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Kingman County Commission Minutes July 12, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 12th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, The Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Staff: Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Nicole Morgan, Register of Deeds office; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk would like to add discussion of an ice machine for the Courthouse.

Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion during Stan Goetz and Charles Arensdorf times.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add discussion item with Charles Arensdorf

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comments.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to introduce her new hire Nicole Morgan for her office.

Commissioners welcomed Nicole to

the County.

8:33 a.m. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request if the mask signs could be removed from the doors of the courthouse.

Commissioners agreed to have mask sign removed from the courthouse.

Mr. Goetz informed the Commissioners that there has been talk of solar energy in Flat Ridge III.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Commissioners know that he had an interview last Friday with AEP about the windfarm and that it will be shown at the windfarm open house. The open house may not be until October 1st.

Commissioners discussed solar power with Mr. Goetz.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Amanda Johnson for roof mounted solar panels in Section 12, Township 28, Range 5.

Terry McLeod for a shed/garage in Section 6, Township 30, Range 8.

Sarah Voyles for an animal shelter in Section 11, Township 30, Range 7.

Commissioner Foley discussed a 100 ft tower on a property with Mr. Goetz.

Commissioner Henning asked questions about looking into having our health insurance self funded.

8:58 a.m. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in and reviewed the monthly department budget reports with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley submitted draft #2 of the 2022 County Budget to the Commissioners and reviewed it with them.

Commissioner Henning discussed the EMS budget with Ms. Langley.

10:05 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in for the close out hearing for the CDBG-CV Grant.

The Commissioners signed the close out of the CDBG-CV grant.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted prices for a new ice machine to the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners asked to have the machine looked at and see if it can

be repaired before thinking about purchasing a new one.

The Commissioners discussed the quote received from Mid-Continental Restoration for the steps.

Ms. Noblit submitted the minutes of June 28th, 2021 Commission Meeting and the June 30th, 2021 Special City/County Joint meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the June 28th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the June 30th, 2021 Special City/County Joint meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners signed abatements:

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$104,990.77.

Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$215,134.22.

10:45 a.m. Larry Bohlender, CIC President conference called in to discuss what happened with their company and the letter that the County received.

Commissioners wanted to know exactly what happened and why it was able to happen.

Mr. Bohlender informed the Commissioners of what had happened and what they are doing to keep it secure.

Mr. Bohlender is giving all employees a year of security protection with Experian at the cost of CIC (Computer Information Concepts).

Commissioner Thimesch wanted to know if one year is long enough.

Mr. Bohlender was told by Experian that one year would be good.

Commissioner Henning wanted to know if we are protected for the future.

Mr. Bohlender let the Commissioners know that they have spent a lot of mon-

ey to get more protection and much better security. Going to make sure that any file with social security numbers will not be saved at a server farm and will be on a hard disk drive that can't be reached.

Commissioners let Mr. Bohlender know that they are glad to hear that they are taking better precautions.

11:03 a.m. Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in Kingman County they will have a State License Examiner.

Delinquency tax notice will be published the second week of August.

11:09 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

Phillips 66 Pipeline Co-Repair pipeline between Sections 1 & 12, Township 29, Range 5(Allen).

Every-New Power line installation-South side of Section 25,26,27, Township 27, Range 5(Evan).

Commissioner Thimesch discussed with Mr. Arensdorf about a company that does a seal coat process and see if they could guarantee their product.

Mr. Arensdorf said he would be okay with the company showing a presentation.

Commissioner Thimesch will set a time up for a presentation.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the June financial reports to the Commission for review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the 2021 Hot Mix Projects.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the parking areas at the new Humane Society building because the Commissioners wanted him to review it.

Mr. Arensdorf gave them an estimate of 150 to 170 yards of millings.

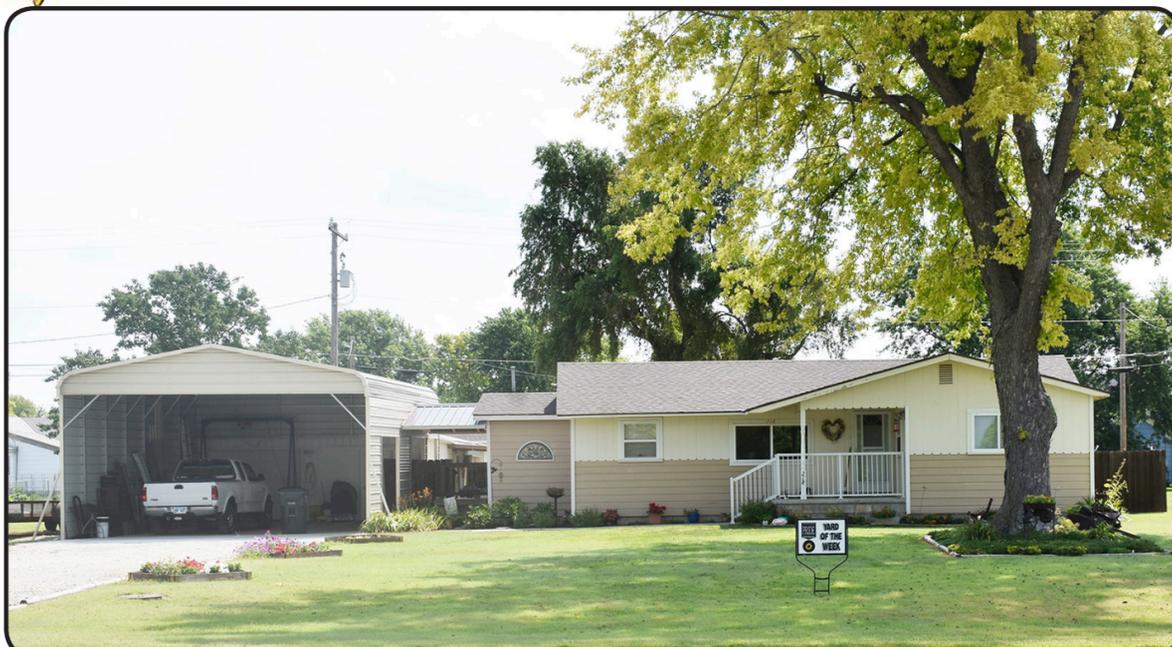
John Caton let Mr. Arensdorf know that the County has no legal authority to provide this for the Humane Society.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the yearly hauling permits for solid waste haulers in Kingman County to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley

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Pride Yard of the Week



Ken and Jane Neufeld are the owners of the home at 218 North Douglas—Pride's Yard of the Week.

Agenda for City Council Meeting Monday

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2021 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Kingman County Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program
- 6) Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's Report
- 7) Leak forgiveness letter
- 8) Sidewalk access to south shelter house in park
- 9) West Kingman County Education Foundation donation
- 10) Cereal Malt Beverage application
- 11) KOMA/KORA training opportunities
- 12) Reports
 - a. Property Officer
 - b. Planning & Zoning
 - c. Maintenance
 - d. Swimming Pool
 - e. Animal Control
- 13) Financial Report & payment of bills
- 14) Adjourn

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sunday
10:00 a.m..

Sacred Heart, Cunnigham
Sunday
8:30 a.m.

