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Minutes of USD 332 Board Meeting for August 9, 2021

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; and Clerk, Stacy Webster.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the agenda as amended, adding d. accept resignation and e. approve positions. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$160,778.04 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed shared with the board updates on 6-man football, Kansas Can vision, ESSER funding and COVID. He also reported on new Property Insurance premiums, district vehicle inspections and upcoming enrollment, In-service, and meeting dates.

Principal Dunlap reported on upcoming sports events and how those could be live streamed. He also asked for board input on work-study students and dual sport athletes.

Member Travis Thimesch represented the USD #332 board at the last COOP meeting and reported the negotiated agreement was approved with a base salary increase to 40,000.00.

The board discussed the bond project time line.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to proceed to the next step with the bond project. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 15 min. at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel for the

non- elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap left the executive session at 8:41 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go back into executive session for 5 min. at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non- elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to schedule a Revenue Neutral and Budget Hearing meeting on September 15, 2021 at 6:40 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve a salary increase for Robert Reed for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve a salary increase for Cody Dunlap for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to accept the resignation of Hannah Durham. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve a full time position for Kylee Ricke for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve a full time position for William McReynolds as custodian for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

A Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing is scheduled at 6:40 p.m. on Sept. 15th.

A Budget Hearing is scheduled at 6:50 p.m. on September 15, 2021.

Minutes of USD 332 Board Special Meeting for August 26, 2021

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at

7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Sarah Sipe, Roberta Kobbe and Shawna Sterneker.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests and turned the meeting over

to Sarah Sipe of Landmark Architects.

Sarah reviewed the process for hiring a Construction Manager at Risk. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Reed updated the board on student enrollment numbers.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

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A Budget Hearing is scheduled at 6:50 p.m. on September 15, 2021

Take Aways from the USD 332 Board Meeting on September 15th

Editor's note: I promised one of our readers that I would report on meetings held in our community, and being as I am not a real journalist, I have decided I am going to go with this format of "take aways" that I get from the meetings. I think it will keep it simple. If there are questions, feel free to call me. R

Boiler repair at the high school was needed. Parts were taken from the old boiler in the elementary school to fix the one at the high school. The schools will continue to use the old boiler for parts.

Randy Ford, auditor, said the audit showed no violations.

There are still four para positions, one custodial position, and one food service position that need to be filled. Most districts are having difficulty filling classified positions.

Forty new students have enrolled in the Cunningham schools. 11 others left the district or are attending school elsewhere. (*Editor's note: There were also 15 seniors who left -- which totals 26 students who left the schools since last year.*)

There are currently 53 students at Cunningham High School.

34% of students qualify for free or reduced lunches and free breakfast is served in the mornings to about 40 kids.

The district website is being updated.

The band performed well at the Kansas State Fair.

Homecoming is October 1st. The Theme is "Small Town Paradise".

Sarah Sipe from Landmark Architect presented to the board a very preliminary drawing of the possible new high school. About 34,000 square feet was projected in this plan.

The drawing showed 11 classrooms (including a science lab) extending east from the east side of the gym. After the classrooms are completed, then the school would be razed and another addition would include a library/media center, a metal workshop, a wood shop, an AG classroom, office, and restrooms.

There would also be some enhancement to the front of the gym and some renovation to the current shop building. (4200 square feet).

A steering committee of 12 to 15 members will be put together from the group who served on the original committee that began meeting in February of 2020. This group will help finalize the plans and talk to the community about the building.

The bond issue would be voted on in the spring.

One custodian was hired.

Approved minutes will be in the paper after the next board meeting on October 13th.

City Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 27, 2021

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2021 meeting

Public comments, concerns, & communications

Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's

Report

2020 Audit Report

Home Rule Proclamation

CBK, Inc. – Consideration of Receivables Management

Reports

Property Officer

Planning & Zoning – building permit

Maintenance

Swimming Pool

Animal Control

Financial Report & payment of bills

Adjourn

Enrollment at Cunningham Schools

2021 - 2022 (PreK included)	2019 - 2020 (PreK not included)	1979 - 1980 (no PreK)
230	179	214



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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255

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Thursday, Sept. 23rd HS Cross Country at Larned ****	Tuesday, Sept. 28th 4:00 p.m. HS VB at Norwich with Burrton
JH VB vs. South Barber at HOME ****	Thursday, Sept. 30th 3:00 p.m. JH VB at Pretty Prairie with Burton *****
JH FB vs. South Barber at HOME	4:00 p.m. HS Cross Country at Pratt ***
Friday, Sept. 24th 7:00 p.m. HS FB at Burrton	6:00 p.m. JH FB at Pretty Prairie
Saturday, Sept. 25th HS VB at Central-Burden Tournament	Friday, October 1st HOMECOMING HS FB vs Ashland
Monday, Sept. 27th 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal *****	Saturday, October 2nd HS VB at Burrton Tournament
2:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conference ****	
6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	



Meanderings

Good day, Readers!
It is 10:24 on Tuesday night and I've not even started my meanderings and I am tired and sleepy and I have no idea what to write about.

I spent a couple of hours this afternoon taking a couple of kitties to the vet. I had only planned on taking my one-eye ogre monster kitty, Peter (Falk), because he's losing weight at an alarming pace.

Little Dolly (as in Madison) got to go along just for a bit of a checkup because she's getting up there in years. And, although she spends 90% of her time lazing around the house or the deck, I thought she should be checked out. She wasn't too happy and complained all the way to the vet (about a 40 minute drive today because I was half way to Kingman when I remember the stool sample sitting on the step in the garage, and turned around at Calista Flats and drove back for the darn container.)

So Dolly got an extra long ride which meant she got to do some extra crying and bawling. I didn't hear a peep out of Peter, usually he fusses all the way there, and he has an annoying cry. I determined he thought Dolly was doing enough belly-aching for the both of them, and he could just

save his vocal cords for something important.

All that just to tell you I'm swiping (and editing) a column from June 14, 2018---

I believe many of you can attest to this statement: The older I get the more elusive a good night's sleep becomes. I can be dead tired, and off to bed I go, and my little eyelids just can't seem to stay closed. I toss, turn, roll, put a leg outside the sheets, put said leg back under the sheets, flip the pillow, feel round for a cool spot for my feet, turn on the fan, turn off the fan, snuggle with a purring cat, pet a dog's ears. Sigh.

Most of the time, I pick up a book and read.

But then I find myself checking the clock and it's 3 in the ante meridiem. I decide I might be hungry. Toast and milk; or a small salad; or a bagel. And sometimes that bit of a snack leads my mind into the slumbering land of old age.

However; the dogs have no compunction about waking me in the early morning to inform it is time to get up. NOW I can sleep. I groan, I whine, I make promises I'll get up soon.... in an hour or so.

And then there's the middle of the afternoon scenario: I drop onto the couch, or the easy chair.

THEN I can sleep. No book needed, no snack needed. I just conk out.

What I REALLY hate is when I fall asleep immediately at night, wake up all refreshed and ready to meet the busy day head on. Only to find I've been asleep for all of 13 whole minutes. AUGH! A long night entails.

Sometimes I read un-

til the book I am reading falls onto my nose. If it falls gently, I can sleep through it, but if the darn thing drops, I jerk awake, and find I need to continue reading because the snooz-i-ness I felt is gone.

When I can't sleep, it's not that I'm worried about anything. I don't lay there and think "If Only" or "What if" or "maybe I should have". I just can't sleep.

My mom, as all moms do, required her children to take naps. I know it's not so much the young need that rest, but more like the parents need the quiet and peace of nap-time. I hated naps. I do recall a time or two when I'd lay on the bed, listening to my sisters breathing for what seemed an eternity, then I got up, rubbing my eyes and face so I looked like I'd been sleeping, and then I crept out of the bedroom to see what was going on.

All my efforts of looking like I'd been sleeping were worthless. I never fooled Mom, she would tell me to get back into that bedroom and take a nap.

I do wish they had more of the sleepy bedtime stories for adults. For kids there are DOZENS! Dozens! But nothing to calm the savage beast in the adult conscience.

Okay, so probably if I didn't pick up a good murder mystery before slumbering, I might sleep better. Maybe a book on geophysics or calculus would do me in. But then, I'd probably never wake I'd be so tired.

And, of course, with bedtime reading, it's always "just one more chapter" or "after this little section". Too many

nights I've finished a book with that mind set.

And the next day..... yawn city.

I get very tires and dozy in front of a computer.

Of course, some folks turn on the television to induce sleep. But, I have no television. So books have to be my bedtime stories.

Seriously, you ask, no television?

You betcha, I say. I got rid of it about 13 years ago. I had one when I first moved here, but only used it for watching an occasional movie on DVD. I watched fewer and fewer movies and finally, it just went out the door. I don't miss it. Not at all. I guess now most of my readers understand why I read so much. Why I am always reading.

"Moving pictures" don't hold much interest for me any longer.

