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County Commission Meeting May 11th

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Expo Center North Room, Kansas on May 11th, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor (online)

Visitors online: Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; DeAnna Gerhardt; Larry Landwehr; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk; Jon Richardson; Joyce Foley; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Caller 01; Caller 02; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer & Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance.

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

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

Commissioner Henning would like to add some comments to the Public Comments session.

County Clerk Carol Noblit would like to add time for Becky Luntsford to see the Commissioners and Mark Schnittker would like time with the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the additions of comments during public comments; add time with Becky Luntsford and time for Mark Schnittker with the Commission. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Jason Jump discussed with the Commissioners why they are not allowing fountain drinks to be available to people. Mr. Jump also discussed how it was people's given right to be able to decide if they would like a fountain drink or not.

Mr. Jump asked the Commissioners why they are making this decision.

The Commissioners let Mr. Jump know that they would bring this back up during the Health Nurses time.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the FAS #12 Bridge Project.

Mr. Arensdorf would like to keep sales tax at one million in reserve for future projects.

The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf about the bridge funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agreement between Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County, Kansas for Project No. 48C-5043-01 ER-C504(301) FAS #12 Bridge. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed with the Commissioners a detour agreement with KDOT.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his April Financial Reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the Murdock Safety Project and that construction is underway.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the bid letting procedures and attendance by the consultants. The Commissioners would like them to attend the meeting by using the Go To Meeting.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he has a Hot Mix Bid Letting for FAS 1428 & 303 on May 18th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director was in with a new request for proposal for resheet the North, West and South side of the Kingman Expo Center with metal.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the new request for proposal on the Expo Center siding. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed the opening of the Expo Center and the moral responsibility of the County.

The Commissioners decided that they would like to remain closed until phase three at least.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to update the Commissioners on COVID-19.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting to public comment.

Jason Jump asked why we are still restricting soda fountain usage by limiting civil liberties and freedom.

John Caton, County Counselor said that Jason Jump's argument is not a public comment.

Chairman Steffen said Public Comment is over.

Ms. Schwartz restrictions are going to remain through phase one and the Governor will decide later this week when phase two will begin.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are remaining locked but are holding appointments for people to come in.

Chairman Steffen opened up public comment because he shut off Larry Landwehr who wanted to talk.

Larry Landwehr asked why day cares are open with little ones coming in and out.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that the State is allowing day cares to be open because they are considered essential. That essential employees are needing day care and the kids need a place to go.

Stan Goetz, HR presented an application for an individual to work temporary at the Courthouse to check individuals in.

Richard Schott let the Commissioners know that things are going well but there are a few changes that need to be made.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve hiring Jeff Heminway temporary to sit at the Courthouse door and let individuals in. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the state has closed the drivers license office on Tuesday indefinitely but Thursday they will be open for renewals only starting the week of the 18th.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that taxes are due today because no extension was given.

The County Commissioners signed one abatement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse

Maintenance and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:31 a.m. to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed and they will return to open session in the Expo Center North Room at 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:37 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Stan Goetz, went over the following building permits:

Chris Dick for a garage in Section 6, Township 30, Range 8.

Robert Goodman for a garage in Section 24, Township 27, Range 5.

Debra Alderman for a shed/living quarters in Section 7, Township 29, Range 6.

Monte Rose for a shed in Section 6, Township 28, Range 9.

Jerry Cass for an attached garage/shed in Section 23, Township 27, Range 5.

Nick Blank for a Barn in Section 11, Township 28, Range 6.

Mr. Goetz submitted permits for the windfarm.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$774,059.59.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$51972.92.

Mr. Caton discussed property tax valuation on improvements to a property.

Commissioner Henning was just wanting to know if fixing property cosmetics can affect the taxes on a property.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence received from Viner about extension on their NRP.

Commissioners would like to look at the NRP policy.

Mr. Caton let the Commissioners know that the NRP policy states that a further extension can be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Commissioners decided to table the NRP until next week.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

City Council to Meet Tuesday, May 26th, using Zoom

The Cunningham City Council will conduct its monthly meeting through Zoom, a remote conferencing service that combines video conferencing, online meetings, and chat. Council members will be able to attend the meeting from their home, place of business, or wherever they are using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. Members of the public will also have access to the meeting using the same devices. A

phone option is available, although the numbers provided by the service are not toll free.

