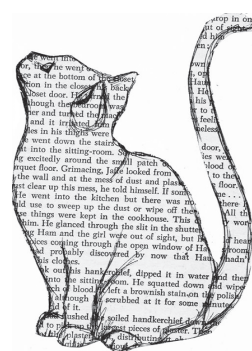


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Clarence was also bit ornery. From the way he acted when I brought him in our house that first time, I doubt he'd ever been indoors. I cleared all kitties out of the area and dragged him to my office and closed the door. The whole time he's multi-tasking – trying to smell and investigate everything he sees and jumping up on me. His jump was odd. He tucked his

I worked for several days with Clarence and the kitties. He had to be crated quite a bit so he could just watch the cats run around. When I'd let him out to interact with them,

Things were going pretty well with all the effort I put into working with him and the cats... until the weather got warmer and the cats wanted to be outside. Clarence ended up chasing them all over the yard and up trees and under the deck. Chloe and Joey had a 'what the heck' attitude and chased along with him. I am sure Clarence wouldn't have hurt them, but it had to be scary to be chased by three dogs. I was 100% sure Joey and

When Chloe died last summer, Clarence totally lost his smile, his twinkle, his bounce. Seldom

Note to Pam: I have, indeed, read all the Louise Penny books, and looking forward to the

"While Henri had a huge heart, he had quite a modest brain. His head was taken up almost entirely by his ears. In fact, his head seemed simply a sort of mount for those ears. Fortunately Henri didn't really need his head. He kept all the important things in his heart."

— Louise Penny, *How the Light Gets In*
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The treadmill came

I was really excited to realize I was able to “hike” up an incline without assistance or much fatigue on our little road trip in January where we were able to stop at a few national parks. (Yes, to Utah, in the winter, over the mountains!) I don’t think I previously mentioned our stop at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky in October. I got down into the cave easily enough but the 100 or so steps and the


The fingernails have improved. There is still some tingly numbness, but they no longer ooze, and I think good nail is actually growing now! The toenails, though,

My eyebrows are coming back! There were a few hairs still there, but the main part is really starting to come in – and dark-colored. This is great unless they get so bushy, I have to start plucking them again! The hair on my head is getting longer – and no signs of being curly. Some of my hair is even long enough to lay over with some even touching my ears. My dad used to say it was time to get a haircut if it was touching his ears – I don't think I'll be following that rule – I'm too excited

Some of you have already experienced the Medicare sign-ups. I do now have my Medicare number and card and am signed up for a supplemental and prescription plan. We also switched my husband from his retiree plan to a supplemental and prescription plan. We talked to a gentleman that took time to explain several things and so hopefully my husband and I are good to go for this year at least.

Next Steps- Port flushes every couple months, labs only before oncologist appointments every couple months, follow-up CT in March, and continue with After-Shock recovery. I'll also be scheduling my normal annual appointments with the cardiologist and family doctor. One appointment I don't need to schedule is for a mammogram - I certainly don't need those anymore!

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
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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Possessions or Possessed?

Squealing tires always catch my attention.

Arriving to speak at the high school, I wasn't surprised to discover the hot-rodder was a student in a flashy car.

When the driver noticed he had an audience of three other kids with envious looks on their faces, he goosed it again, burning more rubber as he roared off into traffic.

Sure enough - the spectators were impressed - and started talking about how lucky the

kid was to have his own car. Fooled by appearances, they'd missed the truth of the situation: the autohead didn't own that car - that car owned the autohead.

The three impressionable students didn't realize the driver was rushing off to work. They didn't know our car owner had financed those flashy wheels. They had no idea that along with acquiring the pleasure of patching out in parking lots, our driver had also acquired \$300-a-month car payments. \$200-a-month insurance payments. \$100-a-month gas, tire and maintenance expenses.

17-years-old, our driver was saddled with

having to earn \$600-a-month, just to pay for that shiny beauty. For five. Long. Years.

Because he'd just started his work career, the hot-rodder's salary of \$6.00 an hour forced him to work 30 hours every week, just to cover the payments and income taxes.

While other kids were free after school to do what they wished, our driver was forced to march off to work.

But the expenses continued to add up. In addition to the financial commitment, that four-wheeled possession also extracted a psychological payment. While the driver was in class, he worried about someone

breaking into his car. Or stealing its stereo. And when he discovered the paint job's first nasty ding, it felt more like that careless shopping cart had taken a piece out of him.

And then there was the labor commitment. During those rare times he wasn't working, or worrying, he was busy washing, or waxing, or changing the oil.

The true cost of any possession is never just money. It's freedom. Peace of mind. Labor.

In reality, that kid wasn't driving the car, the car was driving the kid.

Sound familiar?

How many of us bought the nicest house we could get a loan for,

and happily signed a 30-year mortgage commitment for the opportunity? Or purchased a car we could only afford through the payment plan? Saddled with having to make those payments, we're pressured to do whatever is necessary to keep our jobs - even if they turn sour.

Frustrated from working so hard and having nothing left for ourselves, we reward ourselves with impulse purchases on credit cards. Then when those bills roll in, many make the minimum payments, pretending not to notice that the payment made last month did nothing but cover the new finance charge on the card's balance this

month.