St. Johns's, Zenda
Saturday
4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday
5:30.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunnigham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunnigham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

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

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Monday, July 26th
6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 11
School Enrollment

Monday, August 16th
Fall sports practices begin

Wednesday, July 28
7:00 p.m.
Book Club

Wednesday, August 25th
First day of School

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July 23rd - 25th
Space Jam: A New Legacy
Weekend
Rated PG
Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm
and Sunday at 5:30pm.

All Seats: \$6.00
Doors open 45 before showtime.

FREE Thursday Movie
July 22nd 7:00 p.m.

American Graffiti
Rated PG
Sponsored by Ninnescah Masonic Lodge

July 29th 7:00 p.m.
The Lorax
Rated PG
Sponsored by Shelter Insurance Chad Osborn

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunnigham Public Library

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

Cunnigham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunnigham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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

1931
July 24-The City Budget for 1932 was printed in this week's issue, and calls for a levy of seven mills to raise \$2,256.06 to run the city during the coming year. Cunnigham's assessed valuation is \$320,000.

Contracts were let in Kingman last week preparing the way for paving the Cannonball Highway from Kingman through Cunnigham to the west Kingman County line.

1936
July 24- Republicans Everett Hauser, Henry Gibbens, and Rex Shelman left Thursday morning for Topeka, where they attended the Alf Landon Notification Ceremonies. Governor Landon was recently nominated for President at the Republican National Convention.

1941
July 25-Cunnigham was eliminated from the State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament in Wichita last Friday night, when they were defeated by the Stearman Aviators of Wichita, by an 11-0 score. The local team need feel no disgrace, however, because the Stearman team is rated No. 1 in the tournament. Cunnigham had won two games and lost one, defeating Wellington and Albert, and losing to Cheney.

1946
July 26- Wild 50-Mile Chase
His car punctured with .22 bullet holes, Cecil Johnson, Stafford auto dealer was in the Pratt city jail Wednesday after a wild 90 mile-per-hour highway race with police officers from Cunnigham to Stafford. He was fined \$640.00 and costs and his driver's license was revoked by the Pratt City Court Wednesday afternoon.

The wild chase started when Jack Keeley and Bob Perkins, highway patrolmen, came to Cunnigham to investigate an accident early Wednesday morning. Johnson's car, a 1942 Buick, was parked in the Skelly Service Station driveway and City Marshall Tom Morrison had taken the keys to keep Johnson, completely intoxicated, from driving off. Morrison went across the street to get the patrolmen and Johnson, starting his car somehow, made a tire-skidding exit as the police officials approached his car and the chase began.

Attempting to force the car to a stop, the patrolmen pulled alongside the speeding Buick as they dashed west on U. S. 54, but Johnson, according to Keeley, would suddenly swing his car toward the patrol car, forcing the latter back. When attempts to stop the car failed, Keeley began firing at the car. This didn't alter the speed of the leading vehicle, the

patrolmen said.

Keeley said Johnson would swerve onto the shoulders of the highway throughout the chase and endangered other drivers on the road. The highway patrol car ran out of gas near St. John and the patrolmen joined city officers in the city vehicle.

The chase ended in Stafford when Johnson pulled into his garage. Police and patrolmen, with guns still in their hands, arrested Johnson there.

1951
July 27- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Cunnigham at the Methodist Church basement next Tuesday, from 10:30 o'clock to 2:00 o'clock. About sixty donors have signified their intention of donating blood, but more are needed.

The giving of blood is quite important at this time because of the Korean situation and the recent flood disaster in Kansas. Your blood is needed!

The Better Homes and Gardens Club met at the home of Mrs. O. R. Benningfield, Friday, for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Perry Shafer gave the lesson, "A Musical Journey," and a Club Betterment paper prepared by Mrs. Evan Thornhill was presented by Mrs. Luther Walker.

Mrs. Benningfield served refreshments to the following: Mesdames Roy Wetherall, Perry Shafer, Luther Walker, Keith Copenhaver, Paul Fitzsimmons, Carl Buntmeyer, Francis Dafforn, Vernon Fitzsimmons, Rufus Leiter, and Harold Watkins.

1956
July 26- The 22nd annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance will be held on the church grounds at St. Leo, Tuesday, July 31.

A fried chicken and fresh country sausage will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock that evening, followed by an outdoor platform dance, featuring Jimmy Morrison's Orchestra.

Bennett and Roberts Drilling Company's No. 1 McNamee "A", a wildcat test two miles north and a mile east of Cunnigham, has been plugged and abandoned after drilling through the Viola Lime without oil shows of value.

The Bachus Oil Company logged two excellent shows of oil in two drillstem tests at their No. 1 Hay, a wildcat test two and one-half miles southeast of Calista. One test taken at a depth of 4,001-4,024 feet in the Mississippian Sand showed 90 feet of oil and gas-cut mud, 240 feet of free oil, and 300 feet of salt water. Bottom-hole pressure was 1,377 pounds. A second drillstem test was taken at 4,009-4,024 feet, and logged 320 feet of oil and gas-cut mud, 270 feet

of free oil, and 110 feet of salt water. Bottom-hole pressure was 1,330 pounds.

The Hay wildcat is scheduled to be drilled to the Arbuckle Lime, and drilling is continuing despite the strong showing of last week-end's test in the Mississippi Sand.

The Hay test is six miles northeast of Pat Creek Field, and 10 miles southeast of the Dresden Oil Field.

Cunnigham had their Prairie League baseball game won from Colwich for eight innings, last Sunday afternoon at Colwich, but lost it in the ninth inning by a 4-3 score. Colwich crossed the plate three times in the final inning to grab the victory.

Cunnigham out-hit the Colwich team, nine to five, and made less errors, one to two, but two hit batsmen and a timely hit brought in the Colwich runs.

Kenneth Meyers went the distance for Cunnigham, and suffered his first loss of the year. Jack Theis handled the catching chores.

Cunnigham will play St. Joe at Garden Plain tomorrow night (Friday), in a league make-up game postponed from last month, and will travel to Wichita, Sunday afternoon to play St. Peter Claver.

Hauser's Market
Jo-Mar Ice Cream-Assorted Flavors Full Quart 45¢
New Red Potatoes 10 Pounds 79¢
Head Lettuce Large Head 15¢
Snow Crop Frozen Lemonade 6-Ounce Can 15¢
Shurfine Frozen Orange Juice 2 6-Ounce Cans 35¢
Snow Crop Frozen Grapefruit Juice 6-Ounce Can 17¢
Welch's Frozen Grape Juice 6-Ounce Can 23¢
A G Oleo-Colored Quarters Pound 23¢

1961
July 27-All four Cunnigham churches have had a change in ministers in the past two months. First to change was the Christian Church with the arrival of Rev. Kenneth Hull of Attica, followed by the arrival of Rev. R. B. Thomas of Manitou, Okla., to the First Southern Baptist Church. Third was the new Methodist Church minister, Rev. Vernon Horney of Burdett, and fourth was Fr. Colin Boor of Arma, to the Sacred Heart Church.

The summer reading classes, held three mornings a week since June 19, ended Wednesday.