I have a computer, but I don't use that for watching movies. A video clip now and then, but no movies.

Okay, I can be somewhat anti-social when I'm reading, but no more so than folks with cell phones. At least if you see me without a book, you'll know I'm not going to be distracted by one.

Always reading, and currently reading "Bury Your Dead" By Louise Penny, Roberta

"Go now to your dwelling place to enter into the days of your togetherness. And may your days be good and long upon the earth."

— Louise Penny, *How the Light Gets In*

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

Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats \$6.00 (cash or local check only)
Help Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30
September 24th - 26th
Cry Macho
Rated PG-13

September 23, 2021
Free Throwback Thursday Movie
"Friday Night Lights"
Rated: PG-13
Showtime is at 7:00pm.
Doors open at 6:15pm.
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My Breast Cancer Experience Part 6
By Beth Blasi 2021
STILL April 2021
Tests - The labs and EKG were done at my Primary Care office's lab - you even have to make an appointment for the lab now! The EKG was a breeze - just a few wires stuck to your chest and back, and lay on the table for a few minutes - piece of cake! However, the person that took my bloodwork really did a number on my left arm. It bled a little more than usual and a bruised/blood bump raised up. After the EKG, I asked one of the nurses about it and she said that was probably a result of not putting enough pressure on it for long enough. All I know, is that it looked bad and felt bad. For some reason, that "injury" made me feel very sad about my situation and I wondered if that was an omen of things to come - it certainly was a visual reminder that my body was having

troubles. Labs and EKG were all fine so ready for the next experience.

Breast MRI - The breast MRI was done the next week. That's another experience. This was located in another part of the same building that the mammogram and biopsy had been done. At least I didn't have to fast but I had to not wear any metal. Of course, they had clothing for you if needed. This machine is quite noisy so they provide ear-plugs to put in your ears! I undressed from the waist up, they inserted an IV in my right arm (since my left arm was battered from the blood draw the week before), and then I had to lay face-down on this "table" with my breasts dangling through openings in this table and my arms above my head. This really was not the most comfortable as there was a metal bar across the lower part of my ribcage below my breasts. I then had to lay very still and hold my breath at times. The table moved me into the donut hole of the machine head first - I didn't feel claustrophobic since I was face-down and couldn't see a thing except the underneath panel of this table so I mostly kept my eyes closed. My shoulder did start to get a little pinched

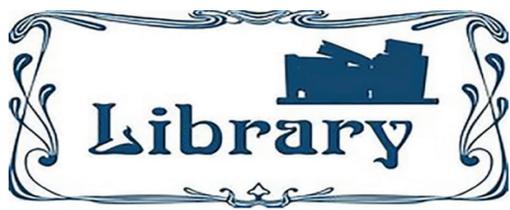
but I kept telling myself it would be over soon. The IV was so they could inject a dye for the contrast - there was a little weird taste in my mouth when that was done and then I just felt "uncomfortable" all over - maybe even getting a little nauseous. Then the table finally rolled out and I was finished - probably 30 minutes or so. I did need some water and to just sit for a minute since I was feeling a little lightheaded. Well, that was done and I headed home.

On to the month of May - Complication - Lo and behold, I got a call from the surgeon a couple days later. The breast MRI indicated 3 more spots of concern in the right breast (the cancer breast). If I wanted to try to save the breast, we would need to do an MRI-guided biopsy to determine if they were also cancer or nothing. My mind was whirling - the last thing I wanted to do was poke around in my breast some more - it was still a little bruised from the original biopsy. The spots were not that close to the original lump so that if they proved cancerous, I had so little real estate to work with that by the time they chased them all down, we had a mastectomy. The way my luck was going, I'd

beat up my breast with additional biopsies only to end up taking it completely off anyway. The additional MRI biopsy could probably not be scheduled and results obtained in time to keep my original surgery date. The surgeon could do a mastectomy (without the biopsy) in the original surgery slot and not delay surgery. I could delay surgery anyway if I needed more time to make a decision. Also, if I wanted reconstruction with a mastectomy, then that would also delay surgery as I would need to meet with a plastic surgeon. When my surgery was originally scheduled, they had opened that day for surgeries since she was pretty booked already so I was concerned about how long a delay might be involved - I really didn't want to delay but didn't want to rush things, either. Surgery was scheduled for a week away - so many decisions, so little time. I needed to try to let them know something in the morning if possible before they got started on getting the biopsy scheduled and/or delaying surgery. Oh my God! What do I do?

Next Week - Over the Cliff!

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New Books Commemorating 9/11

The 911 Memorial Poster Exhibit is on display at Cunningham Public Library throughout the month of September. Please visit the library and share in the experience. To learn more, visit <https://www.911memorial.org>

The library has purchased a number of books recommended by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. They are cataloged and are ready for checkout.

Here's a list:

For Children

FIREBOAT: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey (Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards) by Maira Kalman (Readers 4-8 years)

Immigrant, American, Survivor: A Little Boy Who Grew Up To Be All Three by William Jimeno (Readers 5-8 years)

The Man in the Red Bandanna by Honor Crowther Fagan (Readers 8-12 years)

For Adult/Young Adult

The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation by Sid Jacobson—Adult/YA Readers --"Striking fold-outs chronicle in parallel the four simultaneous stories of the doomed flights, and the twelve chapters provide plenty of details and analysis on the history, politics, economics, procedural issues, and recommendations for the future. The excellent color artwork gives a realistic face to all players: presidents, victims, rescuers, and hijackers alike." —Library Journal

102 Minutes: The Unforgettable Story of the Fight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers by Jim Dwyer

Among the Heroes: United Flight 93 and the Passengers and Crew Who Fought Back by Jere Longman

Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11 by Garrett M. Graff

Running Toward Danger: Stories Behind the Breaking News of 9/11, Newseum

The Red Bandanna: A life, A Choice, A Legacy by Tom Rinaldi

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
 Mon., Wed., Fri.
 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.
 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Closed for Holidays
 298-3163

Zenda Public Library
 Monday
 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Thursday:
 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday:
 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 620-243-5791

Kingman Carnegie Library
 620-532-3061
 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pratt Public Library
 Mon. - Thurs.
 10:00 - 7:00
 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
 Closed on Sundays
 (620) 672-3041

Cunningham 4-H to Present at Three Area Organizations



Come out and visit your local Cunningham 4H Club members as they show you around three services our community provides to you!

The Cunningham Museum, The

Cunningham Library and the Cunningham Hands of Hope food bank are excited to open their doors for you to come look around, take a short tour and learn some fun facts about what they have to offer. The 4H kids are working hard to present some interesting information to you as you take a self-guided tour

through each facility. Make sure to stop in the museum and sign a book with a note of THANKS to Donna Glenn for her many years of hard work making the museum a wonderful addition to Cunningham!

Bring your neighbor, bring a friend and come support our services and 4H Club! Stop

by the Cunningham Community Center following your tours and grab a cookie and drink and say hello!

They are excited to see you after the Chiefs game on Sunday Oct. 3rd, 4:00 to 6:00 pm!



National Honor Society Held Induction Ceremony



"Those two really tall buildings are the World Trade Center — the Twin Towers." — Gertrude Chandler Warner, The Mystery of the Purple Pool



Thank you for supporting our

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Your participation made all the difference!

We're working on a compilation of the discussion and an edited video from the Zoom to share publicly. That's all coming soon.

Meanwhile, here are a couple of comments following the event from our guest presenter, Jeremy Hill, and Lisa Sharbaugh, our technical support from South Central Kansas Library System:

"IT APPEARS THAT YOUR COMMUNITY IS VERY APPRECIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE. THEIR POSITIVE NATURE IS INFECTIOUS...I HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO GAIN TRACTION WITH YOUR EFFORTS TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN MEANINGFUL DIALOGUES ABOUT LOCALLY RELEVANT ISSUES."

-JEREMY HILL, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS RESEARCH, WSU

"I HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE EVENT SO THANKS FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF IT - THE SPEAKER WAS SO INTERESTING AND IT WAS INSPIRING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE CARE SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY."

-LISA SHARBAUGH, SKLS AUTOMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES COORDINATOR

CUNNINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Congratulations to Matilyn Jump, Maranda Lohrke, Michael Luke McGuire, and Taylor Schultz for being inducted into the Cunningham High School National Honor Society on Monday, September 20th. NHS is a prestige organization of students who strive to honor the four pillars: Citizenship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

These students and their families celebrated this special occasion at the Cunningham Christian Church Hall. Thank you to Mike McGovney for letting us use your facilities and to Trish Patton for donating the delicious cupcakes.

All of our NHS members are looking to perform some community service for our community members. If you have work that needs to be done, please contact the school so we can put you in touch with one of our members.

photos and information submitted by Ingrid Ricke

"Don't be smart. Smart is only a polished version of dumb. Try intelligence. It will surely see you through."