One day we realize we're trapped. We're "forced" to earn a certain amount of income each month to pay all those bills.

Because we traded our freedom for those possessions, we ourselves, become the possessed.

There wasn't time to explain all this to the kids oohing and aahing over the flashy new car. And it was too late to warn the squealing driver who was already trapped.

But it wasn't too late for the group waiting inside to hear my talk. And it wasn't too late to add the subject to my speech.

Squealing tires always catch my attention...

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In 1841, a physically imposing, twenty-three year-old Frederick Douglass leaned against the rail of a ferry headed for Nantucket. He contemplated the wake widening out behind him and second-guessed his decision to travel after 3 years of trying to remain inconspicuous as a runaway. But he had been invited by a group of abolitionists to attend a rally on Nantucket Island. The Fugitive Slave Act was still in force and Frederick risked being captured and a sure return to slavery by making the trip. The courage it took to take such a journey must have been summoned from deep within his soul.

Little did Frederick Douglass know; this was the beginning of his courageous and history-altering journey. He would go on to help shape the opinions and the words

of Abraham Lincoln.

Born with Spina Bifida, 12-year-old Mitchell couldn't walk. He longed to be with his scout troop in the outdoors but was afraid to impose on the others who would have to somehow get him to camp. When the time arrived to trek to a spot in the high desert, the scoutmaster asked the other boys how they felt about Mitchell. To a boy, they all agreed that he should go. They built a special litter of Aspen poles and carried Mitchell the 3 miles up a rugged trail. It took a lot of courage for the first boy to raise a hand in support, and courage by the others to join in. It became the journey of a lifetime for each boy as they paired off and took turns carrying Mitchell up the mountain.

There are times in each of our lives that will require us to carry more than our fair share of

weight, to take courage. And times when we will certainly shrink from the call. Kate, a gregarious teenage girl was reluctant to speak up to passing comments about her race. Though made casually, and by friends, they were still hurtful. Kate could not find the courage to confront her friends until her senior year. At a community gathering to promote unity, she was asked to speak. "When we are quick to judge, or when we make false assumptions about any being, we are depriving them the chance to prove themselves as good people and from believing that there is a place where they belong," she said pushing through her fears. "This country is built on 'Trust in God' and I believe that in the eyes of God, all are equal and equally loved." There was silence as this brave girl stood and looked out at the hundreds of eyes watching her. And then, applause. Sometimes

courage is as simple as saying the right thing, at the right time.

For Frederick Douglass, Kate, and a group of young boys, they each acted on something bigger than themselves, something defined as courage---a word that moves us ahead into unknown waters while leaving a wake behind much bigger than ourselves.

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And though I oft have passed them by
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Shall take the hidden paths that run
West of the Moon, East of the Sun.”*

— J.R.R. Tolkien

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Father Roger Lumbre
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620-246-5370




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Worship Service
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Pastor Mike McGovney
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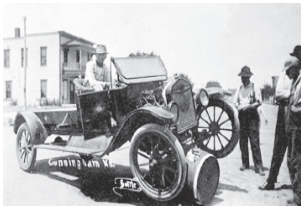
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Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wetherall returned home last Saturday from Kansas City and Leavenworth, where Mr. Wetherall went on business, and to purchase some supplies for his ice plant.

The Clarence Shelman family are under quarantine for Scarlet Fever, one of their children taken sick at school one day last week.

Mrs. Jim Taylor left Tuesday for her home in Wichita, after several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Amick.

W. W. Doty took a truck load of hogs to Wichita Wednesday.

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1932

The men of the Sacred Heart Church were cutting wood at the Frank Liesman home north of town Tuesday for the church and parish house.

Luther Brown, 71, of Lerado, brother of Mrs. C. E. Doty of this city, passed away at his home near Lerado, early last Saturday morning.

The high school played the town team Friday afternoon. The high School team had one of their best players, Lee Gibbens, absent. We don't know how many of the town's best players were not there, but the final score was 16-27 in favor of the high school.

The agriculture class and domestic science class attended a demonstration last Monday morning and afternoon. They learned how to cut, cure, and can pork and beef. Mr. Kirton and Miss Sherrid took charge of the demonstration and the classes believe their time was well spent.

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1937

C. P. Duvall, superintendent of the gasoline plant at Skellyville, has been transferred to Skellytown, Texas, near Pampa, where the Skelly Oil Company has its largest holdings. Mr. Duvall will be district superintendent of the Panhandle district. He has been at Skellyville for the past three years. Ed Canady will replace Mr. Duvall at Cunningham, coming from Seminole, Okla., where he has been plant superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Baldwin of Kingman, pioneer residents of Cunningham, will observe their golden wedding anniversary on February 17. Mr. Baldwin owned the lumberyard in Old Ninnescah before the town was blown away by the cyclone. The family moved to Kingman in 1906 or 1907. Mr. Baldwin went into the banking business, and is now President of the First National Bank of that city.

