

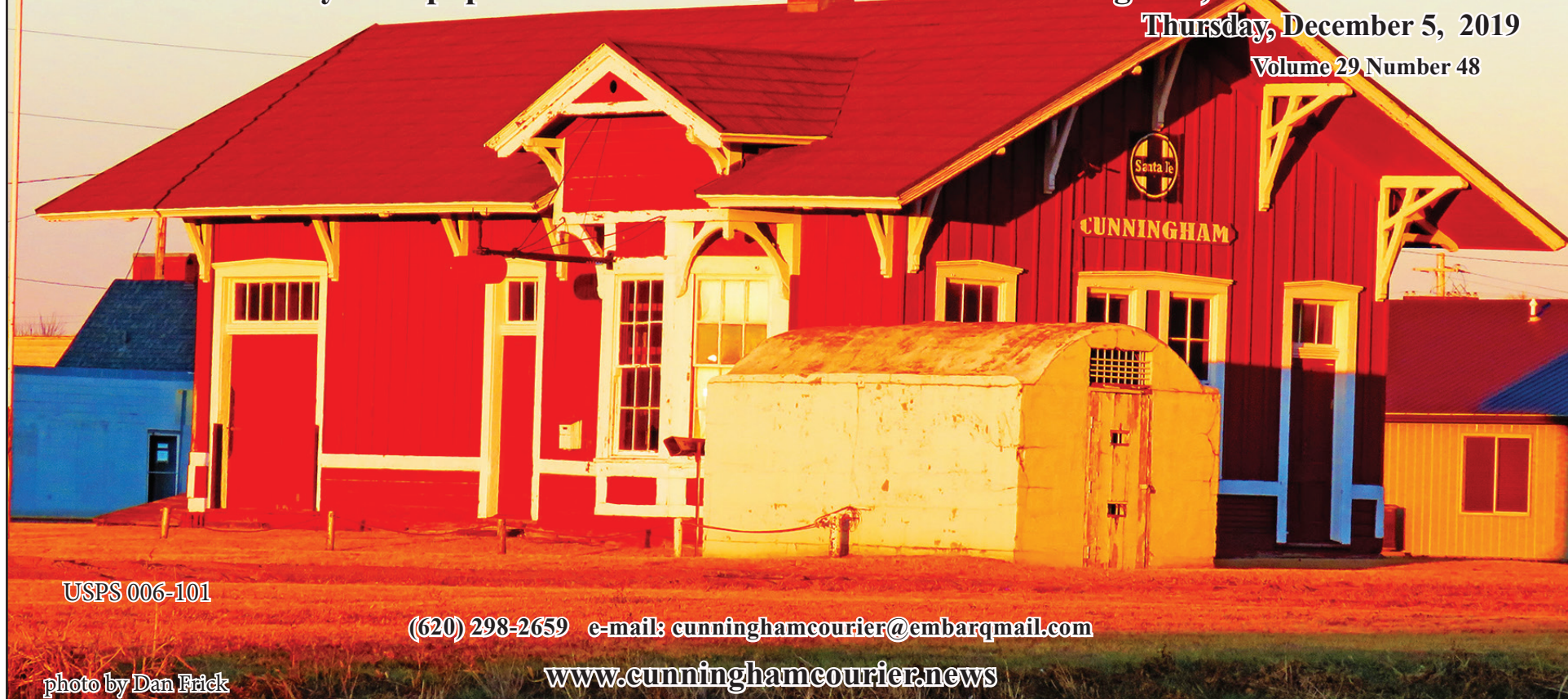
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Did You Hear What I Heard?



Cunningham Santa Claus Day December 14, 2019



- 8:00-1:00 Craft Fair and Community Raffles @ **Cunningham Schools Gym**
- 10:00-11:00 Pictures with Santa @ **Cunningham Schools Gym Stage**
- 11:00-1:00 Soup, chili, and desserts @ the Community Center
- 12:30-1:00 **Register & get a number** for Parade @ the Methodist Church
- 1:00 Remove vehicles from the first block of Main Street
- 1:00 Line up for Parade
- **1:15 Parade Entries Judged**
- 1:30 Parade Begins



*Children entries will be judged on creativeness and originality.