— Terry Pratchett, *Unseen Academicals*



Kingman Carnegie Library



Book Sale



September 20th - 25th during business hours

\$2.00 Bag Sale
Saturday, September 25th.
 Library will provide bags

Business Hours

Monday: 9am - 8pm
 Tuesday: 9am - 7pm
 Wednesday: 9am - 6pm
 Thursday: 9am - 7pm
 Friday: 9am - 6pm
 Saturday: 9am - 2pm

Corn Husking Women Saved UMC

Alan Albers brought the following letter, photo and story to me this last week. This is great.

This letter accompanied the copy of the New York Times newspaper with the photo at the right.

August 21, 2017

Dear UMC,

I am a summer resident of Independence Missouri and I recently bought a stack of old New York Times, which included a photo I think you may enjoy.

I am not sure if this church was a forerunner of yours but it is a nice piece of history anyway. Enjoy!

Deb Miles, owner
Elsie Bell's Antique Mall

This story was in the folder with the letter and the newspaper:

By 1920 it was decided that the church built in 1904 was too small. During the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Little, the old church was razed and a new one was built on the same lot. The new church cost \$23,209.00, and was built with great sacrifice in a depressed economy. The Ladies Aid made a pledge of \$1,500.00.

Mrs. Frank Allbritten in an earlier history describes the activities of the women of the Ladies Aid.

"Two projects were undertaken by the Ladies Aid to raise this money. We published a cookbook, which netted \$600.00. A Bazaar and auction sale netted something over \$900.00.

"The banks failed at this time, leaving us with a \$10,000 mortgage on the church. Our church had never paid anything on the \$10,000 note the closed banks were holding. In the fall of 1924 outside financial concerns began pressing local debtors for money. The banks were going to reorganize and notified our pastor they had cut the note to \$5,500.

"The banks were going to have an auction sale on Monday morning, selling the notes to the highest bidder. If a payment of \$1,000 was made before ten o'clock on the morning of the date set for the sale,



SAVING THE CHURCH IN KANSAS: WOMEN OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH AT CUNNINGHAM Who Rescued the Building From the Auctioneer by Husking Corn From Dawn to Sunset to Raise \$1,000 (Times Wide World Photos)

the church would have 30 days in which to pay the remaining \$4,500.00.

"Our Ladies Aid had on hand a substantial sum and told our pastor he could tell the bank we would have the \$1,000 for them. Mr. B. F. Doty gave twelve women permission to go to his field and husk a load of corn. We asked him if we could put as many sideboards on the wagon as possible. He consented, and we had that load in a couple of hours. We hauled it to town and sold it for \$1.07 a bushel to the Ratcliff Company, who paid us a dime above market price.

"John Ratcliff then told us we might husk a load of corn from his field, leaving all the sideboards on the wagon. This we did and sold it as the same price.

"Therefore, the \$1,000 was raised. The mortgage was not foreclosed. This payment afforded the pastor an opportunity to obtain subscriptions from the date

when the note was advertised for sale.

"A happy gathering of church members witnessed the burning of the mortgage. This took place while Rev. G. L. Coppedge was pastor (1924-1927)

"The news reporter from the Wichita Eagle happened to come out to Cunningham that morning looking for news on the day when we women were husking the corn. He came out to the field, took our pictures, and gave us a writeup in the Wichita Eagle the next day. The associated Press got the news, and it seemed there was no stopping place.

"A few weeks later I received a letter from London, England, from some magazine, asking me to verify the article. I assured them it was the truth. What were the rest of our good ladies doing the day of the corn-husking? They fixed a bountiful dinner for us at the farm home of Mrs. Wiley Doty. And did we eat!"



"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."
— Mahatma Gandhi

"God has no religion."
— Mahatma Gandhi

Catholic Churches

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

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

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Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620-656-7431
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ
Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church
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1921

Friday morning, September 28- "Snooky's Twin Troubles," the first Federated Chester Comedy featuring Snooky, the famous chimpanzee, in some astonishing scenes, will be the novelty attraction at the Pastime Theatre next Tuesday night.

In this side-splitting two reeler, Snooky shows the intelligence and sense of humor which won him the universal title of "humanzee." He is shown eating dinner, getting dressed, driving an automobile, smoking a cigar, making a dangerous rescue, and using his educated toes to do some astonishing things.

A few novelties in trick photography add to the comic appeal of the pictures. Snooky sets a hen on a string of sausages, and lo! A litter of puppies (bird dogs, Snooky calls them) are hatched out.

1931

September 25-Miss Gertrude Crow, Librarian of the new City Library, sponsored by the High School Alumni Association, reports that 50 new books are now available at the library in the Savidge Hotel, and a new order for more books should arrive soon.

Characters for the high school operetta, "Miss Cherry Blossom," include Margaret Ratcliff, Alvin Haden, Aloysius Meyers, Alfred Thorp, Lee Gibbens, Waldo Shelman, Sarah Groom, and Bob Cooley.

1936

September 25-New officers of the Cunningham Dramatic Club are Mrs. Ferd Burnett, President; Mrs. J. C. Groves, Rev. Eugene Stump, and Mrs. Harve Manahan, Vice-Presidents; Miss Marie Hellar, Secretary, and Dr. D. E. Thompson, Treasurer.

The City of Cunningham received \$3,555.56 this week from the PWA, the final payment from the federal government for the new municipal waterworks system. The PWA paid a total of \$16,000 or 45% of the total cost of the waterworks system.

Presidents of the four classes at Cunningham Rural High School are Henry Pelzl, Senior Class; Mearl Parker, Junior Class; Jean Fee, Sophomore Class, and John Fee, Freshmen Class.

Mayor A. I. Jones said this week that the State Highway Department plans to black-top the edge of Highway 54 through town in the very near future.

1941

September 26-Dr. Karl Scott of Kansas City, Mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scott, pioneer Cunningham settlers, has been named Dean of the School of Business at the University of Arkansas.

Santa Fe Depot Agent Roy Huffman reports that he shipped two carloads of fat cattle to Kansas City, Mo., last week for local owners. He says this was the biggest cattle shipment from Cunningham in the last 10 years.

1946

September 27-Chief Machinist's Mate and Mrs. Leo Bainum announce the birth of a son, Monday, September 16. Leo is on a 30-day leave from submarine duties in the Pacific Ocean.

Presidents of the four classes at Cunningham Rural High School this year are Esther Sheldon, Senior Class; Lucille Schreck, Junior Class; Donald Theis, Sophomore Class, and Billy Huffman, Freshman Class.

New officers of the Christian Ladies Aid are Mrs. Alf Cooley, President; Mrs. Everett Hauser, Vice-President; Mrs. Nellie Shelman, Secretary, and Mrs. Ed Renner, Treasurer.

1951

September 28- New officers of the Christian Ladies Aid are Mrs. Nellie Shelman, President; Mrs. Everett Hauser, Vice-President; Mrs. Delmar Crick, Secretary, and Mrs. Harry Nossaman, Treasurer.

New officers of the Better Homes and Gardens Club are Mrs. Rufus Leiter, President; Mrs. Loren Cooley, Vice-President; Mrs. Francis Dafforn, Secretary, and Mrs. Keith Copenhagen, Treasurer.

1956

September 27-This area received a dusty and dry equinox storm here last Friday, in contrast to some pretty wet equinox storms around here in the past.

The day dawned windy but clear until mid-morning

when the dust came. As the day wore on, the dust became thicker, and reminded many of the old dust storms of the "Dust Bowl" days. The wind slackened late that evening and by Saturday morning had shifted to the north from where it blew quite a bit or the dust back.

A sprinkling of rain fell here early Sunday morning, but the equinox for this area must be termed as dusty, dry, and windy.

There are now 101 students enrolled in high school. Last Thursday was Freshman Initiation Day, and all 31 members of the class appeared bright and early that morning at school in varied and humorous costumes. The class was led downtown in the afternoon by the Senior Class and the High School Band, after which they underwent initiation festivities at the school. The Seniors entertained the group that evening with a picnic at Cooley's Grove.

The high school baseball team evened their season's record at one win and one defeat with a 15-5 victory over Plevna here last Friday afternoon.

Hauser's Market

- Hill's Bros. Coffee Pound 95¢
- Puffin Biscuits Tube 10¢
- Shurfine Sliced Bacon Pound 49¢
- Shurfine Shortening 3 Pounds 82¢
- Brook's Tomato Juice 3 46-Ounce Cans 89¢
- Campbell's Tomato Soup Tall Can 11¢
- Birdseye Frozen Peas or Corn 2 Packages 35¢

1961

September 28-Cunningham 4-H Club members received fine awards for their exhibits at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson two weeks ago.

The members and their awards included Joel Pelzl, who received a blue ribbon in woodworking; Rollin Dillinger, who received a white ribbon for woodworking; Ronald Murphey, who received two blue ribbons for his garden display and maize, and two red ribbons for his sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes, and Debby Sheldon, who received a white ribbon for her nut bread.