Twenty pupils were enrolled in the classes, and seven pupils had perfect attendance for all 18 days of the program. They were Johnny Shelman, Linda Jo Cain, Sheryl Dunn, Ronnie and Shirley Park, and Joel and Gail Nelson. Gail assisted Instructor Mrs. Ray Nickle with the lower grade class. Each was rewarded with a book from Mrs. Nickle.

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Meanderings

I have started and deleted and restarted this column so many times....

Pets. "You love them and care for them and they die and break your heart." Well, folks, my heart is not just broken, it is shattered; thrown on the ground and stomped on.

I lost my little dog Chloe last Thursday. She was in so much discomfort from her cancer and a mass on her abdomen, I made the decision to have her euthanized. It's been a rough few days since.

Chloe's personality could be said to be over-the-top drama queen. She

filled the large spaces in our home with her silly antics and exuberance, her anxiety and fretfulness.

Do you remember Aunt Clara on Bewitched? You do, don't you? Aunt Clara was Samantha's elderly aunt who would mess up a spell, or forget how to undo one, and she'd wring her hands and "oh, oh, oh." That would be Chloe. I swear if she was a person, there are times when she would have wrung her hands and 'oh,oh,oh'ed.

Clarence managed a time or two to escape from the yard. Chloe would spend time howling, trying to get him to come home. Clarence, ignored her. By the time I got out to see what the fuss was, she'd about howled herself silly. Once she knew I was there to fix the situation, she started in on her Aunt Clara imitation.

Whining and moaning and oh,oh,ohing. And jumping and bouncing. If she'd have been a person, she'd have been wringing her hands.

She was also a dog who was proud of her prowess to chase off invaders. Clarence and she would sit in the yard and wait, keeping an ever-vigilant eye on the street and the park. A passing golf cart or bike or vehicle; a runner or a walker, would send them racing for the fence.

Chloe, for whatever reason would then run in a large circle around the three cedars. She had an oval shaped racetrack worn down where she'd run 'round and 'round and 'round. I guess, maybe that was her way of chasing after something or someone.

A person she wasn't sure about brought out her "Stranger! Stranger! Stranger!" bark. Very annoying, that bark was.

Once the 'threat' was on its way, she'd walk back to the house, so proud of herself. I swear she could have been dusting off her paws and saying, "Well, now, I took care of that!"

Chloe and Clarence became the typical old married couple. They'd get up in the morning and wrestle and play tug-of-war with their rope toy. They'd bark at golf carts and bicycles and walkers and runners. Chloe would race around her track, Clarence would try to make her stop. When they were completely worn out, they'd come inside and lay down. One dog always watching out the window while the other napped. It wouldn't be long before I'd notice the napper was watching the window and the guard was napping. I don't know how they worked it out, but they did.

Later I'd see them

sitting in the yard, sometimes tail to tail. Clarence watching the street to the north, Chloe watching the park to the south.

Chloe was a one-person dog, and I was her person. She just didn't take to people for some reason. She adored Clarence, who tends to get in trouble for transgressions he knows better than to act on. Snapping and lunging at the cats, dragging sheets and blankets outside are all forbidden for the dogs to do. Clarence was willing to take the yelling that transpired after them. Chloe would start whining and groaning, then she'd stand in front of Clarence to keep me away. She did not want me to hurt Clarence, I guess.

She'd do the same thing to me if she felt a dog might be a threat to me. She'd get between me and the fence, moaning and whining and

yelping --warning me to back off or stay away.

I sure do miss her. I have often heard people say they can't have pets because it hurts too much to lose them. I can only remember those many years of fun and enjoyment, love and adoration, howling and running and meowing and purring and living a good and lazy life, and I pick my stomped-on heart off the ground, put it back together yet again, and grab another pet for many more years of unconditional love.

Always reading, And currently reading, "The Burglar Who Traded Ted Williams" By Lawrence Block, Roberta

". . . owning a dog always ended with this sadness because dogs just don't live as long as people do."

— John Grogan, *Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog*

County Commission

moved to approve the hauling permit for Nisely Brothers. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the hauling permit for Waste Connections. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was ap-

proved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the hauling permit for Stutzmans. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the hauling permit for T & W Rolloff. Commissioner

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the hauling permit for T & W Meats. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the two letters that were sent out to get reimbursement for repairs.

Mr. Caton let Mr. Arensdorf know that one of the letters came back return to sender.

Chairman discussed the KCAMP Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2021-R11 authorizing the KCAMP Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was ap-

proved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed and signed the letter of support for the US Hwy 54 project.

Chairman Henning discussed the correspondence received from Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. and that he will contact them about the steps.

Commissioners discussed correspondence received from

the Kingman Extension Office for the Cookies for College during the fair.

Commissioners agreed that they will do the Cookies for College on July 29th at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:15 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Years Ago....

All the pupils enjoyed an outing in the City Park, Wednesday morning, following the conclusion of the program.

The two land sales held in this community within the last two weeks brought good prices.

The Ed Conley quarter-section northeast of town was purchased by Bus Hartley of near Calista. He paid \$17,750. Mr. Hartley operates a fish-stocking farm at his place north of Calista.

Four separate buyers purchased the five land tracts sold last week to settle the estate of W. F. and Maggie McMichael.

Mrs. Julia Wilson and son, Francis, purchased the "home" quarter southeast of town. They paid \$22,500. Mrs. Wilson, an heir, "grew up" on this land. The 80-acre tract south of the home place was purchased by Ted Holcomb for \$11,100. The quarter-section of pasture land northeast of town was bought by Calvin Eck. He paid \$16,200.

The two quarters of McMichael land southeast of Hugoton in Stevens County, brought \$19,300 and \$20,400.

They were purchased by O. W. Heger, who also owns a 160-acre tract in the same section as the McMichael quarters.

1966

July 28- Milton Brooks of Cunningham, Paul Clark and Sylvester Lubbers of Zenda, and Bob Mattal of Nashville, went to Mitchell, Ind., last Wednesday to get four new school buses for Unified School District No. 332. They returned here Friday.

Cunningham's hopes of a repeat championship in the district slo-pitch softball tournament, being played at St. Leo, received a jolt, Monday night, when they dropped a 9-4 decision to Zenda. Cunningham had won their first game in tournament play, and now must win the remainder of their games to win the championship and the right to go to the state slo-pitch tournament to be played in Garden City next month.

Due to wet grounds at St. Leo, Sunday's tournament games were shifted to the Nashville and Zenda fields.

The Unified School District No. 332 Remedial

Reading School, held at Cunningham Grade School the past six weeks, ended last Friday, and school officials considered it highly successful.

Eighty-six students from the district were enrolled in the reading classes, which used SRA materials for individual work, and also included SRA Reading Labs, Pilot Labs, Reading For Understanding Labs, and Word Games. Films, filmstrips, and slides were viewed every day to help give the students background for their reading.