The high school basketball team won their third and fourth straight games during the past week, defeating Adams and Nashville. Junior Schafer and Donald Huhman led the Cunningham scoring attack in both games. Cunningham took Adams into camp last Friday night to the tune of a 21 to 19 win. Schafer led the Redskin attack, he tallied 9 points. Cunningham Redskins motored to Nashville Tuesday evening and came home with a romping victory. The score was 27-7. Schafer again led the Redskin attack as he caged 13 points, with Huhman a close second at 11 points.

Museum Winter Hours

Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

1942

Oil production in the Cunningham Oil and Gas Field was cut 25% for the month of February. Field activity has been practically stopped due to government priority of needed metals due to the war. At the present time there are 82 oil producing wells, and 25 gas producing wells in the field.

Next Monday, February 16, is registration day for the group of men between the ages of 20 to 44, inclusive, who must register for selective service. Rufus Leiter will be in charge of the registration desk at the First National Bank, and registration hours will be from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.

The eight automobile tires stolen from the Standard Oil Station here on January 5, were recovered last Friday near Buhler, Kansas, and were returned to Ed Pelzl, manager of the station, on Saturday by the county sheriff Fred Twyman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steffen are in receipt of a letter this week from their son, Elmer, who is in the Army and stationed at Bellows Field, Waimanalo, Hawaii. The letter was written January 14. Censored so that no mention could be made of army maneuvers or army life, it assured his parents of his continued good health and well being. He wrote of the great amount of mail that had reached the Islands that day from the mainland. 38,000 sacks of mail had arrived, which was the most that had ever come in one day and in one bunch.

1947

Jimmie Dycke, 18, son of Everett Dycke, was injured Saturday while working at the Nate Hamilton farm, Jimmie was grinding feed, when his hand slipped and four fingers were severed from his right hand.

Jimmie was rushed to Kingman Memorial Hospital where he received treatment and remained until Wednesday noon, when he was taken to his home to recuperate.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kitson on the arrival of an 8 pound 2 oz. boy, Monday, Feb. 10th, at the Kingman Hospital.

1953

Many people in and around Cunningham saw flames which shot one hundred feet in the air, Sunday evening, when a Kansas Power and Light Company gas pipeline exploded and caught fire five miles south of Pratt. A hole fifty feet long, ten feet wide, and eight feet deep was made by the explosion.

Raney's Truck Service moved the former William Cooley home, recently purchased by Roy Ellis, to Cunningham, Wednesday, to Mr. Ellis' residence site on North Main Street.

The Wildcats defeated the Haviland Academy in a fast-moving basketball game here last Friday night by the score of 65 to 55. Billy DeWeese and Jackie Meyers led the Wildcat attack with 20 and 18 points respectively.

Prior to the first team game, June Cooley was crowned Cunningham Rural High School Basketball Queen for 1951-52 by Jackie Meyers, Wildcat captain.

Cunningham Theatre

- Friday and Saturday Show starts at 7:30 p.m.
- James Stewart, Barbara Hale, and James Gleason in "The Jack Pot"
- Sunday and Monday
- Gregory Peck and Virginia Mayo in "Captain Horatio Hornblower"
- Wednesday and Thursday
- William Holden, Nancy Olson, and Frank Lovejoy in "Force of Arms"
- Cartoon Every Night

1957

A public hearing on the proposal to create a Kingman Rural High School District will be held Tuesday morning, February 26, at 10:00 o'clock in the County Courtroom in Kingman, to hear objections to the proposed district.

The hearing has been called by County Superintendent Mamie Longnecker, after she received petitions laying out the proposed district's boundary lines and rejected petitions from adjacent school districts in which patrons on the "fringe area" of the proposed Kingman district petitioned for annexation to another school district.

Namely among these rejected petitions are two from the Cunningham Rural High School District, and at least one from Cheney, Adams, Zenda, and Pretty Prairie areas. Each petition was signed by more than

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Final decision on boundaries of the proposed Kingman district will probably have to be made by the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Adel Throckmorton, following appeals if the Kingman situation follows the pattern of other such cases.

1962

Robert Leiter's 20 points paced the Wildcats victory over Fairfield South at Cunningham's annual Homecoming Game here last Friday evening. Three other Cunningham players also scored in double figures - Roger Krug had 16, Bob Meyers 12, and Eugene Huston 11.

Carol Sallee was crowned Basketball Queen of 1962 in an impressive coronation between games. Here attendants were June Crosley, Janet Graves, Nancy Keith, and Marilyn DeWeese.

Verlin Urban, Personnelman First Class, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Urban of Cunningham, is now serving at the Headquarters of the Eleventh Naval District in San Diego, Calif.

Seaman Raymond Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Lawson of Penalosa, recently recalled to active duty in the Naval Reserve, is now stationed in Cuba.

Janet Graves has won the district level of the D.A.R.-sponsored Good Citizen Contest. She will receive her pin at a luncheon of the district organization in Anthony, April 17, and will be sponsored in the state contest by the Martha Vail D.A.R. Chapter of Anthony.

Cunningham IGA

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- Choice T-Bone Steak, 89c lb.
- Choice Rib Steaks, 79c lb.
- Choice Pikes Peak Roast, 69c lb.
- Center Ham Clices, 89c lb.