Several club members were awarded "State Fair Purple" at the Kingman County Fair, but could not exhibit at the Kansas State Fair because they are under the 12-year-old age limit. They are Billy McGovney, Monte Rose, and Carolyn Witt.

Two local ladies were lucky winners in a drawing held at the Kansas State Fair. Mrs. Mark Osner won a fire extinguisher, and Mrs. Albert McGovney won a portable television set. These were prizes awarded in drawings conducted by the Farm Bureau Insurance Agents of South Central Kansas.

Alden used a rugged ground attack, paced by two fine runners, Bob Ward and John Vincent, to score in every quarter as they bowled over Cunningham, 25-7, in a Ninnescah League football game played at Alden last Friday evening.

Alden rolled up 431 yards rushing to Cunningham's 158 yards. Ward scored the first two Alden TD's on a 25-yard run and a 4-yard run. Vincent scored Alden's other two touchdowns on a 20-yard dash and a 2-yard plunge. Quarterback Bob Meyers scored Cunningham's only touchdown on an exciting 27-yard end run in the final period. Eugene Huston bucked over for the extra point.

Defensively, each team saved a touchdown. Cunningham held Alden for downs inside the 10-yard line in the first quarter, and Alden contained Cunningham for four downs inside the 10-yard line in the fourth quarter.

Cunningham will play their next two games at home, meeting Arlington here tomorrow night, and Sylvia here next Friday evening, Oct. 6.

The Cunningham Lions Club will hold a White Elephant Sale, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30, on the North Main Street east sidewalk. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held in the Hauser Building on the corner of Main Street and Highway 54.

Quite a varied selection of merchandise has already been collected for the sale, but much more is needed. If you have anything at home which is of no value to you—bring it to the sale or call Ralph Baber at Baber's Sundries, phone 8-2403, and arrangements will be made to pick it up. That item that's of no value to you may be just what someone else is looking for.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for improvements at the ball field.

1966

September 29-The Cunningham Wildcats put up a "stone-wall" defense to stop a Sharon scoring threat with less than four minutes to play and preserved a 13-6 victory over the Cardinals in a non-conference football game here last Friday night.

The stalwart Wildcat defense, their backs to the goal-line on the Cunningham two-yard line, rose up to stop the Sharon offense "cold" in four running plays, and took possession of the ball on downs.

In posting their second straight victory of the season, the Wildcats drew first blood in the game when, following a scoreless first quarter, Jim McCune dove into the end zone on a six-yard end run t put Cunningham out in front, 6-0.

The Wildcats increased their advantage to 13-0 in the third quarter when Danny Meyers hit Duane Schnittker in the end zone on a six-yard pass play. Jim McCune scored the point-after-touchdown.

Sharon clicked for a touchdown later in the third quarter when Gary Shinliver connected with John Dohm on a pass play that covered 54 yards.

The game was a defensive battle with each team putting up a different offensive attack. Cunningham rolled up 228 yards on the ground, while Sharon gained just 70, but the Cardinals picked up 135 yards passing to the Wildcats 18. Cunningham lost four fumbles, Sharon two. McCune was the Wildcat "work-horse," lugging the ball 20 times for 111 yards; Schnittker went 9 for 35; Meyers 14 for 28, and McClellan was 3 for 54.

A thief or thieves who like Winston cigarettes and small change, made off with those items in a break-in at Patton's Skelly Service, Sunday night, Sept. 18. The loss was seven-to-eight dollars in small change and six cartons of cigarettes.

The Homemakers HDU met in the home of Mrs. Albert McGovney last Wednesday afternoon.

Fourteen members and visitors answered roll call with "Something That Happened On My First Day of School," after which Mrs. Irene Schnittker gave a report of a recent advisory meeting. The unit voted to give \$10.00 to the Smurtworth Fund, and members were assigned sections of the community for the Arthritic Fund Drive to be held over the weekend.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12. It will be "Craft Day," and classes and displays will be held in the Methodist Church undercroft.

The hostess served a delicious lunch of chicken salad and spiced tea at the close of the meeting—Mrs. Irene Schnittker, Public Relations Chairman.

1971

September 23-The Community YWCA held their annual salad supper and membership meeting in the United Methodist Church undercroft, Monday evening, Sept. 13.

Roll call was answered by 21 members and many guests, each telling their favorite fashion through the years.

Food For Thought was given by Mrs. Albert McGovney, selected from a book entitled "Bless This Mess and Other Prayers."

The program for the evening was a style show presented by Joyce Chadd of Joyce's Dress Shop in Pratt. Models were YWCA members and high school girls.

Hostesses for the evening were members of the YWCA Cabinet.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dwayne Elliot, Monday evening, Oct. 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

Girl Scout Troop No. 55 met at "The Wildcat Den," September 14. We held elections for patrol leaders. Janice Shelton is the patrol leader of Patrol I, with Sandy Schrant as assistant patrol leader. Roberta Thimesch is the patrol leader of Patrol II, with Beth Case as assistant patrol leader. — Cheri Mantooth, Scribe.

Cunningham High School's Kayettes entertained the Freshen girls at their annual party in the high school, Tuesday evening, Sept. 14.

The Freshmen girls enjoyed a game where they constructed and modeled a new fashion made from four sheets of a newspaper.

Refreshments of cookies and pop were served.

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JH Football Wildcats Win a Close One at Argonia vs A&A.

The Cunningham JH football team traveled to Argonia on Thursday, September 16, 2021 to take on the A&A Titans and came away with an exciting 48-40 victory. Both teams entered the game with a 1-1 record and were coming off their first loss of the young season. Throughout the first half, both team turned the ball over twice as A&A would lead 24-22 at the half. Scoring in the first half for the Wildcats were Stephen Kerschen, who opened the scoring for Cunningham on a 4 yard run, Dylan Halderson would add the two-point conversion with a run of his own. Dylan would score the other two touchdowns of the first half on runs of 4 yards and 1 yard. Dylan also hooked up with Kendall Rogers on a pass for the PAT following the first of his TD's. In the second half Cunningham would add 4 more touchdowns, but were unable to convert the extra points on 3 of them while the Titans would score just two touchdowns but added the two-point-conversion on both, that

led to some tense moments in the waning seconds of the game as Cunningham led by just 8 points with under a minute to go, knowing they would have to keep A&A out of the end-zone to preserve the victory. On the last play of the game the Titan's running back broke several tackles and seemed to be headed for the end-zone for the potential game-tying score, but Kollin Fischer found a way to hang on and brought down the runner at the two-yard line as time ran out giving the Wildcats the 48-40 victory. Scoring in the second half included two touchdowns each by Dylan Halderson and Stephen Kerschen, Dylan scored on runs of 43 yards and 35 yards while Stephen scored on a 4 yard run and a 65 yard kick-off return. Halderson connected with Kerschen on a pass for Cunningham's lone two-point conversion of the second half. The Wildcat's record now stands at 2-1 on the season and are set to host South Barber on Thursday, September 23 at home.

Coach Bart Ricke



Clockwise from above: Skyler Thimesch is in the center of that mess. He does have the ball and isn't giving it up.

Wildcat team on the line.

Dylan Halderson with the ball.

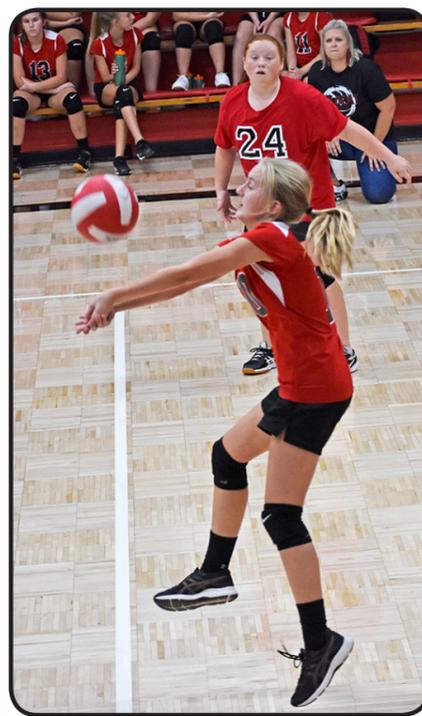


- #4 Layne Green
- #7 Blake Swope
- #10 Kendall Rogers
- #12 Andrew Schultz
- #13 Dylan Halderson
- #14 Logan Kinsler

- #15 Skyler Thimesch
- #21 Stephen Kerschen
- #32 Cole Ruckle
- #40 Kollin Fischer

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And Some Volleyball Action From the Junior High Wildcats



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Action Taken at KSHSAA Board of Directors Meeting

TOPEKA, Kan. - The 68 members that were present in Topeka took action on four agenda items Wednesday, including sanctioning a 6-Player Football State Championship starting with the 2022 season. The unanimous vote will allow the schools electing to participate in 6-player football starting in 2022 to compete to-

wards a KSHSAA State Championship, if at least 24 schools are in the category. Last year, 15 schools participated in 6-player football.