Those attending the meeting must sign in, whether using a phone or computer. Upon sign-in all participants are muted. The meeting host can unmute participants individually or as a group, which will allow time for public comments. The meeting will be recorded to ensure compliance with the open meetings law. Contact the City Clerk at (620) 298-3077 or email at clerk67035@gmail.com for more information on attending the meeting. In addition to regular business, the

Mayor will make annual appointments, with the consent and approval of the City Council, to over a dozen positions, including the library board, recreation board, city clerk, treasurer, property officer, etc. The Council will receive an update on the water well project and make a decision on installing a fence in the park around the well site. Within the restrictions and guidelines provided by the State and County, the City Council will set a date for opening the pool and other areas of the city park.

For more information, contact the City Clerk at (620) 298-3077.



Two Palominos
will be open on
Memorial Day
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
120 West First Street
620-318-6039
620-450-8561



Memorial Day Services at the Cunningham and Laredo Cemeteries have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

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

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

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Community Bulletin Board

Tuesday, May 26th 6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, July 11th High School Prom

Friday, July 24th High School Graduation

Wednesday, May 27th 7:00 p.m.
Book Club at Eilene's

Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



Kingman Historic Theatre

237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
Please come and support YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre!

Curbside Concessions:
Saturday, May 23rd from 3pm-6pm

We are encouraging orders be placed by FB MESSENGER and by phone at 532-1253.
(If you order via FB messenger and do not get a reply within a few minutes, please resend or call in your order).
If you must order at the window...please follow social distancing guidelines.

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Old Photos for *Our Community Album*
Call (620) 298-2659 or email cunninghamcourier@embarq-mail.com or send to PO Box 38, Cunningham, KS 67035

"Golden Girl" T-Shirt Fundraiser

Fundraiser for one of the sweetest ladies in our community!!
(That would be Gayla Golden)

Youth small - Adult XL \$17.00
Adult 2XL - 3XL \$20.00

The shirts says "Under the wing an angel, we feel protected. Through prayers to God, we feel connected. Lord, take the Reins!!"

Contact Jennifer Neywick at 620-546-1506 to place your order.

May 26th Deadline!

Fundraisers & Charitable

Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com
(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)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

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

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

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1970

May 21- Commencement exercises for 18 members of the Senior Class of Cunningham High School, will be held in the school gym-auditorium tonight (Thursday, May 21), at 8:00 o'clock.

Members of the Class of 1970 are Mary Adelhardt, Bonnie Albers, Gene Albers, Jim Brady, Rogene Cooley, Mike Cunningham, Marilyn Fischer, Darlene Freund, Gail Hageman, Linda Kampling, Curtis Kitson, Teresa Long, Marvin Oller, Ed Panek, Lewis Park, Kenny Reif, Kathy Sallee, and Cheryl Simon.

Class Colors are Purple and White.

Class Motto: "We Shall Lead, Let Others Follow"

Class Sponsors are Eva Cundiff and Larry Nolte.

Gene Albers is the valedictorian and Teresa Long is the salutatorian.

Commencement exercises for the 22 graduates of Nashville-Zenda High School, were held last night (Wednesday, May 20), in the school gym-auditorium in Zenda.

Members of the Class of 1970 are Steven Adelhardt, Rodney Blasi, Gloria Bohrer, Shirley Dick, Jane Goertz, Charlette Goetz, Randy Goetz, Steven Goetz, James Hauser, Debra Hellman, Steven Hensiek, Karen Jacobs, Janice Marx, John Mattal, Edwin McGuire, Janet Moore, Gary Nowak, Rebecca Ricker, Wayne Schwartz, Edward Vierthaler, Linda Watkins, and Mark Westerman.

Class Colors are Dark Green and White.

Class Motto: "Forward Ever, Backward Never."

Class Sponsors are Mrs. Edmond Hartshorn and Mrs. Terry Schrag.

Eddie McGuire is the valedictorian of the class and Linda Watkins is the salutatorian.

Dr. William Mudge of Turon, will hold his annual rose show, Sunday afternoon, May 24, from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock, and he invites his Cunningham friends to come and see his 124 plants of 80 different varieties.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. (Chick) Howell will hold a public auction at their home, located at the southwest edge of Cunningham, Saturday afternoon, May 23, beginning at 1:00 o'clock.

They will sell the farm of 39 acres; the farm machinery; and some household goods.