***Children riding horses will be judged if the horse and rider are decorated.

Parade Entry Categories

Tricycles/Scooters*
Bicycles*
Pets*
Wagons*
Costumes*
Battery cars*
Motorized vehicles*
Floats*
Horses***
Other Entries

Members of the Community:

PLEASE remove vehicles from the first block of Main Street at 1:00.

Vehicles may park on N. Main between 2nd and 3rd Streets for Parade viewing.



Because of Safety Concerns

NO 4-wheelers will be allowed in the parade.

--Golf carts and all-terrain vehicles are allowed as long as the driver is 14 years or older. --

>>Parade participants may NOT throw out candy. <<

^ All horses will be the last entry in the parade. ^



For questions please contact
Dean & Jerree Fitzsimmons
Tim & Barb Schultz



Oh, the weather outside was (a little) frightful, but a nice crowd of singers gathered in Dafforn Park for the annual "Caroling at the Gazebo" event. Jane Meyers and her elf friend, Jeanette Kerschen, had the gazebo all "decked out" (fa-la-la ...) to help set the mood as the Christmas season was kicked off.

The group's size surged partway through as members and leaders of the Cunningham 4-H Club took a break during their meeting to join in the fun. Despite the singing of "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow," no snowflakes were to be seen. The students (and teachers) present were not treated to a snow day; school resumed on Monday as scheduled after a nice Thanksgiving break.

After singing, the party continued at the City Office as Dave Steffen had things nice and toasty inside. Refreshments were provided by some members of PRIDE.

-Mary Stackhouse

photos courtesy of Mary and Bob Stackhouse

BOE Will Meet Next Wednesday

AGENDA

- Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00 p.m.
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas
- Call to Order
 - Approval of Agenda (AI)
 - Guest Recognition
 - Approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2019, regular meeting (AI)
 - Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
 - Robotics presentation
 - Reports
 - Superintendent Report – Mr. Reed
 - Special Education Report – Joyce Gridley
 - Executive Session- Non-elected personnel
 - New Business
 - Approve JH Volleyball coach
 - Other
 - Adjournment

Have you signed up for the Goodwill IT Learning Lab? We should always be learning! We're never too old to learn. Learning keeps our brains active and sharp. Get down to the library and sign up for a bit of learning.



Cunningham Fire Station Gets a Wall



A retaining wall on the west side of the Cunningham Fire Station is in the process of being built. T and R Excavation is building the 7 foot block wall. As reported in the October 24th Courier, the excavation will include the blocks, dirt work and a drainage ditch for \$20,056.00.



CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:00 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Saturday, December 7, 2019

5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbré

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620-298-2601

620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

LUTHERAN

St. John's Nashville

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

8:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090

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9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Zenda

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Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at: 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, December 5th

JH BB at Home vs Central Christian

Friday, December 6th

HS BB at Minneola

Saturday, December 7th

Winter Formal Dance

Monday, December 9th

9:30 a.m.

WATC tour

Monday, December 9th

JH BB at Home vs. Stafford

Monday, December 9th

Ninnescah Valley Bank Open House

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th

HS BB T-Bird Classic Tournament at Skyline

Wednesday, December 11th

7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, December 11th

IT Learning Van at Library

Thursday, December 12th

JH BB at Skyline

Friday, December 13th

HS BB T-Bird Classic Tournament at Skyline

Saturday, December 14th

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Cunningham Santa Claus Day

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4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:00

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Doors will open immediately after the parade.

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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

Dec. 4, 1969 - The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds became the first state 8-man football champions, determined by the play-off system, with a smashing 54-18 victory over the Lucas Demons in the finals play-off game at Great Bend last Saturday afternoon.

Nashville-Zenda was the only state champion among the six high school classifications, to finish the season with an undefeated, untied record. N-Z was 10-0.

Following a Lucas touchdown in the first seven seconds of the game -scored by Russ Francis on a 42-yard "bootleg keeper" play around the left end following an attempted on-side kickoff by N-Z that went two yards - the Thunderbirds came back in four plays on Steve Adelhardt's four-yard plunge, and Eddie Vierthaler's run for the two-point conversion, and the T-Birds were in front to stay.

