Wessel and Luke Wessel; and grandchildren, Shane Schesso, Edward Duerson, Johnathan Duerson, Tyler Duerson and Alex Duerson.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Baby boy Duerson; and sister, Sara Snyder.

Visitation with family present will be Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Lion of Judah Praise Fellowship, Preston, KS. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 18, 2022 at Lion of Judah Praise Fellowship, Preston, KS with Dr. Kenneth A. Stanton presiding. Burial will follow at Uniontown Cemetery, in Uniontown, KS.

Memorials may be made to Gary Duerson Memorial Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Joyce Foutch

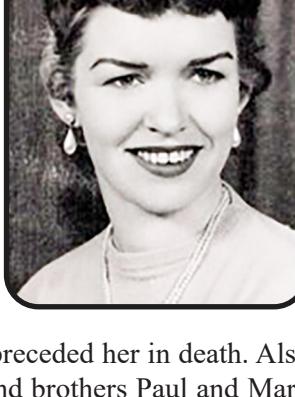
Joyce Ann Rexroat Foutch, 78, passed away on September 19th, 2021. She graduated from Pratt High School and Junior College and worked in food service, direct sales and education. She later studied accounting at Wichita State University which led her into tax preparation. Joyce married Donald E. Foutch, US Army. They traveled together until his death in 2003. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Ed Diaz of Arizona; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was an active community service member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Donations to www.elks.org are appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Graveside memorial service was March 15, 2022 at Cairo Cemetery, Cairo, Kansas

Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Joan Robinson

Joan Robinson was born April 13, 1930 to Paul and Lettie Edwards in Larned, Kansas. She worked many years at Lollipop House and taught countless students how to play piano in her home. She loved children, teaching, reading and music. She was a loving wife to her husband Rex Robinson who preceded her in death. Also preceded by her parents and brothers Paul and Mark Edwards and sister Noel (Hippy) House. She is survived by her children David Robinson of Kingman, daughters Erin Watkins (George), Kim Plumer, and Kelly Hilleary of Wichita. Seven grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild will miss her. A private memorial will be held at a later date. Please consider a donation to the Kingman Carnegie Library, 455 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



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