1965

May 20 - Five ball teams will see action in Cunningham this summer under the City Recreation Program.

The line-up lists three baseball teams and two softball teams.

Fr. Eugene Robl will serve as manager of two teams, the Pee Wee baseball team (lower grades), and the girl's softball team. Kent Williamson will handle the Babe Ruth baseball team (upper grades), and Merle McCune will manage the American Legion baseball team (high school). Jack Meyers has charge of the men's slo-pitch team.

The newly organized Zenda-Nashville Lions Club will hold their "Charter Night" banquet and program, Saturday evening, May 22, at 6:30 o'clock in the Zenda School Lunchroom.

Officers of the Zenda-Nashville Lions Club include Joe Strong of Nashville, President; Bob Otto of Zenda, First Vice-President; Harold Borgelt of Zenda, Second Vice-President; Richard Morisse of Nashville, Third Vice-President; V. O. McMichael of Zenda, Secretary and Treasurer; Leon Vierthaler of Zenda, Tail Twister; Larry Whitmer of Zenda, Lion Tamer.

The newly elected city officials held their first regular meeting, Monday evening, May 3, in the City Building.

City Clerk Jack Meyers administered the oath of office to the two new councilmen, K. C. Jones and Ivan Cain, and the new Police Judge, Lester Yarberr, along with incumbent officials, Mayor Francis Dafforn, and Councilmen Roy Lewis, Waldo Graves, and Floren Rose.

Mayor Dafforn, with the approval of the Council, appointed Jack Meyers as City Clerk; Rufus Leiter as City Treasurer; and G. L. Hergert as City Marshal.

1960

May 19- Kenneth Winters and Jerry Pelzl will represent Cunningham Rural High School in the State Track Meet at Manhattan, following stellar qualifying performances in the Class B Regional Track Meet at Hutchinson last Saturday.

Kenneth won the 180-yard low hurdles race in the time of 20.4 seconds, tying the meet record. Jerry placed second in the broad jump behind Charles Bolinger of Cheney, with a leap of 20 feet, 7 inches. It was the fourth time this year that Charles and Jerry placed one-two in the broad jump. Jerry also placed fifth in the 440-yard dash.

According to the 1960 school census, completed this week by Grade School Board of

Education Clerk Dean Cooley, there are a total of 330 pupils in the grade school and high school, 150 girls and 180 boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Bortz of Glendale, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, May 14, at the Pratt County Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 13 1/2 ounces, and has been named Teri Lee.

Wednesday, May 25, at 12:00 noon, all parents, friends, and patrons of the school and community are invited to meet in the gym with well-filled baskets for the "last-day-of-school" dinner.

1955

May 19- Commencement exercises will be held this (Thursday) evening at 8:00 o'clock in the High School Auditorium for thirty Seniors, the largest graduating class in the history of Cunningham Rural High School.

Dr. Harold Choguill, Professor of Chemistry at Fort Hays State Teachers College, will deliver the commencement address. He will speak on the subject, "Goals of Living. Musical numbers will be given by Clarinetist Donald Pelzl, Trombonist Roger Buntemeyer, and Vocalist Donna Renner. The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. W. F. Ramsdale. Presentation of the class will be made by Principal Will Seacat, and School Board Director Loren Cooley will present the diplomas to the class. Jeanne Seacat will play the processional march.

Scholastic honors will go to Valedictorian Barbara Johnson and Salutatorian Johnna Cooley.

The Cunningham City Fire Department made a run to the new school building under construction to extinguish a trash burner fire about 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening.

1950

May 19 - A new lino-type for the Clipper was purchased this week from the Kansas City Star.

A small tornado struck the Charles Kemp farm, six miles south of town, Tuesday afternoon, destroying a barn, brooder house, and tin granary.

Rev. Joe Riley Burns of Winfield, will deliver the address at the High School Commencement Exercises next Tuesday evening. Members of the graduating class are Beverly Barr, Ivan Cain, Donna DeWeese, Merle Duff, James Gagnebin, Gordon Heeke, Wilmer Huffman, Jerry Schafer, Mary Smith, Bobby Urban, Jack Watkins, and Romana Zrubek.

1940

May 17- Shortstop Ray Shafer belted a home run as Cunningham swamped Preston by a 22-9 score in a South Central Kanas League baseball game here last

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Thanks for recycling
The Courier on
June 1st



What About History?