On the next series, Adelhardt intercepted a Lucas pass and ran 29 yards for a TD, and then added the two-point conversion run. Moments later Adelhardt forced Francis to give up a safety in the Lucas end zone.

The Demons' Dave Barta scored on a five-yard run, and N-Z countered when Mark Danahy ran 15 yards for a TD, and the half ended 24-12.

Lucas cut the margin to 24-18 on Tracy Leach's 45-yard gallop, but at that point the rout started.

The Thunderbirds scored the next four times they had the ball; Vierthaler hit from seven yards out; Adelhardt tallied twice on runs of one and 19 yards; and Danahy connected to Randy Goetz with a 28-yard TD pass.

Adelhardt picked up 126 yards in 18 carries, and Virthaler 153 yards in 25 carries. Barta had 102 yards for nine carries for Lucas. The N-Z defensive team again came up for laurels. Time and time again the Thunderbird line, led by Adelhardt, Jim Hauser, Dennis Hageman, Randy Goetz, Bob Knowler, Wayne Schwartz, Steve Goetz, and backed by Gary Goetz and Rod Blasi, kept the Lucas offense from rolling.

In the final period, the N-Z band, pep club, and rooters wre chanting, "We're No. 1." They

were.

Dec. 3, 1964 - The Cunningham Wildcats opened the current basketball season in right smart fashion, Tuesday night, by trimming Norwich in a pair of games played at Norwich. the Wildcat "A" team to a 50-45 decision from the Norwich "A's", and the Cunningham "B's" edged out a 29-26 win from the Norwich "B" team in the night's preliminary game.

Coach Lewis Mann called Cunningham's victory in the "A" game a "good team effort," and was quick to point out individual praise to Ronald Murphey, 6-foot 4-inch forward, who connected on 9 of 15 shots from the field. Ronald finished the game with 20 points and high point man honors for the Wildcats. Coach Mann also credited Wildcat guards Jim Cain and Danny Meyers with keeping the Cunningham scoring attack moving smoothly, and for their guarding of Norwich's star, Chuck Tilson, who made 22 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

The Cunningham Odd Fellows Lodge will serve ham and beans, vegetable soup, pie and coffee, all day at the Lodge Hall on Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 5.

All boys and girls of the community, high school age and under, are urged to begin making plans to enter the big Santa Claus Day parade. Parade divisions are the same this year as in the past - pets, horses, bicycles, dolls and doll buggies, tricycles, wagons, and floats.

Dec. 3, 1959 - When the results of the rabbit and coyote hunt near St. Leo last Sunday were tabulated, it was revealed that 870 rabbits, two coyotes, and one truck "bit the dust."

Mike Schnittker's truck was a "victim" when sprayed by over-anxious hunters while Mike was backing in to pick up a load of dead rabbits. No glass was broken in the truck, but the cab was pretty well sprayed with several pellets being found in the front tires.

The Cunningham Wildcats got off to a fine start on their 16-game 1959-1960 basketball schedule, walloping

their first two opponents, Harper and Hazelton, by scores of 68-42 and 57-33 respectively.

The big parade on Cunningham's Santa Claus Day, Saturday, Dec. 12, will start promptly at 2:00 o'clock, according to E. E. Witt, Parade Co-Chairman.

There will be seven divisions this year - floats, horses, bicycles, wagons, pets, tricycles, and doll buggies. First, second, and third place cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be awarded in the float division. \$5 will be given to each float not among the winners.

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Notice - The Community YWCA will meet at the home of Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Monday evening, Dec. 7, at 7:30 o'clock. All women are cordially invited to attend this Christmas meeting and program. - Adv.

Dec. 2, 1954 - C. L. "Hap" Eckhoff, formerly assistant manager of the Rounds and Porter Lumber Company in Pratt, is the new manager of the J. B. Houston & Son Lumber Company, Inc. office and lumberyard here in Cunningham.