1967

The Cunningham Wildcats won and lost by identical 59-57 scores, winning from Coats-Sawyer here last Friday night, and losing at Sylvia the following night.

Behind 49-41 at the start of the fourth period, the Wildcats rallied to nip Coats-Sawyer, 59-57. Dennis Theis with 18 points, and Jim McCune with 15, paced the Cunningham scoring.

Sylvia out-scored the Wildcats 12 to 10 in the final quarter to nab the 59-57 victory. McCune with 19 points, along with Danny Meyers' 16 and Duane Schnittker's 14, led the Cunningham scoring.

The Cunningham High School speech and forensics students performed admirably at the Ninnescah League Speech Festival, held at Sylvia last Thursday. Four students received I ratings, and three received II-plus ratings.

Tom Schnittker received a I in extemporaneous speaking; Susan Rottering a I in poetry interpretation; Virginia Ellis a I in prose interpretation; and Mary Cundiff a I in humorous reading.

1972

February 10, - January of 1972 had a wide temperature range. Halfway through this month (January 15) the thermometer dipped to six degrees below zero, and with it was a cutting wintry blast which made the chill index factor unbelievable. In all, nine days during the month failed to make it above the 10-degree mark. In the bright side, however, there were 12 days over 50 degrees, with a high of 61 degrees on January 12.

Almost 100 alumni of Cunningham High School were registered, present, and recognized at the school's annual homecoming basketball game last Friday night.

Steve Albers and Denise Neises were crowned "Basketball King and Queen of 1972" at Cunningham High School's annual homecoming basketball game. Their attendants were Mary Ann Albers, Cathy Simon, Linda Cunningham, Janet Rohling, Mike Schrant, Dean Simon, Mark Stillwell, and John Fischer.

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Wildcats Get Win Over the Falcons

Cunningham traveled to Fairfield high school to take on the Falcons on February 1, 2022. The Cats came away with a 57 to 35 win.

The Cats had not played in over a week and it showed in the beginning of the game as the Cats struggled to score and allowed Fairfield several baskets from their cutters. Cunningham changed defenses and Trey DeWeese and Luke McGuire each made two three-point baskets along with a two-point basket by McGuire to lead the Cats to a 14 to eight lead after one quarter of play.

Cunningham held the Falcons to two second quarter points but could not put the game away because of five turnovers and one for five shooting from the free throw line. Lane Halderson got on the scoreboard with five points. DeWeese and Dagim Reed each added two points for the nine-point total. Cunningham lead 23 to 10 at the end of two quarters.

The Wildcats increased their lead to 20 points after three quarters

by outscoring Fairfield 15 to eight. Will Wegerer made two three-point baskets. McGuire scored five points and DeWeese and Isaiah Reed each added two points.

The Cunningham team maintained their lead in the fourth quarter having their best scoring quarter with 19 points. The defense dropped off though and Fairfield also had their best quarter with 17 points. Halderson scored nine points and McGuire made six points. I. Reed scored two points and Erik Paris and Wegerer each added a free throw. Cunningham won by 22 points, which is very good but they also turned the ball over 18 times and were 4 for 14 from the free throw line. The Cats shared the ball very well which resulted in 16 assists and both two-point and three-point shooting percentages were above 50%. Cunningham is 3-0 in league play but the next six games will determine how we finish in the league and where our seeding will be in the upcoming Sub-state tournament. Come out and see how this scene plays out.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Isaiah Reed

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.
McGuire	5	3	0/1	19	5	2	1
Halderson	6		2/6	14	7	2	
Wegerer		2	1/2	7		2	1
DeWeese	2	2		10	2	4	3
D Reed	1			2	1	1	3
Paris			1/4	1	5	3	1
I Reed	2			4	5	2	1
Sterneker							1
Morgan					1		

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	14	9	15	19	57
Fairfield	8	2	8	17	35



Trey DeWeese



Molly Morgan Photos

JH Wildcats Complete Regular Season

On the last day of January the Jr High boys traveled to Norwich for what would be the final game of the regular season. Kansas weather and scheduling ended up costing the Cats their rescheduled Fairfield game later in the week. Norwich was undefeated in league play. The Cats were hopeful for an upset.

Turnovers were costly, which makes it hard to pull the upset. The effort was there and it will be every game with this group, even with the losses. Time to gear up for the league tournament!

Stephen led the rebound category with 5. Dylan, Logan, and Layne all had 3. Kendall, Stephen, Layne all had two steals.

by Coach Lance McGuire

JH 'Cats Start HOPL Tournament

Whether you're on the side of basketball dragging on forever or being over in the blink of an eye, it's already time for the junior high HOPL tournament! Through their tenacious defense and rebounding, the Wildcats earned the 3 seed by beating everyone but the number one and two teams. The opening 3 vs 6 round on Saturday pitted the Cats against the

home team, South Barber Tornados. The setup was there for an upset on the Tornados' home court and us having had virtually no practices in a week due to schedules and weather. The home team had led the Cats for most of the game in their first meeting. In addition, we had the first game of the day so there was no routine at all on game day.

The boys must not have registered any of the warning signs of an upset. They outplayed

the Tornados from start to finish and had one of their better games of the year. What a great time to peak and play one of our best games!