The original agenda item (find here) was amended to bring stability to classes 3, 2 and 1A. Instead of 48 schools in 3A and 2A the amendment changed the number to 40 in each of those classes with the remaining 11-player participating schools going to class 1A. This new structure will fall

into place when district assignments are made October 6th, 2021 for the 2022 and 2023 football seasons.

Also included in the agenda item: For 6-player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 55 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. The maximum enrollment for 8-player remains at 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

Additional Action: Item 9 on the agenda

(linked above) was adopted by a vote of 68-0 regarding required practice for girls soccer prior to the start of the season.

An additional agenda item was added during the meeting regarding KSHSAA Handbook rule 30-1-5. Proposed by the Greater Wichita League, the amendment to the handbook rule would add adaptive activities as one of the activities allowed to practice together for schools who employ the same coach or share facilities

and equipment. The motion passed 68-0.

Another additional agenda item was added concerning KSHSAA Handbook rule 18-1-4. The motion was for rule 18-1-4 be set aside for the 2021-22 school year for any student that meets the following criteria:

1. Returns to the member school where they last attended
2. Would be eligible at the member school where they last attended

but has made a bona fide move and is attending a new school no later than September 1, 2021.

The motion passed 62-5.

Full minutes from the meeting will be published at a later date.

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Wildcats Chase Cougars Out of Town Early

Monday Night Football didn't require a TV last week in Cunningham as the Wildcats hosted a rare Monday varsity match with Centre - Lost Springs, an 8-man team considering joining the 6-man ranks next year.

After a touchback on the opening kickoff, Centre marched about half the length of the field in 5 plays running the ball. On their first pass attempt however, the drive was ended. Jack Ruckle pressured the QB, Luke McGuire tipped the pass, and Trey DeWeese dove for the interception. The Wildcats took only one play to score from 53 yards away. The blockers cleared the way for Luke to run nearly untouched for our first score. Dagim Reed tacked on the extra points. The visitors started their next drive deep in their territory after a touchback. The Cats did better on defense this series with a tackle for loss by Isaiah and other solid

tackling forcing Centre to Punt after only 3 plays. Unfortunately, the Cats did not convert on the good field position, turning it over on downs. The Visitors again drove down the field only to throw a pass (pressure by Jack and Luke) that was intercepted by Isaiah Reed who ran it back 59 yards for a TD. Little brother Dagim kicked the extra points. Centre answered with a 70 yard touchdown the next series. Every Wildcat defender had their chance to get a tackle and did not get it done. That touchdown brought Centre as close as the game would be. The opposing team score really fired up the Wildcats. Luke blocked the extra point and it was game on!

The second quarter was all Wildcats as we quickly wore the Cougars down and out. The first play of the next drive resulted in a 65 yard untouched score for Luke. Dagim kicked the extra points. Centre was held to a 3 and out with their punt being returned for 32 yards by Luke. Luke tossed a TD pass to a wide open Isaiah for another quick score. Dagim again kicked

the extra points. On the ensuing kickoff, Lane got a great hit and pinned the visitors deep. After holding them on downs the Cats had a 7-play drive that was finished by a 22-yard scoring strike from Trey to Lane. Dagim made good on 2 more extra points. The Cats defense scored quickly on the second play of the drive when Jack tackled the QB and punched out the ball. Luke scooped it up for a score. Lane then recovered the Kickoff deep in enemy territory. It took the Wildcats 5 plays for Lucas Hageman to punch it in. The extra point was a completion from Scott Wyatt to Trent Schnittker, and everyone headed home early at half after a short evening at the field.

-Coach Lance McGuire

Editor's note: I ran photos of this game in last week's edition.

Another editor's note: Somehow or another while saving Coach's googledocs information to a Word document, I deleted the tables showing the final scores on this ballgame and the game against Fowler. Many apologies.

Wildcats Beat Fowler Goldbugs

On Sept 17th the Fowler Goldbugs came to town. They put up 92 points on Burrton the previous week and had designs on upsetting the Wildcats with a senior who ran over 400 yards himself against the Chargers.

The Wildcats took their first possession down the field and scored in seven plays. It was not a great series; mistakes were made, but the Cats scored anyway on a 31-yard scamper by Luke McGuire.

Dagim Reed tacked on the extra points. It was downhill fast for the Goldbugs. I guess the Wildcats had heard enough about their rushing attack. They absolutely shut it down. Our kicking game pinned the Bugs deep and the defense went into attack mode. In three plays the visitors only gained about 4 yards.

Isaiah and Jack played most of the series behind their blockers. When the Bugs punted, the Cats' punt return (Luke) brought the ball back near the original line of scrimmage. In only one play [Trey DeWeese](#)

tossed a pass to Luke to put the Cats up 14 to 0. Dagim knocked in the extra points. The ensuing Goldbug kickoff brought the ball out to midfield, but the first play of the drive was all about the Wildcat defense. Isaiah pressured the QB into a tipped ball that Lane dove for and intercepted.

The Wildcat offense was in business again. It took all of three plays for the Cats to put the ball in the endzone: a completion to Lane followed by an incompletion, and finally a 30-yard TD throw from Trey to Dagim.

Dagim put the extra points through the up-rights for a 24-point lead. The following series sounded familiar. Kick it deep. The front 5 Cats destroy the opponents first 3 attempts to gain a first down. The Bugs punt. This is not boring for a coach!

The Wildcats only took one play to score this time. A 48-yard pass from Trey to Dagim opened up the lead even more, and with a two-point kick from Dagim the lead ballooned to 32 to 0 in the first quarter. Once again the Wildcat defense was up to the task. The visitors tried several times on the ground but got nothing. When they attempted a pass, Jack pressured the

QB into a poor throw that Luke picked off and ran back deep into Bug territory. On the next play the Cats scored again on a run from Luke.

Trey blasted one defender with a highlight hit and Luke spun around another. Dagim for another 2 on the extra point kick. Cats up 40 to 0. The next series Isaiah pounced on a 20-yard sack and the Bugs had to punt after 3 plays.

The fresh reserves took to the field to show what they could do. The result looked like before. 1 play and 1 score.

Lucas Hageman ran 49 yards almost untouched. He then ran in the extra point on the same play. The teams traded scores with the Bugs scoring on their kickoff return and Lucas taking another pitch for a 38-yard score. Both teams missed on the conversions. After collecting an onside by Trent Schnittker, the Cats scored again from 39 yards out on a Lucas run. But no extra point. Trent got a big tackle for a loss the next defensive possession and the Bugs later turned it over on downs. The Cats were unable to score the next series as they fumbled and the Bugs quickly scored.

The Cats gave up a special team score on

a punt the next series. Trey DeWeese capped the night early with a 35-yard TD strike to Lane. Dagim Reed kicked in yet another extra point pair for a perfect night, on the night the Wildcat defense played some of its best ball of the year. As a whole the Cats are getting better. Some of the reserves are ready for more minutes. As the season enters into the second half the games will get harder and the scores tighter. The Wildcat faithful were out in force to cheer on the win.

Coach Lance McGuire



Lucas Hageman



Jack Ruckle on defense

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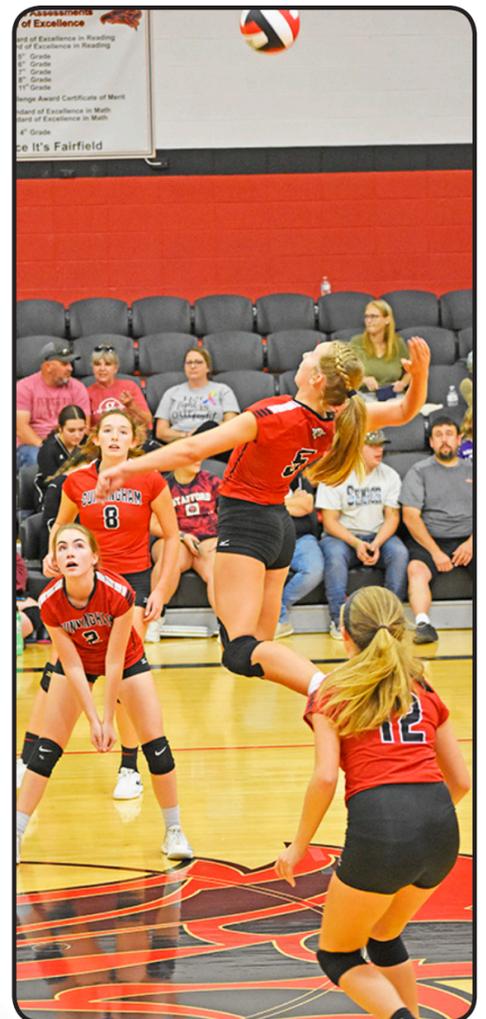
Wildcat Volleyball Action vs. South Barber and Fairfield