He assumed his position this week, replacing O. R. Benningfield, manager here for almost twenty years, who is the new manager of Houston's office and yard in Kingman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris of Cunningham, celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary,

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The Courier on

December 16th

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Courier Spotlight on CJH Winter Sports



JH Lady
Wildcats

Back row: Ava Bock, Maranda Lohrke, Ellie McGuire, Ada Adams, Coach Bart Ricke.
Middle Row: Julia Hageman, Taylor Schultz, Elizabeth Paris, Grace Hageman.
Kneeling: Emily Ogg, Brianna Dittmer, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Joanna Hansen, Kyra Morgan



JH
Wildcats

Back row: Wylan Betzen, Luke McGuire, Gage Elliott, Carlos Hurtado, Dagim Reed, Coach Lance McGuire.
Middle Row: Logan Kinsler, Andrew Schultz, Dylan Halderson, Jack Ruckle, Kendall Rogers, Will Wegerer, Skyler Thimesch.
Kneeling: Sy Romine, Kory Morgan, Scott Wyatt, Trent Schnittker, Lucas Hageman, Nate Sterneker



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Courier Spotlight on CHS Winter Sports



Lady
Wildcats

Back row: Coach Eric Meyers, Manager Shanelle Romine, Mckenzie Wright, Maddison Panek, Madie McGuire, Assistant Coach Bob Stackhouse.
Middle row: Holly DeWeese, Jessemy Stalcup, Hunter McGuire,
Kneeling: Alayna McGuire, Alice Huelskamp, Abby Hansen, Hannah Ellis, Morgan Meyers, Reese McGuire.



Wildcats

Back row: Assistant Coach Bark Ricke, Manager Levi Adelhardt, Isaiah Reed, Nathan Lohrke, Coach Bob Stackhouse.
Middle row: Trey DeWeese, Austin Snow.
Kneeling: Manager Cameron McClendon, Erik Paris, Daylen Schnittker, Lane Halderson, Skylar Hennessee



A stylized black and white illustration of a wildcat's head with sharp teeth and whiskers.

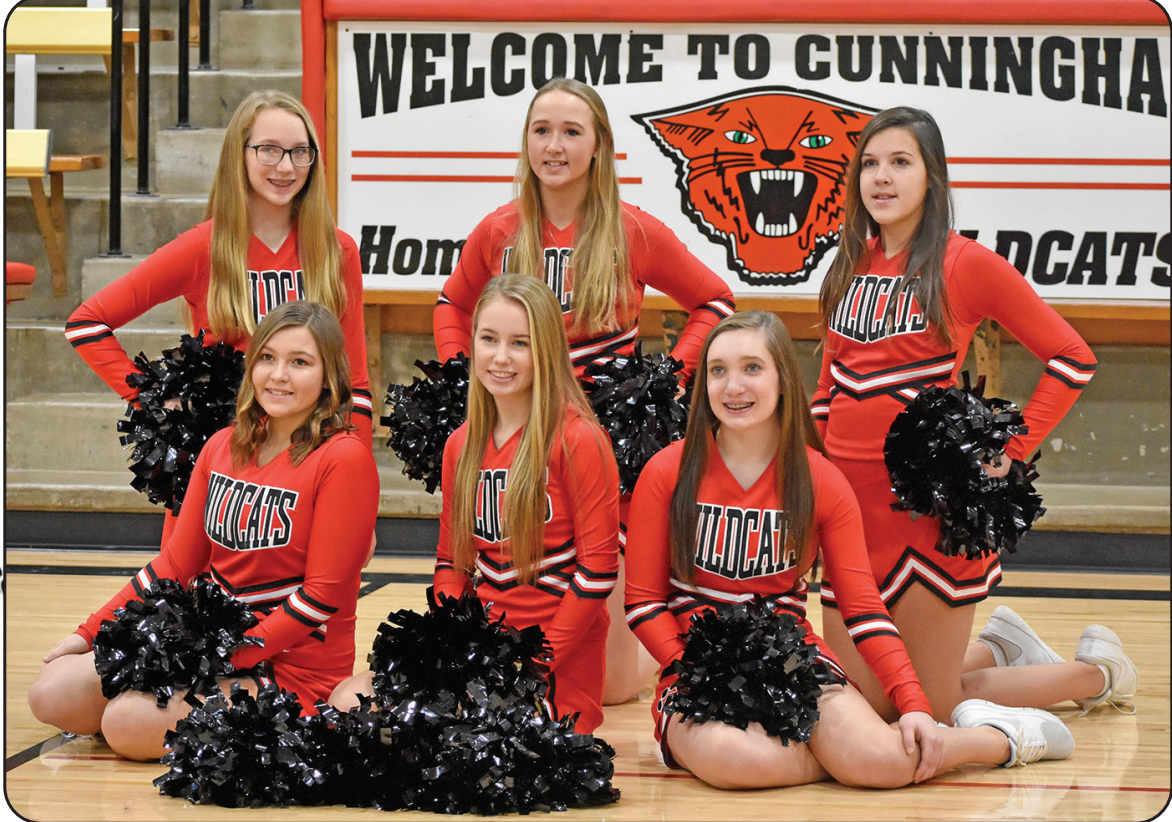
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Front Row: Kendra Morgan, Alayna McGuire, Madison Dowsey
Not pictured: Coach Jerree Fitzsimmons