One popular feature of the reading classes was the library. There were a total of 4,028 books checked out during the six weeks period, making an average of 144 books daily. Students were given certificates for their reading, with five books entitling a student to a certificate, and each five additional books entitling the student to be awarded a star on his certificate. Those reading the most books in the six-weeks period were Becky Bohrer, 111 books; Loetta Goertz, 105; Doris Goertz, 97; Connie Molitor, 86; Marlene Oller, 85; Jane

Bock, 85; Kathy Fischer, 85; Johnny Shelman, 75; Terry Bohrer, 65; Kathy Strong, 65; Monica Rohling, 65; Dale Thieme, 62, Mary Alice Clouse, 60; Paul Goertz, 61, and Mary Kampling, 60.

Teachers for the school were Mrs. Delmer Huffman, Mrs. Dan Cusenbary, Mrs. Duane DeWeese, and Mrs. Kenneth Hull, with Rev. Hull serving as supervisor. The helpers included Jean Brady, Kay Ratcliff, Joyce Brooks, Sue Graves, Frank McClellan, Diana Huston, and Carolyn Witt. Christina Hull, one of the students, gave an hour and a half each day to help in the library.

1971

July 22- The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Cunningham United Methodist Church, shortly after noon Saturday, to extinguish a blaze in the undercroft of the church.

The fire reported started from a candle atop a large plastic "birthday cake," used to observe birthdays in the children's Sunday School classes. The fire scorched a door, woodwork, and wall, and

there was damage from smoke and water.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Kent Williamson, church secretary, who smelled smoke while working in the upstairs church office.

The Homemakers EHU enjoyed a luncheon at Virginia's Café last Wednesday, after which they held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke.

President Mrs. Albert McGovney opened the meeting, and ten mem-

bers and two visitors answered roll call with "My Favorite Ad On Television." Mrs. Melvin Oller gave a very interesting lesson, "Advertising the Truth."

Mrs. O'Rourke served iced punch and snacks at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Marie Hellar, Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Irene Schnittker, Public Relations Chairman.

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Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX



Patty Dick – Washburn Women’s Basketball (1970-71) and Coached Washburn Women’s Basketball (1977-2000) (photo courtesy Washburn Athletics)

**Guest Essay:
Patty Dick**

Patty Dick was a fixture on the Washburn Lady Blues’ sideline for 23 years before retiring following the 1999-2000 season. She was inducted into the Washburn Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001-02. Patty wrote about her story in athletics.....

6th grade story

My pre-Title IX story begins when I was in 6th grade at Lundgren Elementary School in Oakland (1960-61). Every lunch hour during the winter months, boys were allowed to play basketball. I thought girls should have an opportunity to play. I went to our principal, Mr. Herbert Lundgren and asked if he would allow girls to play during lunch hour a few days a week. He said yes so, I thought from then on everyone in charge would give girls the opportunity to participate in sports. Mr. Lundgren was so far ahead of his time. Nobody seemed to mind that some of our games turned out scores of 2-0 or even 0-0.

Play at age 12

The summer before my 7th grade year, I was old enough to play organized softball. I had to wait until age 12, much to my dismay. Our girls’ teams played at the Lake Shawnee girls softball diamonds. It was at this time that I had decided I wanted to be a coach when I grew up. Mrs. Prue Hendrix was my physical education teacher at Holliday Junior High. She also coached our girls’ volleyball, basketball and track teams. She and 6-8 other teachers in USD #501 met and organized competition in these sports. Other physical education teachers opted out of entering their school teams so I considered myself very lucky. We would compete in a round-robin competition for volleyball and basketball and had several track and field meets which culminated in the City Meet at Washburn University, Moore Bowl. Both boys and girls track teams participated in this city event. My junior high days of competition were the highlight of those three years and Mrs. Hendrix is still a close friend.

My High School sports

Having had so much fun participating in sports during junior high, I was really looking forward to those same opportunities in high school. However, the only competition for girls at that time (1964-1967) was gymnastics. I wondered how EDUCATORS could allow competition for tiny, pretty girls but not for the rest of us. Fortunately for me, I was able to play softball during

the summer on one of the best teams in the nation; Ohse Meats. From 1966-1974, our Ohse Meats team played teams from Stratford, Connecticut; Orlando, Florida; Portland, Oregon; Nashville, Tennessee; Pekin, Illinois; Omaha, Nebraska;

Kansas City, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas. My teammates turned into some of the most outstanding coaches and players in the nation. Billie Moore won two national titles in basketball at Cal-Fullerton and UCLA and coached the first Women’s Basketball Olympic Team (1976 Silver Medalist) was our 3rd baseman. Judy Akers coached at Kansas State where her teams played in the AIAW National

Tournament and hosted the national event in 1974, was our catcher. Several others were named to the All-Star National games. I realized at the time that these softball years would be one of the most significant times in my life. I also realized that my teammates would be my best friends forever.

My college sports: Pre-Title IX

When I started college at Washburn University (1967-1971), I learned that the only opportunities for women to participate in competitive sports were on play-days. Kansas colleges only fielded a team in field hockey in the Fall of 1967 and all of our competition between other schools in field hockey happened on one day. It was called a “play day. We would practice for several weeks and then travel to one school who would host all the colleges who had field hockey teams. Win or lose, each team played four games in one day. The team with the most wins won the play-day.

I often wondered why all of the health officials were afraid of women practicing and competing at high levels. That was always the reason given for not having competitive women’s sports. Yet, having very few practices and playing four field hockey games on one day didn’t seem to me to be the safest approach of the day.

My college sports: Title IX is Passed 1972 turned out to be the beginning of a breakthrough for girl’s and women’s competitive sports.

President Richard Nixon signed into law Title IX as part of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. It stated that “no person in the United States would, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance”. There was a

slight problem. Title IX didn’t mention athletics anywhere, only education programs. There were congressional leaders who tried to weaken Title IX by exempting girls and women’s sports from the amendment. Another tried to exempt revenue sports from compliance. No, the regulation didn’t go into effect right away but in anticipation, change had already begun.

Women’s college sports took off immediately. Women educator/coaches formed a governing body similar to the NCAA called the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. The state AIAW’s were named according to the state name i.e., Kansas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (KAIAW).

Representatives from each state school who participated elected a governing body within the state to set guidelines and rules for competition. Each individual school decided which sports they would be sponsoring so rules and competition for each sport could be designed.

During my sophomore year at Washburn, we fielded a volleyball team, a gymnastics team and a field hockey team. In my junior year, basketball and softball were added. I was in heaven. My teammates and I were able to participate in four team sports each year. Even though the seasons were very short, the number of competitions were few and our coaches were not necessarily experts in these sports, we loved every single minute of it.

Our teams also tried to strengthen Title IX during those first years. We wrote our congressmen and President Nixon’s Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger encouraging mandatory compliance of Title IX. During the AIAW National Basketball Tournament in 1974 hosted by Kansas State University, we attended the tournament games and marched at half-time carrying signs to make Title IX mandatory. We wanted our voices heard. It wasn’t until 1978 that Title IX mandatory compliance became final.

Coaching high school sports 1972-1977

I began my teaching and coaching career at Washburn Rural High School in 1971. The main girl’s sport at WRHS was gymnastics. An hour each day was built into my teaching schedule for a 6th hour gymnastics class that consisted of the girl’s gymnastics team. This seemed strange to me since it took at least 10 minutes to set up the equipment and 10 minutes to take it down for the next scheduled event right after school. In most cases that left only 30 minutes of practice time. Hardly enough time to practice on four pieces of equipment (vaulting horse, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise with 12 girls).