Ashlyn Miracle



Ellie McGuire



Hannah Ellis

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Kingman County Commission Meeting September 13th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 13th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Tad Hacker; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director;

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer 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. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any

public comment. Tad Hacker presented a proclamation requesting approval to make September 17th through September 23rd Constitution Week. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the proclamation making September 17th through the 23rd Constitution Week. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Hacker thanked the Commissioners for approving the proclamation. Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Administrator was in to review the revenue and expense reports with the Commissioners. Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review monthly department budget reports with the County Commissioners. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on COVID cases and as of Friday there are 40 cases. Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the booster shots are not available yet but they are giving an additional dose to the immunocompromised. Flu shot season is coming too and planning to kick that off on October 5th, providing we get VFC (Vaccines for Children) vaccine by then. Ms. Schwartz asked about purchasing a panic button and alarm for the Health Department. Commissioners would like for her to try the spare panic alarm that the Clerk has before making

a decision. Sheriff Randy Hill presented the departments monthly reports for April, May, June & July for the Commissioners to review. Sheriff Hill discussed the radio system for first responders and seeing about replacing the system. He would like to look into doing a survey to see what the County needs are. Sheriff Hill would like to propose getting together with first responders around the County and see what their needs are and have a company come in and do a survey to see what is needed. Sheriff Hill explained the frequencies that are being used and what the effect of using an 800 MHz radios would be. Commissioners agreed that getting proposals for a radio system should be done and keep moving forward. Stan Goetz, HR was in and asked for an executive session for an employee's evaluation with Sheriff Hill. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Sheriff Hill; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton at 10:30 a.m. to discuss and individual employee's evaluation 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 board meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. Commissioners agreed to back pay for a sheriff's deputy. Mr. Goetz discussed with the Commissioners that John Caton and himself had a conference call last week with a company on Solar Power. Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the company will be coming to talk with them in the future. Commissioners and Mr. Goetz discussed the COX company and internet service in the county. Commissioner Thimesch would like to give COX the opportunity to come in and give a proposal to the Commissioners. Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head meeting minutes for them to see. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with updates. Mr. Arensdorf submitted the departments August financial reports for them to review. Mr. Arensdorf discussed damage claims to County property. Mr. Arensdorf discussed the dilapidated structure program. Chairman Henning asked how much a 40 yd container cost to dump. Mr. Arensdorf said it costs \$400.00 for each one. Commissioners agreed that the landfill fees are where they need to be. Steve Bachenberg discussed the bid letting for the bridges through the

state next week. Mr. Arensdorf discussed the X.6-22.6 Bridge on SE 150 St. has been submitted to the Fiscal Year 2022 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program for possible funding. Mr. Bachenberg discussed the check received from FFE(Federal Funds Exchange) and deposited. Mr. Bachenberg informed the Commissioners about the KDOT meetings that are to be held by zoom. Gayle Cushenberry, Kingman Carnival Incorporated was in with a brief background of the Carnival. Chairman Henning let the Carnival Board members know that there was confusion on what was handled by whom. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the August 30th, 2021 Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Chairman Henning received the sales tax information for the month in the amount of \$70,534.00. Commissioners discussed the crime ads that have been in the Kingman Leader-Courier and the Cunningham Courier. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to continue the crime ads in the Kingman Leader-Courier and Cunningham Courier for another six months. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kingman County Council on Aging requesting a support letter. The County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she would have a letter of support ready for their signatures next week. Chairman Henning opened correspondence from SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Economic Development District) for membership dues in the amount of \$1355.86. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the membership with SCKEDD in the amount of \$1355.86. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Chairman Henning received the sales tax information for the month in the amount of \$70,534.00. Commissioners discussed the crime ads that have been in the Kingman Leader-Courier and the Cunningham Courier. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to continue the crime ads in the Kingman Leader-Courier and Cunningham Courier for another six months. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:11 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Heather Morgan, COVID and economic development consultant, reported she had heard from the treasury, the Pratt County's ARPA report has been accepted. Thousands of comments on the spending of the ARPA funds. They published more examples, but they are still making changes. Additional changes to new assistance for new businesses, EDIL funding, they increased the cap from \$.5 million to \$2 million. For businesses that received the EDIL they are delaying payment for two years. Small window for former EDIL applicants to have first chance to apply for additional funds. SPARK committee met last Friday. They would like for Pratt County to participate but are not required. There was discussion on President Biden's mandating vaccines. There are different provisions. If accepting federal funding, mandate may apply. Nothing needs to be done now. It will depend on how they define contractors. She reported on Pratt Energy, they had a good discussion on incentives. She attended the alliance at Ulysses, discussed the work force shortage. Redistricting was discussed. There might be a tax cut plan in the next legislative session. Commissioner Jones

made a motion to pay Landmark Architects for invoice #16 in the amount of \$3,491.25. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to pay Kirkham Michael for billing #3, in the amount of \$3,829.75. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from September 7, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Mark Graber, IT director, gave an update on Spyglass, they have cut \$1300 from the Pratt County AT & T billing. They have eliminated more lines so there will be more reductions as AT & T applies the changes. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers from September 13, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Darci Vander Vyver, health director, gave COVID update, there are nine new cases, forty-four active cases right now. Gave an update on the second wave, two hundred sixty-seven positive cases. Fully vaccinated forty-four, not vaccinated two hundred twenty-three which includes some not eligible for the vaccine. Flu vaccine is now in

stock for private pay. Has not received public vaccine. She is following KDHE guidelines on giving vaccine boosters, not everyone qualifies for it. Would like to hire part time employee to fill in when an employee is off on leave in the near future. She will bring back the job description before she posts. Working on ELC grant for the community center. Mike Garrett, Horizon Mental Health Center director, gave a quarterly financial update. Went over the statement of revenue and expense for the year to date ended June 30, 2021 and July 31, 2021. They have struggled with work force, approximately twenty open positions. Change state mental health hospitals, KDAD contracted beds with Newton, Topeka and Kansas City, for patients that would otherwise go to Larned Mental Hospital. It has been changed to the closest open bed. Screeners have to get denials from other hospitals. Commissioner Jones made a motion to have Pratt County pay the fees for companion/spouse to attend the KAC meeting. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver gave an update on the PSB. He reported the trim pieces have been

delivered. Erin Smith, Zoll Medical, gave a demonstration on AEDS. Grant firehouse subs, Pratt County was awarded to EMS in the amount of \$20,000, has to be used at a certain vendor. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 3:30 pm for non -elected personnel to conduct the EMS director interviews. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:50 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Pratt County Commission Meetings September 13, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, (on Zoom), Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, (Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor was absent), Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, was absent, Mark Graber, IT director, stated to please state your name and title when speaking, public comment will be allowed to the extent that it is on topic. Persons participating via Zoom are currently muted. If you have a comment, please let Mark know via the chat function. Mark will then inform Chairman Shriver, who can take up the comment in a manner that does not disrupt the agenda. In the event an executive session is needed, it will be muted when recessed and yurned back on when they return from executive session.

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16 September 2021

To the Editor of the Cunningham Courier and the readers of the paper,

The rumor mill in our little town is very strong, and a formidable part of our town, predating the town itself and by some, may even be considered gospel. Most rumors that are spread in our little town are often short-lived tall tales, such as so and so's cousin saw a catfish the size of a Volkswagen at the bottom of the dam while scuba diving at the local fishing hole. Some rumors may contain a few facts, with some of the facts may have been changed to better one's opinion of the matter at hand. However, I feel that some rumors in this town have been going on long enough and have enough

clout that they need to be addressed by the appropriate party.

The rumor I am wanting to address, involves our local school district. In the school board meeting minutes that have been published in the local paper the last few months, there has been talk of a "bond issue", however, no further details have been released to the public.

The rumor I have heard, says they are wanting to tear down the current high school and build a new one. with some of the reasoning being is there are stairs to the 2nd floor, and the building is too outdated to keep up with technology. While the current building may be 100 years old, I feel the citizens of this town would like to know the truth.

The estimated costs I have heard for this "bond Issue" are between 10 and 25 Million dollars, which is, in my opinion, is an in-

sane amount of money to spend for as small as our school is. I guess there have been meetings about this, along with a "steering Committee", with the school board working on selecting a new "steering Committee" at the present time to take this going forward. I would like to know how come so many of the taxpayers in this community have not heard about this, and have been kept in the dark?

Personally, I feel if there is any credibility to these rumors, the thought of building a new high school for less than 100 kids is asinine and should be squashed immediately. The property taxes in this area are already plenty high. As far as the "reasoning" we have heard, I along with 100s if not 1,000s of former students climbed stairs multiple times a day for class, and in recent years, there was an elevator available for those with disabilities

or injuries. As far as our keeping our school current with Technology, we built a new school board office, lunchroom, and hallway to attach the high school to the grade school less than 10 years ago, how come a new computer lab, library, or technology classroom was not added at that time? To me it sounds like poor planning on someone's part, and or a lot of folks wishing for new and shiny things.