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Minutes from the County Commission Meeting November 25, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on November 25th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; John Caton, County Counselor; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Carol Voran; Chad Osborn; Judy Albright, Council on Aging; Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire Dept.; Melissa Romme, Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball Chtd and Larry Landwehr.

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran discussed the KDOT meeting and what the Governor had to say about the bypass.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 18th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the November 18th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:15 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Martin Lohrke, Nashville Fire Department was in to discuss the Economic Development in the Nashville Fire district. Mr. Lohrke discussed a fire last week that was

caused by a truck going from Pratt County to Barber County and they were not able to assist because they didn’t have the right equipment to assist.

Mr. Lohrke let the Commissioners know that there are two high spots on SW 170th Ave that are bad traffic areas.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Lohrke about the wind farm that will be coming into that area.

Stan Goetz was in to discuss the Flat Ridge III wind farm road agreement and that they have a teleconference with Richard Chandler on December 5th, 2019.

Mr. Goetz discussed the agreements signed by the Townships with the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted a building permit for the following:

Kris & Jennie Watson for a detached garage in Section 24, Township 27, Range 05W(Evan).

Andrew Warner for a shop in Section 17, Township 30, Range 05W (Bennett).

Mr. Goetz discussed the Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting agenda for tonight.

Chairman Steffen gave a name for the Economic Development advisory board of Aaron Murphy.

The Commissioners would like to wait to appoint until both positions are decided.

Melissa Romme, Adams, Brown Beran

& Ball Auditor was in to discuss the contract. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Contract for 2019, 2020 & 2021 audit services. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Roadside Inn for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Roadside Inn for 2020. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:03 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners discussed getting special event insurance.

The County Commissioners would like Mendy to get bids on the tin for the North and

West side. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:51 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on FAS 362 and 1428 Hot Mix Corrections.

The County Commissioners discussed the conversation they had with Mr. Lohrke this morning on two high points on a couple of roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 11:29 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. f.The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on FAS #12 flood damage repair.

Mr. Arensdorf reminded the County Commissioners of Mike

Noblit’s Retirement Party tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on Flat Ridge III Transportation and that a conference call is scheduled for December 2nd, 2019 and he would like an “Action Plan” before the call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 11:50 a.m. to discuss an individual employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. .The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:05 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$68,645.30.

The County Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$79,841.50.

The County Commissioners signed the following abatements and additions:

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:16p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

2020 Conference for Kansas Women in Agriculture Set in Manhattan

Keynote topics explore farmland succession and areas of well-being

Keynote topics and speakers have been announced for the award-winning Women Managing the Farm Conference, set for February 13-14, 2020, in Manhattan, Kansas. Since 2005, the event has brought together women

farmers, rural business leaders and landowners. The Women Managing the Farm conference provides a supportive setting in which women can develop the skills, resources and knowledge needed for success in a competitive agricultural environment.

Conference sessions are designed to keep women up-to-date on the latest advancements in agriculture and thriving within their rural communities. During the two-day conference, attendees select from presentations covering

many topics, including farm finances, relationships and health, agricultural and estate law, crop production and marketing, management, and more. Attendees also choose networking sessions tailored to the different roles women hold, such as agricultural partners and helpers, independent producers, absentee landowners, ag industry career women and business managers. Optional pre-conference workshops are offered on Wednesday, February 12, which include visits to Manhattan-area ag

businesses, as well as introductory and advanced sessions on QuickBooks.