If we were to be competitive in gymnastics, I knew we would need to schedule more practice time after school. That

was not a problem for the sophomores. It did pose a problem for the juniors and seniors who were not used to any type of extra practice. They never had to do that with the previous gymnastics coach! My rule was if you didn’t attend the extended practice time, you would not be a member of the competing team. Parents were not happy because their daughters were not happy.

However, rules were rules so and if we ever expected to be competitive and practice better safety in a dangerous sport, we needed to be better prepared. Of course, the sophomores were extremely happy.

They moved up the ladder to compete when the upperclassmen quit.

By being firm on my practice rules, it was a given when we added the competitive sports of volleyball, basketball and track that out of school practice would be required. That happened in 1972 with the passage of Title IX. High school girls were finally able to have competition with other schools in all sports. I started the first competitive teams at WRHS in volleyball, basketball and track. I continued to be the gymnastics team coach as well. With Title IX not a popular law in these early stages of competition, there were numerous growing pains fielding teams.

Our basketball team practiced early in the morning before school or later at night for gym space. In the pecking order, our practice times ranked below the music department. As it turned out the first few years, I would start the day picking up my basketball players in a school bus and transport them to a grade school gym for practice at 6:00 am. I would drive them back to the high school and get ready for my 5 hours of physical education classes. Our gymnastics team continued to practice during 6th hour but then come back at 7:00 pm for additional practice. We had to wait for the boys’ basketball practice or music/band practice or football practice on rainy days before we were scheduled.

I was finding that my days began in the dark and ended in the dark. On top of that, I was not being paid for my coaching. Things had to change. My second year I asked to be paid for coaching basketball or I would not coach the team. It was pretty disappointing to learn that they would just drop girls’ basketball if I didn’t coach for free. So, I quit coaching basketball. I had to take a stand. My players still wanted to play basketball and have a team so they went to their parents and demanded that basketball be kept. With that pressure, the board decided to keep girls’ basketball and hired a new coach. They hired male and he was paid.

I still was not being paid to coach volleyball or track. I decided to approach our teacher representative and ask if he would try to get me some pay for my coaching hours. He did indeed. The representatives decided to pay me with our male coaches pay raise for the next year. Yes, my first coaching

pay was my male colleagues pay raise. In addition to fighting for gym time with them, I was now taking their pay raise. I was not exactly their favorite person.

After stirring up enough good trouble in my six years, I left Washburn Rural in 1977 and was hired to teach physical education and coach softball and basketball at Washburn University.

Coaching college sports 1977-2000

I was thrilled to reach my dream job. Returning to my Alma Mater to teach and coach. I wanted my teams to have opportunities girls and young women didn’t have pre-Title IX. But I didn’t know that my journey would be long and hard.

At that time, being a female teacher and coach at the college level didn’t mean that men and women were treated equally. My male colleagues had a lighter teaching load and none of them were the head coach of two major sports. Once again, my days were early and my nights were long. At the same time, it was a thrilling time to be in women’s athletics. Everything was moving rapidly. Women’s collegiate sports were at an all time high for participation. My students loved playing even though they didn’t have athletic scholarships like the men did. Even though their practice times and locations were not exactly desirable, they did what they had to do to play. For a whole group of women coaches, we were determined to make changes and fight for equal rights under the law for our players. It was the little things that were irritating. When our basketball practice time was at 5:30 pm, we were never able to begin until the men’s practice was over. If the men’s team was having a bad day, their coach would make them practice until 5:45 or even after 6:00 pm. Even though our team was waiting to get on the court at 5:30, it didn’t matter. The men ruled the court.

When a new facility was built, we finally got an afternoon practice time on the old court, but never got to practice or play games on the new court in the new facility. My players were paying tuition just like the male players. The Athletic Department funding came from tuition paid by all students. It just wasn’t fair. During our games in the old gym, our half-time meeting room was the women’s swimming locker room.

It was very interesting trying to plan during half-time when the swimming class ended and wet swimmers were walking around the room soaking the floors. Of course, the men had a new, larger locker room with their own individual dressing stations. No wet floors to worry about for them.

When our women’s team finally received some scholarship money in 1983, our individual players received around \$300-\$500 each. My star player received a tuition and books scholarship with one free meal per day during the season. She was our first All-America player in women’s basketball.

Unfortunately for her, our practice times were

so late, the cafeteria was closed when she finished practice. I called that to the attention of our Athletic Director. To remedy this, the A.D. arranged to have her free meal placed in the cafeteria refrigerator for her to pick up after practice. Her dinner was a cold sandwich - ready for pick-up. A real healthy training table for our All-America player. The equal pay issue came much later during my tenure. In the 1990’s, our Title IX compliance officer went to work to increase my salary so it would be equal to the men’s coach. She was successful.

However, my salary was so far from his salary, it took an increase over a three-year period to make it equal. After fifteen plus years, we were equal.

It was during the 1990’s that women’s scholarships became equal as well. The men and the women both had 12 full rides. This was quite an accomplishment yet there was more work to do.

In 1993-95, I was a member of the NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Committee. Each region had a representative that met with the NCAA Director for Women’s DII Basketball. We conducted the national rankings during the season and then met at the DII Championship games at the end of the season to discuss rules and regulations. During our meetings, we found that the NCAA per diem for female athletes was not equal to the men. We found that the traveling party for championships were not equal. Women’s teams had a limit of 19 for their traveling party, the men had twenty-two. We were able to remedy this the next year. Another item I was able to bring forth simply because both the Washburn men’s and women’s basketball teams won the regional championship that year was the fact that our men received a giant regional championship trophy. Our women received zero. That too was remedied the next year. If not for champions from the same school, I’m not sure when the women would have received a regional championship trophy from the NCAA.

I retired from coaching at Washburn in 2000. I was so fortunate that my coaches and physical education teachers were such progressive people. They worked hard to give girls like me so many opportunities to compete in sports. I am so grateful to these men and women. I hope I carried on their legacy and helped my students and players to even more opportunities so they could thrive and prosper because of their participation in sports.

Even though President Richard Nixon didn’t realize that the bill he signed in 1972 would result in an explosion in girl’s and women’s sports, I am very grateful that he signed that amendment. Happy Anniversary Title IX.

-Patty

source for this essay:
<https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/TitleIX/Main.cfm>

Kingman County 4-H'ers Attend Camp



Twelve Kingman County 4-H'ers participated in the 75th Annual Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch, near Junction City, KS, June 21-24. Due to COVID restrictions, camper numbers were limited. The theme this year for camp was "Happy Trails." The camp consisted of over two hundred campers, counselors, and extension agents from 20 counties including districts in Kansas. Students within Kingman County who are also 4-H members that have completed 2nd through 8th grade were able to attend as campers. 4-H'ers 15 years of age and older were able to serve as counselors.

The Heart of Kansas camp is a four-day experience with fun activities and workshops including horseback riding, archery, rock wall climbing, shooting sports, swimming, canoeing, fishing and other interactive events, along with the opportunity to make friends from other counties. The campfire, dance, and presentations from Tanganikya Wildlife Park and the Santa Fe Trail center were highlights this year from the evening activities.