Last month I wrote in this space about what I feel has been different about Cunningham; compared to towns that have been less successful at modernizing and staying functional. I'm thinking that I may have made it sound like Cunningham was a little utopia. I want to set the record a little closer to straight that Cunningham hasn't been a utopia. I pointed out several areas of cooperation and support that led to successes. With those victories were some less than perfect interactions in the communities.

I'll start with my own birth community. Some of my desire to tell the stories I have been told and know, is to tell about St. Leo to the south 8 miles. I can't tell the story of St. Leo without telling a little about Willowdale

and Frank Weinschank. The Weinshank family was one of the early settlers in Kingman County. Unethical land agents filled the heads of prospective farmers with lies about how once they plowed the soil they would get more rain. "Rain will follow the plow" was often used in print to draw corn farmers to try their luck in the semi-arid central Kansas.

The land around Willowdale was soon bought at hefty prices. When several years of normal and below normal rain fell most of the original land occupants went broke. The Weinshank family was one of these early failures. Unlike most of these failure stories the Weinshank family went further west and worked jobs there till they could come back to Kingman County and buy back their original land at a lower price.

Because of their success they were able to buy large quantities of land. Now with Weinshank as the landowner/agent, he started to plan the selling of this land. Since Frank was both German and Catholic, he decided to sell his land to only German/Catholic farmers. When he bought up the St. Leo area about 25 years later, he did the same.

This segregation by religion was something that was happening in other areas also. The Nashville area was mostly German/Lutheran and further west the Sawyer area was German/Baptist. While the Cunningham area was mostly Protestant it had a small number of Catholics. The conflict between these people of European ancestry but different Christian Church affiliations was real and heated. Weinshank had intended

that the people of his created towns would cooperate because they had so much in common. That mostly worked until they had to get out into the bigger communities. I feel any kind of bias or bigotry is harmful to communities and people.

The fact that Cunningham had no minority citizens was no accident either. This town (as did many Kansas towns), had a "Sundown Law". The Sundown Law stated that any Black person had to be out of town by sundown. I don't know if this law was ever acted upon, but it still was on the books. I guess my insight is that Cunningham has done a better job of working together but it hasn't been perfect. Having said that, it must have been better than most. Till next month.

Alan Albers



Meanderings

Well, folks, for those of you who don't care to read my 'book reports' you will need to mosey along to something a bit more interesting... like the county commission minutes...because today I'm going to talk about books, because I really don't have anything else in my life that is interesting or exciting. I go to Pratt and get groceries and to the chiropractor. I go to Hutchinson on Wednesdays and pick up the papers at the Hutch News office and stop for a burger and onion rings and a soda at Sonic, and occasionally I fill my car up with gas...and that's not ever interesting and exciting. But that is the extent of my life except for all the books I read. And the cats and dogs. But they fight and bark and run ... not too much excitement. Just annoyance.

A few weeks ago I read "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" and mentioned the book in this column. One person called to say she had once started the book, but Eleanor's co-workers were rather mean to her. I assured the reader it all comes out fine in the end. This is going to be my recommended book for this next year's book club.

I so, so loved this book and the protagonist for various reasons. She doesn't understand or abide by regular people's standards, describing them in language that made me laugh out loud.

Eleanor is a fragile soul and an enigma. "It often feels as if I'm not here, that I'm a figment of my own imagination. There are days when I feel so lightly connected to the earth that the threads that tether me to the planet are gossamer thin, spun sugar. A strong gust of wind could dislodge me completely, and I'd lift off and blow away, like one of those seeds in a dandelion clock."

On eating: "My preference is for fodder that is cheap, quick and simple to procure and prepare, whilst providing the requisite nutrients to enable a person to stay alive."

On telemarketers: "I whisper 'I know where you live' to them, and hang up the phone very, very gently."

On Fridays: "At the office, there was that palpable sense of Friday joy, everyone colluding with the lie that somehow the weekend would be amazing and that, next week, work would be different. They never learn."

When I finished the book, I realized there were words in there I wasn't very familiar with and a couple I should have noted, but I was so enthralled with Eleanor and her maze-filled journey through life, I neglected to mark the pages. I will read this little treasure again, and mark the words and special passages, you haven't heard the last of Eleanor Oliphant.