The 2020 conference will open Thursday morning with a dramatic presentation on farmland transition, performed by Lindsay Bauer, and created by Mary Swander, Poet Laureate for the state of Iowa and executive director for AgArts. Other general session presenters will include Dr. Chad Hart, ISU Associate Professor of Economics, who will discuss “Trade’s Impact on U.S. Agriculture;” and Lance Woodbury, a

family business adviser who will lead a panel of experts discussing challenges in health and well-being. The two-day conference will wrap up with Vance Crowe, a communications consultant and story architect who will share how women in agriculture can use stories that deeply connect with listeners.

Registration for the conference is available at womenmanagingthefarm.com, with an early bird rate of \$150 available through January 17, 2020. After January 17, registration is \$175.

The Women Managing the Farm Conference is sponsored by various agricultural organizations. More information about speakers, programs, exhibitors, registration and scholarships can be found at the website, womenmanagingthefarm.com, or by calling 785-532-2560. Keep up-to-date with the latest Women Managing the Farm news through Facebook.com-Women-ManagingtheFarm.

Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural

Linda Clover, World’s Largest Ball of Twine

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

“The belle of the ball.” That phrase may call to mind a pretty girl dancing in a fancy ballroom, but in this case, it refers to a different kind of ball. This belle is the woman who serves as the volunteer caretaker of the world’s largest ball of twine. She’s helping people from around the world enjoy this unique rural attraction.

Linda Clover explained that Frank Stoeber was farming near Cawker City in Mitchell County in 1953. As he fed small bales of hay

to his cows, he began to accumulate the loose balestrings made of sisal twine.

“He was a child of the Depression, so he didn’t throw anything away,” Linda said. Rather than burning or discarding the twine, he started winding it into a ball. By the time he was done cleaning up his barn, he had a ball as big as his barn door.

Over time, he continued to add to the ball. Friends and neighbors started donating their twine to the project and the ball became massive. In 1956, when the Salina Journal wrote an article about it, the ball measured seven feet five inches and weighed 4,035 pounds.

People wanted to stop and see this remarkable and offbeat sight. The Cawker City commercial club approached Frank about donating it to the city, so he did. In 1961, it was brought into town to display. In 1962, a shelter

was built to protect and display the quirky attraction. Frank Stoeber continued to add twine until his death in 1974, and the community continued to do so after his passing.

In 1973, the Guinness Book of World Records awarded Frank Stoeber’s ball of twine the title of World’s Largest. But controversy erupted. In 1978, a man in Minnesota contended that his ball of twine was even bigger.

The good citizens of Cawker City responded to this challenge. In 1982, the town held its first annual Twine-A-Thon in conjunction with the annual city picnic. Along with a parade, poker run, golf tournament and horseshoe tournament, people wrap more twine around the ball during that weekend each year. Other guests add twine year-round.

By 1988, the ball was so big that it was moved to the city park in Cawker City and the present shel-

ter was constructed. At that time the ball of twine measured 40 feet three inches in circumference, thus surpassing its rival in Minnesota. So there! Currently, the ball weighs 26,690 pounds, includes more than 8 million feet of sisal twine, and is still growing.

Linda Clover, the Cawker City school librarian, became the volunteer caretaker of the ball of twine in the late 1990s. She fields calls from all over the world. She even carries pre-cut pieces of twine with her, so that guests can add a piece and take their picture next to this remarkable landmark. Only authentic sisal twine is to be added to the ball.

“I love people,” Linda said. “This brings people from all over, which is good for our community and north central Kansas,” she said. Since Cawker City is located on Highway 24, Linda is actively involved with

the Highway 24 Alliance. She enjoys this interaction so much that the Wall Street Journal once referred to her as “the belle of the ball.”

Cawker City’s ball of twine has been featured in everything from Rachael Ray to National Lampoon’s Vacation. It has drawn visitors from around the globe, as far away as Antarctica and Mongolia. “There was a young couple from England who were going to tour the U.S. for their vacation, and each one chose one attraction which they did not want to miss,” Linda said. “One chose Yankee Stadium, and the other

chose Cawker City’s ball of twine.”

That’s impressive for a rural community like Cawker City, population 469 people. Now, that’s rural.

For more information, go to www.cawkercitykansas.com/ball-of-twine.