Myself, along with, I am assuming, a large amount of the town would be ok with building a new school, IF the current building is unsafe, and the School Board has exhausted all other options such as remodeling, re-wiring, whatever it takes, AND it will cost more to revamp the current building than build a new building. Transparency would go a long way, such as sharing the estimates to revamp the building from contrac-

tors, along with sharing the thoughts and plans on any potential changes that may be necessary or even those changes that are simply to make life easier.

I would like everyone to contact the Cunningham School Board and ask them to either confirm or deny these rumors. I would also like the School Board, Superintendent, and "steering Committee" to share there thoughts openly with the citizens of our town, many of whom are of an older generation and only get their local news from the coffee shop or our local paper. If the school Board, Superintendent,

and "steering committee" would like the bond issue to pass, I feel transparency is necessary.

I would also like to remind the Citizens of this town, the School Board, and the superintendent of Cunningham USD #332, about the Kansas Open Meeting Act. A simple Google search will reveal the actual statues, and I am sure it is available at the public library for your reading enjoyment. I personally feel this matter would fall under the KOMA and should be brought to the public's attention accordingly.

Thank you for reading my rant,
Brandon McNerny

State Treasurer Lynn Rogers Sets Record in Unclaimed Property Returns

Almost 6,000 Kansans were returned more than \$6.3 in unclaimed property in August TOPEKA -- State Treasurer Lynn Rogers announced today that more than \$6.3 million in unclaimed property was returned to nearly 6,000 Kansans in the month of August, setting a record for the most unclaimed property returned in a single month.

"We are working hard

to reunite Kansans with what is rightfully theirs, and with this record-breaking month, it is clear our efforts are working," said State Treasurer Lynn Rogers. "We have returned money to individuals, school districts, nonprofits, and municipalities all across the state."

Specifically, the Treasurer's Office returned \$6,327,259.89 in the month of August. The state's previous record for a single month, set in 2019, was \$4,226,155.49.

Since taking office in January, State Treasurer Rogers and the Unclaimed Property Division have returned more than \$17 million to nearly 60,000 Kansans

with an average property amount of \$290.24. Kansas currently has more than \$400 million in assets to return.

"Now more than ever, every penny counts, and getting this money back to Kansans helps them pay for important expenses or provides a little extra to save for education, housing, or retirement," said Rogers.

Kansans interested in searching for unclaimed property can search online at www.kansascash.ks.gov, or they can find the State Treasurer's Office at the Kansas State Fair starting Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 19, in the Meadowlark Building.

Additional unclaimed property search events with State Treasurer Lynn Rogers will be hosted in the weeks to come. More information can be found on the State Treasurer's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/KansasTreasurer. This is a free service provided by the State Treasurer's Office. Any website requesting credit card information or offering to find property for a fee is not the official website of the State Treasurer.



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Cailie Logue - Girard HS
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When I came to Iowa State, one of the things my mom said was she wished she had the girls to train with that I do. Competition like that in training and meets leads to better times, and that's why it's special to think that back in high school I was running with some of the fastest girls in Kansas history."



and plans to graduate in May, 2022.

When Logue won the 10,000 meter run at the Big 12 Championships this past spring, the runner up in that event was Molly Born, a 2018 Shawnee Mission Northwest grad and now running at Oklahoma State.

"My dad always told me stories about the top runners in Kansas history," Logue said. "Alli Cash (Shawnee Mission West) graduated the year before I got to high school and I think she still has the fastest mile time in the state. Molly Born and Emily Venters (Lawrence Free State) were two of the fastest runners in the state and they were running at the same time as me, and I think Molly still has the fastest two mile.

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We are grateful to partner with WIN for KC, an organization with the mission to empower the lives of girls and women by advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports through opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN for KC and the KSHSAA believe involvement in activities and sports lay the ground work for supporting well-rounded citizens in our communities and beyond. For more on WIN for KC visit: <https://www.sportkc.org/win-for-kc>

50 For 50:
Cailie Logue – Girard HS

By Larry Moritz, Special to KSHSAA

Throughout her high school career, Cailie Logue was blessed not only with strong parental support, but with dedicated coaches who always had the talented athlete's best interests at heart.

It didn't hurt that Logue, now a standout distance runner at Iowa State, had both parents as her track and cross country coaches while in high school. She has certainly come to appreciate the role that support system played before, during and since her remarkable four-year career at Girard High School.

"I think now that I was pretty fortunate to have the people around me that I did," Logue said. "The town and my parents and family. They guided me in that experience.

"I couldn't imagine where I would be without my parents and I have a lot to thank them for. Not only were they good parents, but they were able to navigate that coach-athlete dynamic with me very well.

"I give them a lot of credit for the way they made the experience really enjoyable, and for how much they cared and invested in me and my brother."

It would be easy to assume Logue was destined to run distance races, but that wasn't necessarily the case. Her mother, Christie (Allen) Logue, was a four-time state medalist in cross country and won multiple medals at state track while running at Labette County in the late 1980s. Her father, Matt Logue, was a two-time state cross country champion at Lansing and took state titles in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter run at the Class 4A state meet in 1989.

Both went on to outstanding collegiate careers at Pittsburg State, but Matt and Christie Logue didn't push their daughter to follow the path they had set.

"My mom was an eight-time Division II champion in college and my dad was a four-time All-American in track and cross country," Cailie said. "I got asked a lot if I was going to be a runner like my mom and dad, but they always made it really clear that whatever sport I wanted to do, it was my choice.

"I played a lot of other sports when I was younger and I enjoyed them, but not nearly as much as cross country or track."

Cailie found immediate success at the high school level, winning the first cross country meet she competed in and earning her first state title later that fall.

"Going into that first state meet, I wasn't sure what it was going to look like," Cailie said. "Maybe it was that freshman-year phenomena where you aren't sure what to expect and I remember being nervous because of the unknown.

"I think others knew I could win races, but I really didn't know how it was going to go."

That cross country state title in 2013 was the first of four consecutive Class 4A individual state championships in the sport. She added an additional nine state titles in track and field, winning the 3,200-meter run each of her four years, taking three gold medals in the 1,600 run, and placing first in the 800 run as both a junior and senior.

Logue owns the 4A state meet records in three individual events: the 800 (2:12.27), 1,600 (4:54.44) and 3,200

(10:28.80).

"Some of it was probably due to her environment," Matt Logue said. "Both my wife and I ran at Pittsburg State and Cailie was very mature when it came to training and competing, even at a young age.

"Some of it was personality based. She was a student of the sport. Cailie was patient and knew to set high but achievable goals, and she was fortunate enough to be pretty talented."

With her father as her head coach at Girard and her mother as the assistant coach, Cailie admits there were many times when the conversation at home turned to running, whether it was about past or future events, training or strategy.

"We would talk track and cross country quite a bit at home, but if it got to be too much, I could just say 'OK, that's all I want to talk about it now,'" Cailie said. "My dad was coached by his dad, so he understood.

"It was a good dynamic. He knew me really well. He would say 'I'm your advocate. I'm not always going to say the things to make you feel really good or happy, but I am always going to do

what's best for you."

Logue said the idea of competing at the collegiate level began to take hold following her sophomore year. She qualified for one of the sport's premier events, the 2015 Nike Cross

Nationals in Portland, Oregon, after her junior season. When she placed third among more than 200 competitors at the national meet, the offers from NCAA Division I schools began coming in.

As she did at the high school level, Logue quickly found success in her first season at Iowa State. She was named the 2017 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in cross country and is the three-time defending Big 12 champion in that sport.

She has a total of 10 Big 12 titles, with three conference championships in indoor track and another four during the outdoor season. She has earned All-American honors in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, and has been named an academic first-team All-American as well.