Dylan led in rebounds with 11 followed by Stephen with 9. Kendall, Logan, Stephen, and Layne all had 2 steals. Logan with some help played a gem on defense against their best scorer. Continually frustrating him and holding him below his average.

Stephen led all scorers with 17 pts.



Logan Kinsler on defense

“Basketball Rule #7 Rebounding is the art of anticipating, of always being prepared to grab it. But you can't drop the ball.”
— Kwame Alexander, The Crossover



Dylan Halderson



Skyler Thimesch



Stephen Kerschen

Wildcat Scorers	
Stephen Kerschen	17
Layne Green	12
Dylan Halderson	8
Kendall Rogers	6
Skyler Thimesch	4

Lady Cats Lose to Kinsley Coyotes

In the second round of the 54 Classic the Lady Cats faced off against the Coyotes from Kinsley. The Lady Cats have come a long way since their first match up early in January and were more prepared for the Coyotes this time around. Shooting percentage was up. Free throw percentage was the best of the year at 68%. The girls played physically on both ends of the court and worked hard for four quarters. The game

did not turn out the way we wanted it to, but the final score of 42 to 60 was not an accurate indication of how close the game felt. Literally every possession was contested by the Wildcat defense; we just had trouble defending a Coyote who scored 33 points. The Lady Wildcats are making progress, and some game soon it's going to show on the scoreboard.

by Coach Lance McGuire

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Ellie	7	Maranda	6	Kaitlyn	3	Al/AV	2
Steals Leaders	Maranda	3	Kaitlyn	2	Ell/El/Ada	1		
Assists Leaders								



Kaitlyn Hennessee

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	15
Kaitlynn Hennessee	12
Maranda Lohrke	7
Matilyn Jump	7
Ada Adams	1



Ada Adams

Lady Cats Win in Final Round of 54 Classic

On January 29th in the final round of the 54 Classic the Lady Cats faced off against the South Barber Chieftains. This was the second meeting of the two teams in as many weeks. It was also the Lady Cats' 4th game in 6 days. A huge test for the Wildcats, and they were up to the test. The Lady Cats came out the first quarter making most of their shots and scoring 14. Maranda Lohrke was given the task of clamping down the Chieftains top scorer. She more than liked the challenge as proven by the athlete going score-

less in the first half and only eight for the game. The Lady Cats were up 22 to 8 at half! The game tightened up in the second half when fatigue and our inexperience playing with a lead were as much as an opponent as the Chieftains. However, the Lady Cats closed out the game with a win 33 to 29. They had their second best free throw shooting percentage of the year at 63 percent, and they needed every one late in the game. It was great to see their hard work pay off with a win.

by Coach Lance McGuire

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Ellie	7	Maranda	5	Matilyn	5	AH/KH	3
Steals Leaders	Kaitlyn	3	Ellie	3	Matilyn	1	Maranda	1
Assists Leaders	Matilyn	2	Kaitlyn	2	Ellie	2		



Ellie McGuire

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	18
Kaitlynn Hennessee	10
Matie Jump	2
Alice Huelskamp	2
Elizabeth Paris	2



Matie Jump

Lady Cats Take on Fairfield Falcons

The Lady Cats traveled to Fairfield for a league game before the snow hit on Tuesday, February 1st. Winning our first game of the season a few days earlier didn't keep us from being out of sync from the beginning of this one. Passes were a little off as was shooting and our defense. Rebounds were sometimes pretty good and others non-existent. The scoreboard showed it all. We started behind and got further from the lead for three quarters. We did score eight points in the final frame, which was a touch better than the first three, but not enough as we took the loss 28 to 47. I am sure the girls would love to have that one back in a few weeks as I know I would. I do not believe that team is 19 points better than us; it would be a better game the next time around.

by Coach Lance McGuire

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Maranda	10	Ellie	6	Elizabeth	3	Alice	3
Steals Leaders	Ellie	2	Matilyn	2	Ava	2		
Assists Leaders	Ellie	3	Elizabeth	1	Alice	1		



Elizabeth Paris

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	12
Maranda Lohrke	6
Matie Jump	5
Ada Adams	2
Ava Bock	2
Elizabeth Hennessee	2



Maranda Lohrke and Alice Huelskamp



Matie Jump and Ellie McGuire



photos by Molly Morgan

“The goal in life is just the same as in basketball: make the effort to do the best you are capable of doing”
— John Wooden, Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and Off the Court

Pratt County Commission Minutes for January 31, 2022

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 31, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Eric Killough, Pratt tribune.

Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, 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 turned back on when they return from executive session.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, reported the landfill had been inspected by the state, they passed with no infractions. He gave a report on the 2021 landfill and recycling totals. He reported he had an employee attending HHW training.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented three road crossing for approval.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a road crossing, for Amerine Utilities Construction to bore

under NW 80th street and NW 20th avenue. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve a road crossing for Deutsch Oil Company to bore under road at NE 120th Street and NE 110th Avenue. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve road crossing for Deutsch Oil Company to bore under road at NE 70th Street and NE 70th Avenue. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He presented quotes on aggregates for asphalt mix.