The belle of the ball. In this case, it refers to the woman who promotes the world’s largest ball of twine. We salute Linda Clover and all those who are making a difference by promoting this unique attraction. I hope their visitors have a ball.



Lions' Club Clothing Drive



The Cunningham Lions' Club is hosting a socks, hat, scarf, and glove drive for the holiday season. The members will be collecting these accessories in all sizes until the end of December. These items are for those in need in our local community. Drop Box can be found at Ninnescah Valley Bank.

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TO: PLANHOLDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Public Water Supply Well #3, Waterline and HyphochloriteBuildings..

Cunningham, KS

BID DUE DATE: 11:00 A.M., December 20, 2019

ADDENDUM NO. 1

The items contained herein now become part of the reference plans and specifications. Please read the following items and acknowledge receipt of this addendum on the Specification Booklet Bid Proposal Page No. CD-11R. **NOTE: THIS ADDENDUM #1 MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED ON SECTION 1.3.07, SPECIFICATIONBOOK PAGE NO. CD-11R AND PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED AND BID BOND SUBMITTED TO CONSTITUTE A VALID BID.**

The Bid due date has been changed to 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2019.

Destroy Bid Proposal pages CD- 11 and CD-12 replace with pages CD-11R and CD-12R:

Revise bid item #5 to read 6" PVC C-900 Waterline, 275 linearfeet,

Add Bid Item #12, 6" Tapping Sleeve and Valve, 1each.

Add Bid Item #13, 6" Pipe Bollards, 4each.

Add Bid Item #14, 6" Concrete Pad, 64 squarefeet.

The following items shall be included in the construction of PWS Well#3:

Fostco 12" HDL centralizers which are 24" long are acceptable for use on the well screen and casing.

Concrete Grout shall consist of equal parts sand and cement. Not more than 6 gallons of water per sack of cement is allowed.

Pitless Unit shall be attached using a glue to thread coupler at the top of blank wellcasing.

Submersible pump cable can be taped to the columnpipe.

A 1 inch PVC/Poly measuring tube must be installed in the well and taped to the column pipe. Tube shall extend up through the spool to near the top of the pitlessunit.

A separate check valve shall be installed 40 feet above the submersible pump.

The City of Cunningham will apply for a project sales tax exemption certificate.

Bids are due by 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2019 at Cunningham City Hall, 118 North Main, Cunningham, KS, 67035. If you have questions please call Harlan D. Foraker, P.E. Certified Engineering Design, P.A. at (316) 262-8808.

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Celebrations of Life

Victor Stuckey

Victor “Vic” Stuckey, 95, of Kingman, Kansas, retired cattleman and farmer, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2019 surrounded by his family and friends on his care team. Vic was born on September 3, 1924 at the family farm near Belmont, the son of John and Katie (Saner) Stuckey. He married Irene Reid in Kingman on January 18, 1953. Vic enlisted in the Army Infantry and served from September 23, 1944 to October 22, 1945 with honorable discharge. Vic and Irene took great pride and joy in raising their nephew, Bronc Reid, and played a significant role in Bronc’s daughter Bryn’s early childhood. In his later years, Vic welcomed his grandson, Kane with such energy and excitement, spending many afternoons fishing at the Oyler Place, driving around pastures, ponds, and dirt roads, enjoying oldies country tunes while checking cows. Through the years, Vic had different jobs, but his most loved work was his time spent raising cattle. He was a true cowboy in every sense of the word. He spoke often and fondly of his cattle, numerous sale trips and other work adventures with his nephew Travis Reid. Vic worked hard during his life to provide for his family and was well known for offering a helping hand to any friend or neighbor. He lived a full life, took nothing for granted, and recently talked with eager anticipation about reuniting with his wife Irene. He is survived by Bronc Reid and his wife Chasity Helm, granddaughter Bryn Dick (Chad), grandson Kane Reid, great grandson Greyson Dick, and many nieces, nephews and extended family members who he cared deeply for. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers Art, Orville, Leo, and sisters, Iona Pinkerton and Eva Walker.

A grave side service was held Saturday, November 30, 2019 Walnut Hill Cemetery, pastor Mike McGovney presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cunningham 4-H Club or Rivercross Hospice in care of Wulf-Ast Mortuary in Garden Plain.