For more information about 4-H opportunities, please contact the Kingman County Extension Office at 620-532-5131.



Front Row: McCoy Young, Alyssa Osner, Audrey Webb, Mackley Glenn, Weston Rogers, Julia Hageman
Back Row: Kaitlyn Webb, Reese Allen, Joey Thimesch, Gunner Glenn, Kendall Rogers, Tyler Osner

West Kingman County Education Foundation Banner

The first volleyball game at home is August 31st. The West Kingman County Education Foundation is again having a banner made for the gymnasium with a list of all sponsors. A sponsorship is \$100.00 and can be sent to the foundation at 104 W. Fourth Street, Cunningham, KS 67035. If you would like to help with scholarships and other activities for the students of U.S.D. 332, please send your donation by August 10, 2021 so that your name can be included on the banner. If you have any questions, contact Janet DeWeese at 620-298-2717.



Chevy Cluchey

Emporia State Confers Degrees

EMPORIA, KS (07/08/2021)-- Emporia State University congratulates more than 660 students who received their academic degrees after completing the spring 2021 semester. Graduates from this area are:

Kelsy Lynn Higgins of Kingman, Kansas, Master of Science in School Counseling

Megan Danielle Kolm of Pratt, Kansas, B.S. in Education in Elementary Education

Brooke Ann Theis of Pratt, Kansas, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in General Studies

"Now I understand that one of the important reasons for going to college and getting an education is to learn that the things you've believed in all your life aren't true, and that nothing is what it appears to be."

— Daniel Keyes, *Flowers for Algernon*

What I Did On My Summer Vacation... at the Library!

By Angela Glascock

At the start of most school years, students head back to school with tales of their adventures during the summer and spend time catching up with friends. When school starts this fall, many Cunningham area students should have some great stories about what they did as a part of the summer programs from the Cunningham Public Library!

The Summer Reading Program started on June 7 and ends on Friday, July 16. Each week at the library, there were daily activities for both young and old(er) patrons, including (virtually) shows, interviews with well-known authors and illustrators, and visits with special guests and/or visits to special places. The daily SRP also provided in-house crafts, STEM activities, story times, and more.

Those Summer Readers who could not attend in person at the library, could join them from home by visiting the CPL website at <https://cunningham.sckslibrary.info> and clicking the on "Summer Reading" tab on the menu bar. These virtual programs and activities are available through September 7. Just click on the links! While you're there, be sure to view Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show!

If you want to get in a few extra steps to help you maintain your health (or lose the COVID 15), take a stop at Lion's Park. You may notice while walking there are storyboards along the way - another service provided by the Cunningham Public Library.

Ever thought about joining a book club? Cunningham Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month. This month the club is reading *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge and will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28th at the library. Everyone's invited. All you need to join is a love for reading. Contact the library to learn more.

Is your Internet on the fritz? Go to the library! You may bring your laptop or use one of our two patron computers. Last year we extended our Wifi hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so even if the library is closed, you may still access the library's

free Wifi from parking areas nearby.

If you have heard of a fantastic book you want to read but the library does not have it, just ask the librarian or a volunteer about Interlibrary Loans. We can get that book for you by borrowing it from another library - all at no cost to you.

Are you headed on a long trip or have a commute each day? Have you thought of listening to books on tape? Maybe you'd like to check out an ebook to read on your digital device? All of these options are free to you by signing up for a Kansas Library e-Card at CPL. With your Kansas Library eCard, you'll have access to a vast collection provided by The State Library and it's free!

So far this seems like a lot, but is there more? Why, yes, there is more!

If you enjoy digital magazines, visit the library's website to access the children's magazines,

Cobblestone and Eco Kids Planet. The older set may be interested in Discover, Eating Well, Wired, House Beautiful and Prevention. All you need to access these new and backlist magazines from your home computer or mobile device is a library card!

Your library card also gives you access to Kanopy, a streaming video service. Sign up for a free account and browse family films and K-12 lessons. These videos include animated children's books, documentaries, and Indie Films. You can even take a course through Great Courses. Patrons can have up to 10 film checkouts per month, one of the Great Courses per month, and an unlimited number of Kanopy Kids videos and animated story books per month. And, it's all free if you have a CPL library card.

Need a library card? You can now sign up for one online through our

online catalog at cunningham.bibliionix.com. Online sign-up is just another way the library is working to make using the library easier for our patrons. Of course, you may still stop in at the library any time during our regular library hours to sign up for a library card.

With your new library card start exploring our online catalog--see what's popular and new, explore our electronic resources,

read book summaries and reviews, learn more about your favorite authors, find Accelerated Reading information, book recommendations and more.

Be sure to explore all your options on the library's website and online catalog. Even if you are a bigger kid, there is plenty for you to do on your summer vacation... or any time!



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.
1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Upcoming Auctions

Monday, July 26th Land and House auction - Hamm Auction Center

Monday, August 2nd Farm Sale
From Coats: 4 miles South, 1.2 miles East, 1/2 mile South
From Hwy 281 & Elm Mills Rd.: 8.5 miles West on Elm Mills Rd. to sign "Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fisher"

Wednesday, August 11th Land Auction
434 +/- Acres Pratt County Pasture Land - Hamm Auction Center

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



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Get Smart!

Call

620-532-5133 for Kingman County Sheriff's Office OR
1-800-kscrim OR **911**

Pratt County Commission Meeting July 12, 2021 and July 14, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Michael

Blackford, Pratt Tribune and Morgan Trinkle.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over Zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, reported he would like to replace a 2008 grader with 20,000 hours. He will get quotes and report back.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented a COVID update. Pratt County has a total of six new cases, four are currently active. They are

working on grants.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from June 28 and July 6, 2021 meetings as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, suggested a budget workshop Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. It was agreed to recess until Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 12:00 pm to work on the budgets.

Sheryl Stevenson and Shari Gatton presented the soil conservation budget. They are requesting the same as 2021.

Billy Hampton, fire/

rescue chief, presented a quote on repairing the turbo on rescue 1. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the quote for repairs on rescue 1 in the amount of \$1,634.98. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman Construction Group, certificate #7 for \$518,040.00. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 12, 2021. Commissioner Adams

seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess the meeting for a budget workshop until Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 12:00 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting recessed.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori

Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over Zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Budgets were discussed. April Swartz with Varney & Associates explained the budget worksheets and answered questions.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:21 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Deadline Fast Approaching for Conservation Reserve Program General Signup

Manhattan, Kansas July 19, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Kansas is reminding producers and landowners that the signup deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) current general signup is fast approaching. Eligible producers must submit their offers by July 23, 2021.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) made several changes to CRP to make it more appealing to all producers, including those who are historically underserved, beginning, and veterans. FSA added incentives to encourage producers to include climate-smart agricultural practices in their operations to increase natural resource and environmental benefits.

"Agricultural producers and private landowners should take advantage of the opportunities offered by the revamped CRP," FSA Acting State Executive Director Charles Pettijohn said. "Explore the increased payment rates and new incentives for climate-smart agricultural practices to see if elements of the revamped CRP fit your operation."