Yesterday I started reading "Girl in the Arena" by Lise Haines. What an odd book for young adults. It is engrossing and I am enjoying reading it. Not so much because of the story line, but because of how unusual it is. The story revolves around a modern-day gladiator culture. Gladiators as in 'fighting to the death in an arena in front of crowds' gladiators. There are many rules and regulations that have been established since the culture started in 1969. It seems to be a satire of our modern societal trends. Interesting. I'm about 1/2 way through, and I am looking forward to the ending... I'm curious how the author is going to finish the story.

And, because, once again, I left my book here at the office last night, and I was too lazy to come up and get it, I started another book before I went to bed. "Turn of the Key" by Ruth Ware "the Agatha Christie of our time." And I do love a good Agatha Christie mystery. I'm about 1/3 of the way through this book. It is a bit different, but it doesn't lack suspense. You have a large home in the remote Scottish Highlands, equipped with the latest and newest technology, a wealthy family, a nanny accused of murder, absent parents, a child saying "The ghosts don't want you" all the makings for a page-turning read. I'll be carrying that book around for a couple of days, reading in every spare minute of my time.

I have read one other book by Ruth Ware, "A Dark, Dark Wood". It wasn't the best book I've read, but it was okay. It kept me guessing to the end. I have several other books by her on my 'to be read list'. I love suspense and thriller books.

I have the new Lisa Gardner book in the stack by my bed. I do like her detective/suspense books. I have a series by John Lutz I'd like to read in the near future. Geesh, I'm running out of time! I have sooooo many books to read!

Have recently read "Racing California" a young adult novel about a high school bicyclist trying to go professional. I did learn a little bit about bicycling.

In yet another young adult read, "Twisted" by Laurie Halse Anderson, I met Tyler Miller, a young man trying to do what is right despite the trouble he was in after spray painting graffiti on his high school; and despite a principal and peers and a father who don't expect much from him, or maybe expect too much. I really liked listening to him reason out his decisions. Excellent character.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Girl in the Arena" by Lise Haines and "Turn of the Key" by Ruth Ware Roberta

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Sunday afternoon. Ben German was on the pitcher's mound for Cunningham.

Eugene Chasey of Bluff City, has been employed as Principal of Cunningham Grade School for the coming year. He has taught at Bluff City for the past three years. Miss Ruth Wylie of Wichita, is the new third and fourth grade teacher, and Miss Josephine Shafer and Miss Cozette Taylor have

been re-hired to make the grade school faculty complete for the coming year.

1935

May 17 - The federal lake on the Homer Kelly farm is now completed and has about nine feet of water in it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wymer moved to Preston this week, where he will begin carrying mail on a rural route out of the

Preston Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Kelly of Wichita, paid a short visit to his former home town last Saturday, enroute to Montana where they plan to prove up a homestead.

Miss Anna Crow will teach in the Nashville Grade School next year.

1930

May 16 - Rev. Olin Boyd, pastor of the local Christian Church, will deliver the address at the Grade School Graduation Exercises tonight (Friday) in the High School Auditorium. Members of the graduating class are Dorothy

Pelzl, Eleanor Shelman, Eleanor Crow, Mary Louise Anderson, Luelma Park, Martha Naanes, Jessie Haden, Martha Cooley, Doris Baker, Maude Hatch, Freddy Ruth, Benjamin Hildyard, Richard Cozens, Kenneth Weaver, and Warren Nighswonger, all of Cunningham Grade School; Leo Bainum of Sunny Slope School; Victor Rohling and Sadie Shurm of Union Star School; Mary DeWeese, Lawrence DeWeese, and Virginia Barngrover, all of Mead Creek School; Ralph Liebl of Oklahoma and Leo Shockey of Maud School.

restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

"America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Secretary Perdue. "These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America's farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and determination."

Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

Background:

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit

Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

Non-Specialty Crops and Wool

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

Livestock

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates

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USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Farmers and Ranchers to Receive Direct Support for Losses Related to COVID-19

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 19, 2020 - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many res-

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County Commission Meeting May 4th

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Expo Center North Room, Kansas on May 4th, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors online: Jason Jump, Leader-Courier; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Director; Jon Richardson; Lucas Dick; David Lux; Larry Landwehr; Joyce Foley; Dee; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Sheriff Hill; Max Clark, USD 331 Superintendent; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Kerry Nation, Horizons Mental Health; Caller 01.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the April 27th, 2020 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the April 27th, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director discussed that she has been doing media for COVID-19 and did a poll on social media to get feedback from local businesses.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the census work has continued and our census numbers are looking good for Kingman County. The county has ranked 22 out of 646 in participation of counties similar in size.