Pearson Construction quoted 3/8” unwashed stone for \$37.15 per ton and gray screening for \$26.13 per ton. Cornejo Materials Stone Yard quoted 3/8” white stone for \$40.90 per ton and gray screenings for \$29.21. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the quote from Pearson Construction for 3/8” unwashed stone for \$37.15 per ton and gray screening for \$26.13 per ton. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:26 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel for five minutes to return at 2:31 p.m.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:31 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented numbers from the national guard COVID testing at the community center. She gave an update on

KDHE numbers for Pratt County.

She reported she is working on grants. The bicycle repair station was delivered today and she has contacted the city of Pratt to pick it up. She presented the contract for Dr. William Cannata, health officer, and Ann Franco, APRN. She reported Dr. William Cannata would like for this to be his last year. Ann Franco would like to not finish out 2022.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Ann Franco’s, APRN contract from January 31, 2022 and ending January 31, 2023, at \$58.00 per hour, \$13.25 per call and the county will pay one-half of her liability insurance. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Dr. William Cannata for health officer from January 31, 2022, to January 31, 2023, at \$300.00 per month. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, has reviewed the technology list presented by Mark Graber IT director. She stated it could be approved to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Chairman Shriver made a motion to approve approximately \$17,014.20 for equipment to update the commissioner room to comply with COVID guidelines to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She gave an update on the economic development meeting on moderate income housing. They are forming an alliance of \$50 million for local

developers to apply for grants for moderate income housing. Western Kansas met to discuss the housing grants. February 16, 2022 is the deadline to turn in applications for the housing grants. She announced \$100 million has been allocated to Department of Commerce that can be used for site development road expansion, and infrastructure.

She doesn’t think other than the road Pratt County has any project that fits. She would like to reach out to Kirkham Micheal see if they have any ideas on infrastructure.

Chairman Shriver asked about the sales tax exemption, does it affect the hospital bonds. She stated yes, the house version would affect those bonds. Concerning SB13 there are some amendments in the bill.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented pay increases for employees Diana Orona and Cheryl Slupski. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Cheryl Slupski’s raise for \$1.00 to \$19.87. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Diana Orona’s raise for \$1.00 to \$17.32. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, questioned how certain employees that take over when he is out of the county could be compensated. He needs someone the other crews could call for assistance. Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:00 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Adams seconded the

motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:10 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss attorney/client matter at 3:10 pm for twenty minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:30 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP director, and Tara Pagenkopf, new RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. Tiffany reported they got a cell phone for Tara to separate work from personal. Tiffany stated that Tara is in the leadership 2000 class until May 2022.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, requested an executive session. Commissioner

Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:35 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to have informed consent relating to concurrent conflict

of interest concerning the delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to republish the bid for the NE 20th Avenue KDOT cost share road project for two consecutive weeks in the Pratt Tribune. The Pratt Tribune failed to publish the initial bid for two consecutive weeks. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The new bid opening will be March 7, 2022.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to give Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor an open-ended date to file the delinquent tax sales. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to purchase a plaque for Tiffany Ailstock and \$100 Chamber Bucks for her twenty years of service. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:55 p.m. for twenty minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:14 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for January 31, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Letter to the Editor: Act Now - Support Governor Kelly’s Call to Eliminate the Food Sales Tax

Every Kansan would benefit from Governor Kelly’s plan to eliminate the food sales tax - saving a Kansas family of four approximately \$500/year.

But it’s especially impactful for rural Kansans who may face hunger or have fewer grocery store options. Seniors and families living on fixed incomes would also benefit greatly.


Kansas has the second highest food sales tax rate in the country, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Governor Kelly has asked that the legislature send her a clean bill – meaning a bill with no extra tax cuts or loopholes for big corporations.

While a state senator, Attorney General Derek Schmidt voted to raise the food sales tax from 4.9% to 5.3%, and stood by as Brownback’s legislature raised it to today’s 6.5%. Now is the time to act. Our current representatives must correct this trend and eliminate the food sales tax once and for all!

Shanna Henry

Comfortably Dumb


by Bruce Quast



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“How long does it take for this stuff to work?”


“What Is Love?
I have met in the streets a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat worn, the water passed through his shoes and the stars through his soul”
— Victor Hugo, Les Misérables



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 30th	
Traffic stops	16
Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 2, Norwich
Assist other agencies	2000 block N KOch Rd. Kingman
Motorist Assist	6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Monday, January 31st	
Traffic complaint	600 block N Main Street Spivey
Traffic complaint	7000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	400 block E. D Ave Kingman
Animal	400 block W. C Ave. Kingman
Animal	12000 block SW 77 Ave Zenda
Theft	200 block S Wilmot St. Cunningham
Trespassing	10000 block NW 50 St. Cunningham
Vehicle disabled	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14 area, Kingman
Welfare check	100 block E. B Zenda
Tuesday, February 1st	
Traffic stop	4
Traffic complaint	NE 10 St & NE 140 Ave area, Cheney
Suspicious vehicle	4000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Suspicious vehicle	6000 block SE 100 St. Kingman
Suspicious vehicle	100 block N Main St. Norwich
Vehicle - disabled	E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14 area, Rago
Vehicle disabled	3500 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