Updates to the Conservation Reserve Program

USDA's goal is to enroll up to 4 million new

CRP acres by raising payment rates and expanding the incentives offered under the program. CRP is capped at 25 million acres for fiscal year 2021, and currently 20.7 million acres are enrolled, but the cap will gradually increase to 27 million acres by fiscal year 2023. To help increase producer interest and enrollment, FSA has:

*Adjusted soil rental rates. This enables additional flexibility for rate adjustments, including a possible increase in rates where appropriate.

*Increased payments for Practice Incentives from 20% to 50%. This incentive for continuous CRP practices is based on the cost of establishment and is in addition to cost share payments.

*Increased payments for water quality practices. Incentive increased from 10% to 20% for certain water quality practices available through the CRP continuous signup, such as grassed waterways, riparian buffers and filter strips.

Additionally, to mitigate climate change, FSA introduced a new annual Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for the general, grasslands, and continuous signups that aims to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate-Smart CRP practices include establishing trees and permanent grasses, developing wildlife habitat, and restoring wetlands. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive amount is based on the benefits of each practice type.

More About CRP
CRP is one of the world's largest voluntary conservation programs with a long track record of preserving topsoil, improving water quality, sequestering carbon, reducing nitrogen runoff and preserving healthy wildlife habitat.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to control soil erosion and stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing more conservation and economic benefits. CRP marked its 35-year anniversary in December 2020.

Program successes include:

* Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.

*Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85% percent, respectively.

*Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times.

*Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds.

More information about the program can

be obtained through this [CRP fact](#) sheet.

More Information
Interested producers should contact their local USDA [Service Center](#). In addition to the CRP General signup, FSA is also accepting applications for the CRP Grasslands and CRP Continuous signups. Learn more at [fsa.usda.gov/crp](#).

To find their local FSA county office, producers can visit [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](#). Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, e-mail, and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Producers should contact their service center to set up an in-person appointment. Additionally, more infor-

mation related to USDA's response and relief for producers can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](#).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a

workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](#).

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity and natural resources including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices and partnerships, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, producers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including State, local and Tribal governments.

Public Notice							
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING							
The governing body of CITY OF PENALOSA will meet on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Community Bldg. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Community Bldg. and will be available at this hearing.							
BUDGET SUMMARY							
Proposed Budget 2022 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2021 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2022 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.							
FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2020		Current Year Estimate for 2021		Proposed Budget for 2022		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	4,627	10.168	10,657	13.703	11,573	3,294	13.602
Fire	2,824		3,669		1,128	0	0.000
Special Highway	788		2,900		971		
Totals	8,239	10.168	17,226	13.703	13,672	3,295	13.602
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	8,239		17,226		13,672		
Total Tax Levied	3,236		3,294		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	318,261		240,385		242,195		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2019	2020	2021				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills							
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13							
Ben Oak City Official Title: Councilman							

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Traffic Stops 3
Traffic abandoned vehicle 3000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Traffic debris in road E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave area, Kingman
Alarm 300 block N Vail St. Spivey
Disturbance 14000 block SW 50 St. Cunningham

Monday, July 12, 2021

Traffic stop 2
Traffic complaint 1000 block N Marquette St. Kingman
Traffic complaint 700 block W Hwy 42, Spivey
Traffic complaint E Bluff St & NE 40 Ave area, Kingman
911 call/Acc/Hangup 100 block N Somerset Norwich
Vehicle disabled 3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle disabled 10000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Traffic stop 1
Traffic complaint 5000 block NW 170 Ave Cunningham
Traffic complaint 4000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint 400 block W Stanley Ave, Spivey
Assist other agencies # Hwy 54 & NE 10 St. Kingman
Fire - outside SW 70 St. & SW 90 Ave area, Cunningham
Fire structure 400 block S Wilmot St. Cunningham
Non-injury accident E. A Ave. & N Charlton St. area Kingman
Vehicle Abandoned 4000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Welfare check 200 block W. C Ave. Kingman

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Traffic complaint 3000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman

Traffic complaint 300 block N Moore Street Spivey
Animal 4000 block N Hwy 14 Pretty Prairie
Lockout 200 block N Main St. Zenda
Non-Injury Accident NW 110 Ave & NW 40 St. area Kingman
Vehicle disabled E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14 Murdock
Welfare Check 16000 block NE 50 St. Cheney

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint SW 210 St. & SW 30 St area Spivey
Traffic complaint 3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint NE 10 Ave & NE 40 St. area Kingman
Animal 3000 block NE 150 Ave. Cheney
Damage NE 50 St. & NE 150 Ave area Cheney
Non-injury accident 15000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham

Friday, July 16, 2021

Traffic Stops 5
Traffic complaint 16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Traffic complaint SW 130 St & SW 30 Ave area Spivey
Traffic complaint 2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave area Rago
Animal 300 block N Main Kingman

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Traffic stops 7
Disturbance 1000 block S Main St Kingman
Harraassment 100 block S Westview St Norwich
Non-injury accident 15000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
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Dallas Thornhill

Dallas D. Thornhill, 80, died July 14, 2021 at his home.

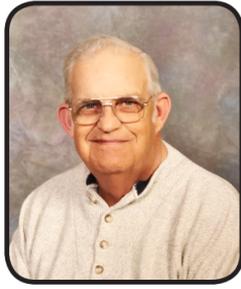
He was born April 27, 1941, at Wichita the son of William Evan and Doris Anita Franks Thornhill. A longtime resident of the Cunningham community, he was a retired service station owner/operator.

Dallas was a member of the Cunningham United Methodist Church; the Masonic Lodge, the Midian Shrine Temple; and the Cunningham Lions Club.

On June 3, 1961, he married Glenda Heflin at Pratt. Other survivors include son David and wife Sharon Thornhill; daughter Bonita O'Rorke and husband Rick; brother Charles Thornhill; 2 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021 at the Cunningham Christian Church.

Memorials may be made with the Cunningham EMT's in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Alex Kuhr

Alexander (Alex) Kuhr, a mechanic and semi-truck driver, passed away on July 7, 2021 at the age of 30 after having an accident on his motorcycle.

Alex is survived by his wife, Ashley Kuhr (Robinson); his children, Jasper Lee Felix and Faye Rebel Kuhr; his parents, Andrew Kuhr (Lea Ann), Connie Belcher (John); his sister, Shawna Stewart (JC), and his three brothers, Zachariah Kuhr, Nikolas Belcher, and Jakob Belcher.

Alex was born in Pratt, Kansas on January 13, 1991 to Andrew Kuhr and Connie Belcher. On August 9, 2014, he married Ashley. They have been together for ten years and married a wonderful six years. On February 25, 2015 they welcomed their handsome son, and November 18, 2016 they welcomed their beautiful daughter. Alex's children were a very important part of his life.

Alex was a loving husband and father. He enjoyed tinkering on anything motor related, going mudding, working on the farm, doing any activities with his kids and wife, riding his motorcycle with family and extended family, and just truly being around his family. He knew no stranger. He will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

The graveside service is scheduled was held on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Arrangements are by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Kiowa. www.lanmanmemorials.com Facebook: Lanman Funeral Home Inc.