Ms. Schrag will be attending a webinar on May 11th for what counties are doing during COVID-19.

Commissioner Henning wanted to know if there was anything that businesses could do if they improve their store fronts without the valuation and taxes going up.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in and said she received

10 bids for the siding.

Ms. Frampton discussed with the Commissioners that some of the bidders submitted two options and she wanted to know if they wanted to re-bid the project to give all bidders the option to bid on the two options.

Commissioner Henning discussed the concerns of the bidding for this project.

The County Commissioners discussed that they would like to re-bid the siding for the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to reject all bids received for the siding project and do a new scope of work to be reviewed next week having Commissioner Henning work with Mendy and John Caton. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton submitted bids from Engineered Door Products Inc. in the amount of \$3,777.00 and Fisher Lumber Company in the amount of \$6,800.00 for new doors on the sides that will be re-sided.

The County Commissioners signed one abatement.

The County Commissioners discussed the change orders received from The Law Company for a transfer switch and an upgrade of the generator to a 250KW.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve change order #4 in the amount of \$ 4686.91 for a transfer switch and change order #5 in the amount of \$63,444.53 for a generator upgrade to a 250Kw which was originally \$41,995.00 for a 200 Kw. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to discuss that testing is still being done in the county. Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she had held a department head meeting on Friday and had come to a plan.

The County Commissioners discussed their concerns and would like to get the Courthouse open to the taxpayers.

Richard Schott discussed the plan that he had come up with prior to Friday's meeting with the Department Heads.

The Commissioners would like to use the plan that Mr. Schott had put together.

Ms. Frampton discussed her scheduling of events.

The Commissioners and Ms. Schwartz let her know that for now it should stay closed.

Mike Garrett, Horizons

Mental Health and Kerry Nation, Horizons Mental Health were online to talk with the County Commissioners and review their statement of Revenue/Expenses for month and year to date ending March 31, 2020.

Mr. Garrett let the Commissioners know that they are working on their budget for next year and final copy is to be finalized May 27th. If it is finalized he will get it to Carol Noblit, County Clerk to give to the Commissioners for the budget process.

Kerry Nation let the Commissioners know that the Commissioners are welcomed to come see the new offices.

Chairman Steffen let the Board know that the sales tax received for April was \$60,063.65.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to review the Consulting Engineer yearly contract for Steve Bachenberg from June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2021 for the Commissioners approval. The contract is to remain the same with an added paragraph for extra charges if needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept Steve Bachenberg contract for consulting engineer services from June 1, 2020 to June 1,

2021. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed FAS #12 Bridge replacement with the County Commissioners and that the counties share of the cost may be around \$825,000.00.

Mr. Arensdorf wanted the Commissioners to know that the cost is more than what was initially discussed and would like the Commission to think about what they want to do with FAS #12.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he had a taxpayer called him about 160 ave about a 1 1/2 mile south of 42 that a waterway dumps out into the ditch and the windfarm was going to make a road to a windtower on the waterway. Mr. Arensdorf let Commissioner Henning know that he will look at the area and get back to the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

HOUSE AUCTION

Date: June 8th, 2020 Start Time: 1:30 PM
Sale Site: 110 North Oak Street, Pratt Kansas
Seller: PCAP
Open House: May 25th, 4:30-6:00 PM

Real Estate: 110 North Oak Street, Pratt Kansas.

Legal: Southern SIMPSON'S ADDN. BLOCK 18, LOT 09 & S. 30' OF LOT 10 CITY OF PRATT, PRATT COUNTY KS. **Description:** Formerly the Achievement House. This home is a 7 bedroom house with 2 bonus rooms in the basement. A master bath on the main floor, 2 upstairs and one in the basement. It is not often you will find a house this large or that has this many bedrooms or bathrooms. Home does have central heat and air. Plus it has vinyl siding, plus a 2 car carport. Don't miss out on this one. Seller will give the buyer an \$8000.00 roofing allowance.