A kinesiology major, Logue has another year of eligibility remaining in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track,

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Animal complaint	SW 90 Ave & SW 30 Ave Spivey
Structure Fire	160 block S Penalosa St. Penalosa
Traffic complaint	1200 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	3000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

Monday, September 13, 2021

Traffic Stops	2
Animal complaint	200 block S Elliott St. Cunningham
Non-injury accident	12000 block W Hwy 42, Zenda
Non-injury accident	400 block E. D Ave. Kingman
Traffic -disabled vehicle	4000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	NE 10 St & NE 1000 Ave. Murdock
Traffic complaint	6000 block W. Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	14000 block SE 150 Ave. Norwich
Traffic complaint	3000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Traffic stops	1
Animal complaint	SW 90 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey
Animal complaint	E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Murdock
Suspicious person	5000 block SE 180 St. Harper
Suspicious person	300 block S Valley, Cunningham
Welfare check	3000 block E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Traffic stop	3
Non-injury accident	600 block N Spruce St. Kingman
Gas Leak	4000 S Hwy 14, Kingman
911acc/hangup	10000 SW 80 St. Spivey
Traffic complaint	6000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Welfare Check	200 block W. E Ave Kingman

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Suspicious person	4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Suspicious person	200 block N Main St. Kingman
Theft	14000 block SSW 25 Ave. Spivey

Friday, September 17, 2021

Traffic stop	3
Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 42, Norwich
Traffic complaint	8000 E Hwy 54 Murdock
Traffic check tag	NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Accident 10-47 non-injury	200 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Traffic disabled vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Traffic stop	1
911ACC/hangup	SW 70 St & SW 30 Ave Spivey
Suspicious person	400 block S Parkway, Norwich
Welfare Check	10000 block W 54 Hwy Cunningham
Accident 10-47 non-injury	SW 170 Ave & W 42 Hwy Nashville

DU Celebrates Accomplishments at Byron Walker Wildlife Area

KINGMAN, Kan. – Sept. 20, 2021 – Ducks Unlimited (DU) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) will hold an event to unveil an education kiosk and offer a tour of the wetland improvements at Byron Walker Wildlife Area (WA) in Kingman County on Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

The habitat restoration at Byron Walker WA was supported by local businesses, donors and grants from Phillips 66 and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA).

Ducks Unlimited joined forces with the KDWP to add a 500-acre tract of land to the WA and improve levees and water-control structures to restore 50 acres of wetland habitat. Invasive trees were removed to enhance 115 acres of degraded wetland habitat and improve the water quality in Kingman State Fishing Lake.

"This event is a unique opportunity to showcase NAWCA's impact in Kansas," said Carmen Miller, DU director of public policy in the Great Plains. "Byron Walker Wildlife Area is popular with hunters and provides strong economic support for the local community."

Additional partners for the Byron Walker WA restoration project in-

cluded the Kansas Department of Transportation, Mark Schlegel, Kanza Bank, Arensdorf Construction and Kingman Lumber.

The meeting site for the event is at Byron Walker WA headquarters, 8685 W. Hwy 54, Cunningham, Kan. Participants will meet at the Wildlife Area's headquarters and carpool to the kiosk site. Staff from DU and the KDWP will lead a tour of the area after the presentation.

From Kingman travel west on US-400/US-54 for 9 miles to SW 90 Avenue. Turn south and follow signs to the Byron Walker WA office. The education kiosk is on the south side of US-400/US-54 between SW 70 Ave. and SW 80 Ave.

For more information visit www.ducks.org, and be sure to follow DU's news Twitter feed – @DUNews1937 – to get the most up-to-date news from Ducks Unlimited.

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Bob Wunsch

Robert S. "Bob" Wunsch, 88, died Sept. 16, 2021, at Pretty Prairie.

He was born Sept. 28, 1932, at Kingman, Kansas the son of Paul and Bula Mae Staley Wunsch. A resident of Kingman most of his life, he was a retired attorney. He began his law practice in Bartlesville, Oklahoma before returning to Kingman to practice law with his father.

Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Lions Club, and Ninnescah Lodge #230 A.F.&A.M., all of Kingman. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1954 and from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1958; he was a member of the Phi Delta Phi Fraternity; served as the attorney for the City of Kingman from 1962 to 1978; Kingman County Attorney from 1969 to 1973; served as a State Representative from 1983 to 1988; was a Trustee of the Rose Spurrier Scholarship Fund; former Director of the Kansas Children's Service League, and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving during the Korean War.

In October of 1960, he married Barbara Bateman in Kansas City, Missouri; she died on Feb. 22, 2017.

Survivors include daughter Melissa Tetrick and her husband Bill; sister Delores Stevens and her husband James; grandchildren Will Tetrick and his wife Jenna, Becky Pickett and her husband Kale, Travis Tetrick with his fiancé Courtney Giefer, and Victoria Tetrick; and great-grandchildren Brynlee, Audrey, Tripp, Raelynn and Teighton. He was also preceded in death by a son Stephen Wunsch and grandson Steven Tetrick.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the First Presbyterian Church or the Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians in care of the funeral home.



Doris Brown

Pratt - Doris Jean Brown, 91, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on December 8, 1929 on a farm in Utopia, Kansas to Floyd and Marguerite (Little) Worley. Jean married Don Eugene Brown on November 22, 1950 in Wichita. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2011.

She attended school at Fairview Elementary and graduated from Eureka High School. She graduated from Kansas State College with a degree in Industrial Chemistry. She commuted to Wichita State and earned a Master's degree in Math Education. She taught at Cheney High School, Russville while Don attended law school in Topeka, and Council Grove while Don worked in a local law firm. They moved to Pratt in 1955 where she gave Red Cross Swim lesson and taught half days for sixth grade at Haskins Elementary for 2 years. She then taught at Pratt Middle School and Pratt High School until her retirement in 1989. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Prayer Circle, American Association of University Women, Pratt Library Board, and Investment Club. She volunteered at PRMC, Red Cross, Food Bank and RSVP. She enjoyed playing bridge, golf, and tennis, bowling, gardening, reading, tutoring her grandchildren and other students in math, and doing crosswords.

She is survived by her children, Stephen Worley Brown of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jeffrey Scott Brown of Pittsburgh, and Nancy Louise (Steve) Brown-McClain of Pratt; sister in-law, Lois Worley of Chanute; grandchildren, Casey Brown of Chicago, Illinois, Marshall Brown of Mesa, Arizona, Floyd Jaggy and Nancy Brown-Jaggy both of California, Austin (Heather) McClain, Lauren McClain, and Julieann McClain all of Pratt; and great-grandchild, Lukas Scott McClain with another on the way.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Don Eugene Brown; daughter, Donna Jean Brown-Jaggy; and brothers, Howard Worley and Warren Worley.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with Pastor Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to PRMC, Pratt Public Library or First United Methodist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.



Dave Larson

David Alan Larson, 73, died Sept. 11, 2021, in Wichita.

He was born Sept. 23, 1947, at White Plains, New York, the son of Lawrence Elmer and Alice Louise McManus Larson.

A resident of Cunningham since 1971, he was a grade school teacher for USD 332.

On June 2, 1973, he married Ellen Grilliot at Syracuse, Kansas. Other survivors include sons Benjamin, Jacob, Daniel and Noah; daughter Sarah E. Willits; brothers Michael and Richard; sister Susan Robbins; and 7 grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by sister Patricia Larson in 1958.

Parish rosary will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham. Livingston Funeral Home,

Anita Harrold

Anita Kay Harrold, 76, passed away Tuesday, September 14, 2021. She was born on August 8, 1945 in Junction City to Kearney and Norma Jean (Kidd) Manz. Anita married Richard Edward Harrold on September 3, 1966 in Eskridge, Kansas. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2003.



Anita graduated from Eskridge High School in 1963. She then attended Emporia State University where she earned her Bachelor's in Business Education. She worked as a legal secretary. She attended Turon Community Church and volunteered for Camp Hope. She enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and taking care of her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Jason (Carrie) Harrold of Pratt; brothers, Roger (Cindy) Manz of Eskridge and Terry (Carol) Manz of Frisco, Texas; and granddaughters, Trystan Harrold and Shiloh Harrold.

Anita is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Edward Harrold; and son, Jeremy Harrold.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Turon Community Church, Turon with Steve Gill presiding. Inurnment will be at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at St. John's Evangelical Cemetery, Junction City.

Memorials may be made to Camp Hope or Turon Community Church (Operation Christmas Child) in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Maynard Robertson

Maynard P. Robertson, Jr., 69, died Sept. 17, 2021 in Wichita.

He was born Oct. 3, 1951, the son of Maynard P. and Bonnie Beck Robertson. A longtime Kingman County resident, having also lived in Texas and Colorado, he was a former employee of Cessna and a former liquor store owner/operator.

Survivors include son Aaron and his wife Chandra; daughters Stephanie Foley and her husband Clint, and Laura Robertson; brothers Keith and Kent Robertson; sister Bonita Bradley; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of thirty years, Joan; his father Maynard P. Robertson, Sr. and his mother Bonnie June Beck Robertson.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, at the Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont, Kansas. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society.

Ellen Boyle

Ellen L. Boyle, 97, died Sept. 13, 2021 at her home in Wichita.

She was born Jan. 21, 1924, at Spivey, Kansas the daughter of Joe and Alberta Wilson Shultz.

A longtime Spivey resident moving to Wichita in 2008, she was a homemaker.

Ellen was a member of the County Acres Baptist Church, Wichita.

On Aug. 18, 1944, she married Rex Boyle at Hutchinson; he died Oct. 5, 2016. Survivors include a son Max and his wife Jan; daughter Rebecca Fryar and her husband Ken; grandchildren Jennifer Alexander and Mark Boyle; and four great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Steve; and sisters Vera Bluejacket and Edie Beth Hinderliter.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 at the Country Acres Baptist Church, Wichita. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Interment will be in the Duquoin Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Country Acres Baptist Church in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Angela and Gary Albers



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