Wednesday, February 2nd	
Traffic complaint	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Animal bite	6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Assist Other Agencies	9700 block NE 50 St. Pretty Prairie
Thursday, February 3rd	
Traffic stops	1
Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Traffic complaint	N Main St & E. D Ave. area Kingman
Vehicle disabled	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Vehicle disabled	7500 block SE 10 St. Murdock
Welfare check	6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Friday, February 4th	
Traffic stops	4
Traffic complaint	mm 152 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	NW 50 St. & NW 30 Ave area Kingman
Citizen assist	5000 block SW 80 St. Kingman
Suspicious person	12000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
Vehicle disabled	4000 block SE 160 Ave. Cheney
Saturday, February 5th	
Traffic stops	10
Traffic complaint	16000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich
Animal	8000 SE 110 Ave B area Kingman
Welfare check	800 block E. E Ave. Kingman



“Happy Valentines Day to those who have found love, in whatever shape or form, and to those who are still hunting, don’t give up. If you feel bad, send yourself a card. You must be worth it...”

— Jeanette Winterson

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

LOIS L. KOSTNER, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2022 PR 7

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 3, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, Co-Executor’s named in the “Last Will and Testament of Lois L. Kostner,” deceased, dated December 14, 2011, First Codicil, dated November 7, 2012 and Second Codicil, dated April 9, 2021, praying the will and codicils filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner’s be appointed as Co-Executor’s, without bond; and Co-Petitioner’s be granted Letters

Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, Co-Petitioners
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioners

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EUNICE M. SMITH, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2022 PR 6

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Prisca Krehbiel, an heir.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022, at 10:00 o’clock a.m. in the District Court,

Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Prisca Krehbiel, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lahoma S. Wiens; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Lahoma S. Wiens; John Doe (Tenant/ Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/ Occupant),

Defendants.

Case No. 2021-CV-000024

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

The State Of Kansas, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County,

Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

THE WEST TWENTY FEET (W 20’) OF LOT ELEVEN (11) AND ALL OF LOT THIRTEEN (13), ON AVENUE A WEST IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, commonly known as 209 W A Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the “Property”)

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 9th day of March, 2022, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