Opening Bid is \$60,000.00. Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale. Not contingent on financing or inspections. Earnest Money: \$1,000.00 down Day of Sale, Balance on Closing in Certified Funds: **Taxes:** Prorated to Day of Closing. **Title Insurance & Escrow Agent Closing Fee:** 50% Buyer, 50% Seller; Pratt County Abstract will be Title Company, Escrow Agent & Closing Agent; **Possession:** On Closing; **Closing:** July 8th, 2020. (Current Governor's or County wide health rules governing the Covid-19 virus will be in effect. Please follow these guidelines at the auction).

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for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Applying for Assistance

Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

Payment Structure

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only,

and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Farm Machinery Auction

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 Start Time: 10:30am
Seller: Merlin Fisher

Sale Site: From Hwy 281 and 50 Hwy intersection go South 3 miles to SE 30 St. then 1 1/2 miles East. Signs will be posted. All hours and or mileage is approximate. This is a streaming and live Auction. You can bid online for the numbered items and find the Online terms listed on the Online bidding Site. Numbered Items will sell in this order. No small items be on time this is approximately a 1 hour auction.

List of Items: **1.** Fuel Trailer; **2.** Auger Speed King, 6"x41', PTO; **3.** 1979 JD 4640 tractor, Powershift, New KW 1750 loader with 8' bucket; **4.** Brent 770 Grain Cart (24.5 x 32) tires; **5.** 2006 Peterbilt semi, 379 engine (salvage title), 783,000 +/- miles; **6.** 1975 Chevrolet C60 Truck V8 engine 4sp x 2 sp, 16' box, with 52" sides, hoist; **7.** Drill fill auger; **8.** 2000 JD 9650 STS combine, extra concaves, 6301 engine hours, 4209 separator hours; **9.** 1997 JD 9600 Combine 6,872 engine hours, 4744 separator hours; **10.** JD 930 rigid header, bat reel; **11.** JD 930 Rigid header pickup reel; **12.** JD 930 F flex header, pickup reel; **13.** JD 925 F flex header, pickup reel; **14.** JD 843 corn head, 8 row (1994); **15.** JD 843 corn head 8 row, (1994); **16.** Header trailer (running gear);

Farm Machinery Auction

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 Start Time: 1:30pm

Sale Site: On Hwy 281 & 50 Hwy intersection go 7 mi. South on 281 Hwy then 3 mi. West and then 1/2 mile South (7435 SW. 30th Ave. Stafford county KS). Signs will be posted. All hours and or mileage is approximate. This is a streaming and live Auction. You can bid online for the numbered items and find the Online terms listed on the Online bidding Site. Numbered Items will sell in this order.

1. 2009 JD 4720 Tractor with loader; **2.** 1975 JD 4520 Tractor with loader; **3.** 2006 Grasshopper mower; **4.** 2004 Land Pride AFM 4211 mower; **5.** JD stalk shredder, 20'; **6.** Cattle Hand model 10 hydraulic Squeeze Chute; **7.** 1000 gallon fuel tank, skids, pump; **8.** Hutchinson Auger 6" x 53', PTO; **9.** 125 gallon propane tank; **10.** Hopper bottom bin, 12 diameter, 4 rings (3 each), 1200 +/- bushels; **11.** Hopper bottom bin, 4 rings (3 each), 1200 +/- bushels; **12.** Hopper bottom bin 9' diameter, 2 rings (4 each), 750 +/- bushels; **13.** Win power Generator, 25K, PTO. **The following items are in person only:** Pulsa chemigator; Cone shaped chemical mixer; metal band saw; NAPA 50 gallon air compressor, horizontal; Dayton floor drill press, model 10 hydraulic; R&R 1000 gallon tank; 6', 3 pt. blade; JD #4 sickle mower, steel wheel; JD harrow section; (2) Hypro pumps; gallon flow meter; electric motors; hydraulic jacks; double end grinder; large wooden cabinet; bolts; boomers; parts; bicycles; spreader; tank floats; used tires; B&D electric impact; rolls of sheep wire; sockets; tools; welding helmets; small sprayer/boom; 48" pipe wrench; Alkota cleaning system 2120E; feed bunks (as is); **Governors or county health departments Social Distancing Rules will apply concerning the Coronavirus issue; Please respect those rules;**

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Farmers

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per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

Dairy

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter. The second part of the payment is based a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

Specialty Crops

For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

Eligibility

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify

A Thank You
 We would like to say thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and acts of kindness during Dennis's chemo radiation, surgery, and rehab. God's blessing to all,
Dennis and Shirley Raney

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 Published in the Cunningham-Courier on Thursday, May 21st, 2020 (1t)

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Celebrations of Life

Zona Pogue

Zona L Pogue, 92, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2020. She was born September 23, 1927 in Spearville to Glenn and Daisy (Yarberry) Harris. Zona married Norman Hogan, whom preceded her in death. She later married Billy Hogan on August 5, 1973 in Wellsville. He preceded her in death on October 3, 2003.