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This lovely quilt, currently displayed at Ninnescah Valley Bank, is being raffled by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. Tickets can be purchased by any member of the Altar Society or at the bank. They will also be sold at the craft fair on December 14th; after which the winner will be drawn.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Stackhouse



If Bob had 2 birthdays in Lyons, 16 birthdays in Medicine Lodge, 2 birthdays in Salina, 5 birthdays in Albuquerque, 3 birthdays in Stafford, 1 birthday each in Hays and Rose Hill, and 30 birthdays in Cunningham, how many marbles does he have left?

60x1=

30x2=

20x3=

15x4=

12x5=

10x6=

2019-x=60

x-1959=60

2019-1959=

x=2²+56

Any way you figure it,
Mr. Stackhouse is turning
60 on Dec. 11th.
Happy Birthday!

2019 KAY Citizenship Week



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is sponsored by the member schools of Kansas through the Kansas State High School Activities Association; and

WHEREAS, their annual membership includes approximately 8,000 students (boys and girls) in 160 schools; and

WHEREAS, the school year of 2019-2020 marks their seventy-third year; and

WHEREAS, this character-building, leadership training, service organization (KAY) is unique to the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, these young people have been involved in countless service projects which improved their school, community, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, they are active in United Fund Drives, Get Out the Vote Campaigns, United Cerebral Palsy, Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross Disaster Relief, CARE, Crop, UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, HEIFER Project International, and countless other service projects; and

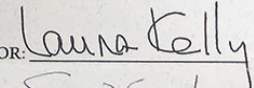
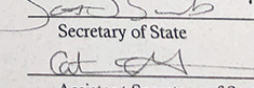
WHEREAS, through the years, KAY student leaders of Kansas have received three national citations from CARE, four national citations from Meals for Millions, four national citations from Cerebral Palsy and three national citations from the U.S. Treasury Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the week of December 8th – 14th, 2019 as

KAY Citizenship Week

in Kansas and I urge all citizens to appreciate and be aware of the record and achievements of these outstanding young citizens of our state.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 1st day of November, A.D. 2019

BY THE GOVERNOR: 
Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State



The Cunningham KAY group is joining other Kays and Kayettes School Group across the state in observing KAY Citizenship Week, December 8-14, 2019. The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is a character-building, leadership training program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The local organization is under the direction of the high school principal Robert Reed, who, in turn, appoints a sponsor Brooke Bowman to lead and guide the club program. KAY is a nationally acclaimed organization which provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized

programs, projects and parties. These programs educate, inspire and direct members into carefully planned service projects. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation and world. KAY Citizenship Week is a week-long celebration of this Association. It is a time to spotlight youth in action. Each day is designated a specific service: Monday-School; Tuesday-Community; Wednesday-Nation; Thursday-World; Friday-Club; Saturday-Home; and Sunday-Family. Activities planned for this special week include: Dec 8- every student will spend time with his or her family and take a picture. They will need

to email the picture to Jake Ficsher to serve his or family
Dec 9 Students will write encouraging notes to other students in the school in order to serve the school
Dec 10 Students will donate items to the community blessing box to serve the community.
Dec 11 Students will send cards to service personal
Dec 12 Students will sell Cookie and donate money to Heifer international
Dec 13 students will have a gift exchange
Dec 14 students will do something at home that is helpful.
The local sponsor is Brooke Bowman and this year’s president is Alayna McGurie and Alexa Fischer .

Citizenship week and How to be a Hero All Year Long

By the Kay Group publications

The Kay group wants everyone to know that you can be a SuperFantastic hero all year long. Dec 8-14 is citizenship week but anyone can participate in being a good citizen any time of the year.

There are many things a person can do to be a great citizen. Serving Senior citizens is a lovely way to help. You could assist with grocery shopping or household chores. You could bake holiday goodies for them or read the newspaper or magazine articles out loud. You could help them write holiday cards or decorate. You could rake leaves or shovel snow. You could also go on walks or just talk with a senior citizen.

Volunteering to help is another amazing way to be helpful. You could shop for someone who can’t get out. You could give manicures at a retirement home. You could volunteer at the local library.

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