Memorials may be given to the Alexander Kuhr family through the funeral home.



Loretta Schwartz

Loretta Ann Becker Schwartz, 94, died July 19, 2021 at Grace Cottage in Wichita, KS.

She was born October 2, 1924 in Nashville, KS the daughter of William and Rosa Hageman Becker. A Kingman resident since 1979, moving from Willowdale, she was a homemaker and retired farmer. She loved to sew and make beautiful quilts for her family. She also loved to bake goodies. She always had cookies or cakes in the freezer for anyone that came to visit. She especially liked keeping monster cookies in the freezer when her grandkids came to visit. One of her biggest joys was family time with her kids, grandkids and great grandkids but also getting together with her siblings, that was always a blessing to witness. So many wonderful memories of the love and laughter that was shared with all of them.

She was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman, KS

In 1947 she married Delbert Schwartz, who preceded her in death. Survivors include Sons Steve (Doris), Wayne (Debra), Craig, and daughter Carolyn Jantz (Kevin). Brothers: Walt Becker, Victor Becker, Gene Becker, and Don Becker. Sisters: Gladys Randolph, Irene Spade, Carolyn Dyche, and Pat Zrubek. She also was blessed with 10 Grandchildren and 16 Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Schwartz, her parents William and Rosa Hageman Becker, daughter Nancy Ann Schwartz, Brothers Herman Becker, William "Bud" Becker, Elmer Becker. Sisters Helen Kerschen, Marcella Orth, and Marie Cooley.

Parish Rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to St Patrick School, Kingman, and Harry Hynes Hospice and Serenity Hospice all in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Marlene Jansen

Jansen, Marlene Frances, 83, retired LPN, passed away on Friday, July 16, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Sr, parents, John (Rose) Wolke, and son in law Mitch Speck. Survivors include children, Donna Garlick, Kathy (Dr.

Don) Mayer, and Albert (Angie) Jansen Jr; sisters, Mary Lou (Bernard) Soellner, and Bernice May, 8 grandchildren: Josh Smith, April Gregory, Melissa Henry, C.J. Smith, Lauren Dome, Austin Speck, Jarrod Jansen, and Jeremy Jansen, 8 great-grandchildren; Ella Gregory, Wyatt Gregory, Karter Smith, Peyton Smith, Decklen Smith, Harper Henry, Charle Mae Henry, and Chandler Dome.

Funeral mass was Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at St Mark Catholic Church, St Mark, KS. Memorials established with American Heart Association, and American Diabetes Association.



Cindy Lannon

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Lannon, 56, died July 17, 2021 at Pretty Prairie.

She was born July 25, 1964, at Sterling, Kansas the daughter of Buddy and Ann Manwarren Messick. A longtime resident of Kingman, she was a homemaker.

Cindy was a member of the First Baptist Church. On April 25, 1987, she married Lynn Lannon. Other survivors include sons Curtis and Colin; daughter Rayanna Goering; mother Ann Messick; brother Clarence; sister Clarissa Maddy; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Raymond Cemetery, Raymond, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to the Cindy Lannon Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.



Gerí Henning

Geraldine "Geri" Eva Henning, 74, passed away July 17, 2021. She was born August 20, 1946 in Russell, KS the daughter of Servillian "Bill" and Irene (Weigel) Meis. Geri married Richard Henning in 1982, celebrated 38 years.

Geri worked at Kenton's Restaurant, American Legion Club for many years and cafeteria at Haskins School until her retirement. She had a loving generous spirit, when Geri made a friend it was a friend forever. She loved traveling and camping with Richard. Gardening, dancing and Elvis Music. She was a hard worker.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; two brothers, Fr. Peter Meis O.F.M. CAP. of Papua New Guinea and Mike Meis of Catherine; four sisters, Sr Mary Rose Meis C.S.A. of Fon du Lac, WI, Sr Mairse Meis, C.S.A of Nicaragua, Kathy (Jeff) Plank of Shelby Township, MI., and Christine Hadley of Hays, KS. Step daughter Deanne (Barry) Bennington; granddaughter Madeline all of Omaha, NE; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Yvonne (Meis) Rodriquez.

Friends may sign book Thursday and Friday from 9am - 5pm at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt, Ks. Rosery will be held at 10:30am, Saturday, July 24th, 2021 with Mass of Christian Burial following at 11:00am, Saturday, July 24th, 2021 both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Charles Atuah presiding. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Province of Mid America or to the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes C.S.A. in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrison-mortuary.com.

Linda Clark

Linda June Clark, 63 passed away July 13, 2021 in Preston, Kansas. She was born August 2, 1957 in Los Angeles to Donald Lee and Marilyn (Dale) Cox.

Linda married James (Jimmy) Clark Mt. Pleasant, SC. They were married for 13 years.

Linda attended Anaheim High School in Anaheim, CA. She worked for Sonoran Skies Mortuary and Funeral Home. She was a member of Lion Of Judah Praise Fellowship, Preston, KS. She enjoyed Fishing, Arts and Crafts, making Jewelry and an all around handy woman..

She is survived by Mother, Marilyn K. Cox of Preston, KS. Sons, Julian R. (Rachel) Guerrero of Phoenix, AZ, Adrian C. (Randi) Guerrero of Phoenix, AZ; Daughters, Angela M. Beck of Indianapolis, IN, Amy Clark of Mt. Pleasant SC; . Sisters, Donna (Ken) Stanton of Preston, KS. Kathy (Michael) Saldan of Glendale, AZ, Kim (Denny) Kinnison of Mount Pleasant, SC. There 8 grandchildren. Many nieces and nephews.

Linda is preceded in death by her father Donald Lee Cox, Husband, James (Jimmy) Leon Clark, brother Donald Lee Cox Jr.

The family has chosen cremation and services will follow at a later date.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd..

Kingman County COVID Update

July 14, 2021

As of 9:15 today, we have 2 active COVID-19 cases. One of these people is currently in the hospital. None of our active cases are vaccinated.

If you are wondering how Kingman County is doing on COVID-19 vaccinations, please check out the data on the Kansas COVID-19 vaccination website: <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/158/Data>

To break it down per 1000 population, we are sitting around 42% for fully vaccinated people among all vaccine eligible people (12 years and older) in the county. For total county population, the percentage of fully vaccinated individuals is around 36%. We do have all 3 COVID-19 vaccines on hand to help improve these vaccination rates-give us a call at 620-532-2221 to schedule an appointment-we can vaccinate anyone 12 years and older. Anyone who has had COVID-19 still needs to be vaccinated,

as we are finding vaccination is providing a more robust immune response in comparison to natural infection.

Infection rates are trending upward, especially in areas where vaccination rates are low-viruses are going to spread and adapt when allowed to be transmitted more freely. Fully vaccinated people have a much lower risk of serious illness and hospitalization...and quarantine is not required when fully-vaccinated people are identified as close contacts to people testing positive for COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people are also not asked to mask up when in public in most settings. If anything, we encourage everyone to consider vaccination's benefits. We have come a long way in this pandemic, but the pandemic is not over-there are people still getting seriously ill; let's continue to look out for each other.



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