Zona was a member of Cunningham Christian Church. She worked as the manager of Dairy Bar in Wellsville. She then was a manager and waitress at West Cafe. She was a CNA/CMA at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham for 32 years. She was also the bookkeeper for Bill's Electric.

She is survived by her son, Patrick Hogan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brother, Glenn (Fran) Harris of Oregon; Grandson, Christopher Hogan of Apopka, Florida; and her nieces and nephews.

Zona is preceded in death by her husbands, Norman Hogan and Billy G. Pogue; daughter, Lana Kay Hogan; stepdaughter, Donna Pogue; parents; brother, Leland Harris; and sister, Eunice Cox.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2020 at Maude Cemetery, Cunningham with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding.

Memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor or Cunningham Christian Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Bill Knox

William F. "Bill" Knox, 57, died May 18, 2020 in Wichita. He was born in Kiowa, Kansas on October 5, 1962 to Leon and Beth (Rhodes) Knox.

On January 27, 2007, he married his high school sweetheart, Melva (Oller) Knox.

Bill was an Oklahoma roughneck and an avid outdoorsman, going hunting and fishing as often as he could. He enjoyed weightlifting, riding his bike, and being a mechanic. He enjoyed family and friends, and loved his kids and grandkids. He hosted gatherings and get-togethers and took great pleasure hearing compliments on his cooking skills.

Highlights of his life were singing a solo in his sixth-grade music program, his yellow Camaro, being on the championship football team in Pond Creek, Oklahoma, and appearing on television while dancing at Carrott's Palladium with his high school sweetheart.

Bill is survived by his wife; daughters Lalie (Zeke) Shanks, Nitasha Nichols, both of Enid, Oklahoma; Sydni (Tanner) Michael-Barber of Cunningham; Taylor (Myles) Michael-Kamstra of Valley City, North Dakota. Son Cory (Maddie) Michael of Vancouver, Washington; brothers, Tim (Merry) Knox of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Jim (Pam) Knox of Enid, Oklahoma. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, and many family and friends near and dear to his heart.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Sherry and a brother, Obie.

Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to The Bill Knox Memorial Fishermans' Fund in care of the Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Holly DeWeese and Morgan Meyers Selected to Best of Kansas Preps 2020

Holly DeWeese and Morgan Meyers have been selected for the Volleyball All-Star and Basketball All-Star teams, respectively, for the Best of Kansas Preps

2020. Athletes are selected by the Sports reporters at The Topeka Capital-Journal who work with Athletic Directors and Coaches throughout the year as well as following the athletes through regular coverage to determine deserving athletes. The staff then narrows the selection and announces the All-Stars.

Holly DeWeese and Morgan Meyers each were selected and are

among athletes from all classifications in their respective sports.

The Best of Kansas Preps 2020 event will be aired on June 18 at 6 p.m. and additional information will be included in a separate article. This 3rd annual event was originally scheduled as a physical event but due to circumstances has been changed to an On-Demand Awards Show Broadcast honoring the

state's top high school athletes. The show will feature presenters such as Drew Brees and Olympians Misty May-Treanor, Michael Phelps, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Gabby Douglas.

Congratulations to Holly and Morgan for being selected as part of the Best of Kansas Preps 2020! Be sure to stay tuned for more information on viewing the event.

Cunningham Pool Preparing to Open



Manager Molly Morgan (not pictured)
Assistant Manager Megan Hansen (far left)

Returning lifeguards
Kendra Morgan (front)
Alayna McGuire (behind Kendra)

New guards who will be attending certification class
Caleb Reese
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The crew has been busy removing old sealant in the cracks, so that a new sealant can be done.



Alayna



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Taylor Strickland Graduates from WSU

Taylor Strickland recently graduated from WSU's W. Frank Barton School of Business. Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the graduation was held virtually on Saturday, May 16th. Taylor is the daughter of Teresa and Tim Strickland. She works for FitzSimmons Insurance Agency in Cunningham.

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