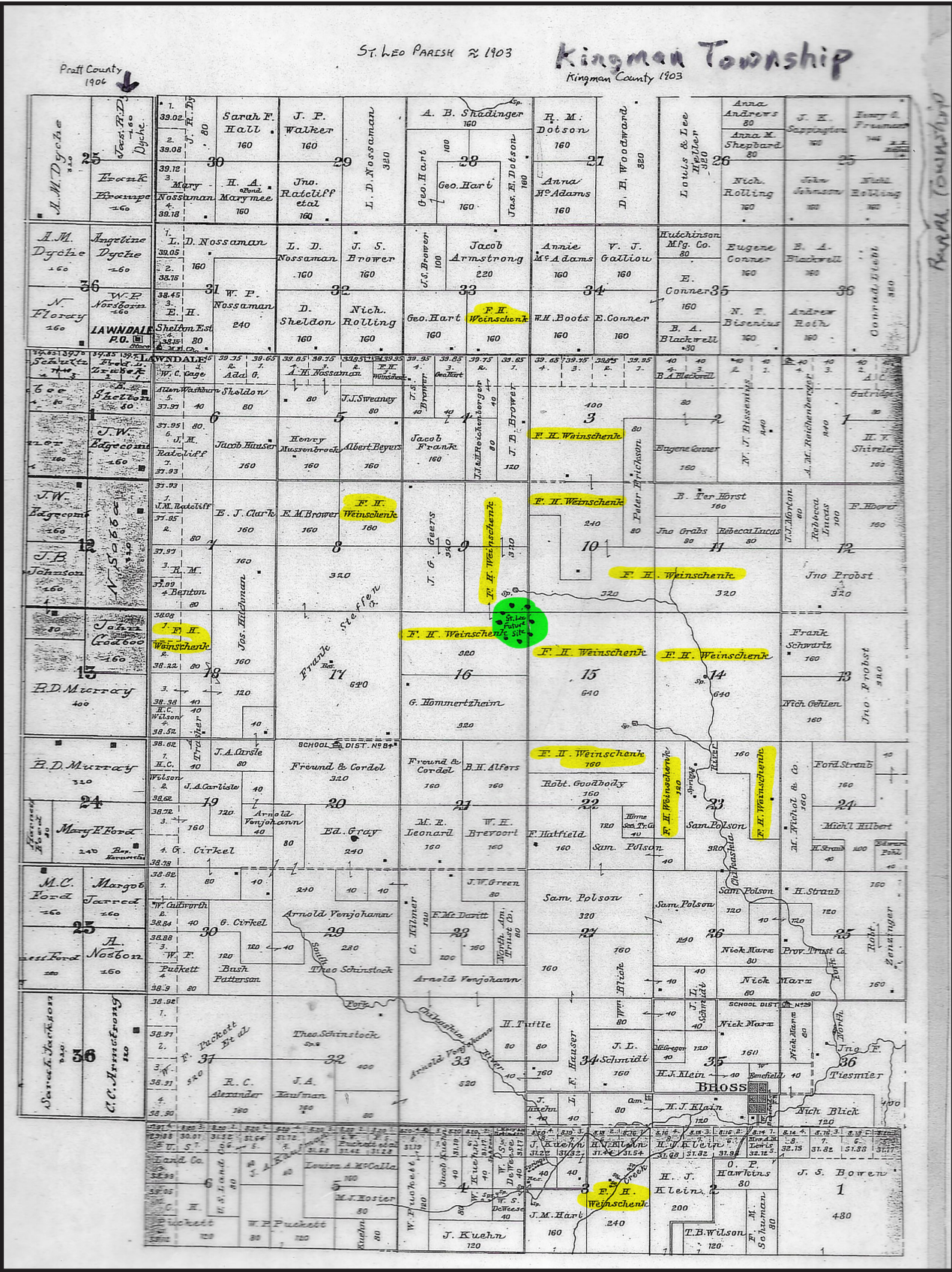
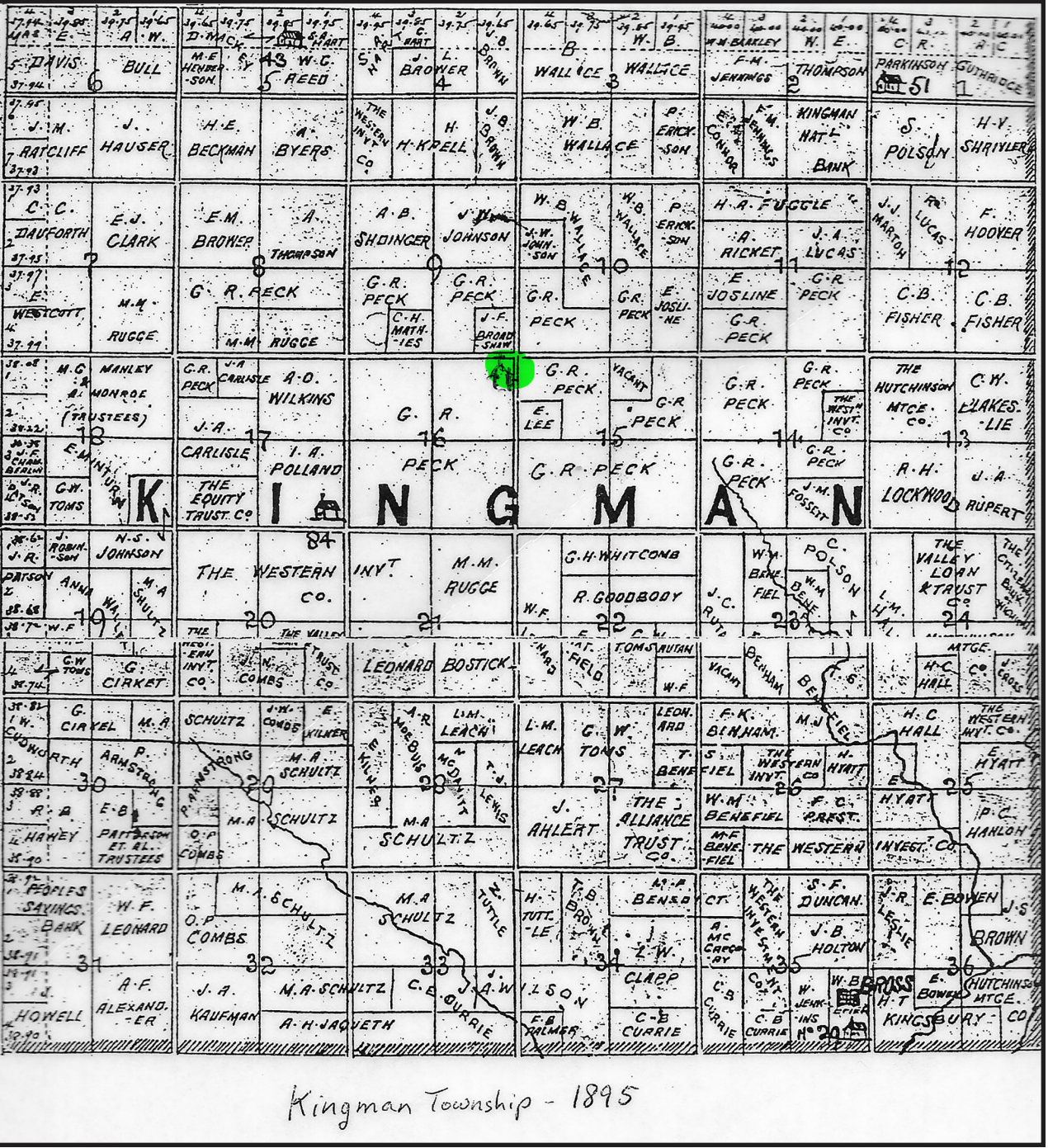
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Continued from Last Week....

In last week's paper, Bill Thome wrote a bit about the history of St. Leo: "The land ownership maps of Saint Leo’s Kingman Township of 1895 and 1903 reveal a stark change over that eight-year span. The 1895 map shows about 135 owners and about 15 lending institutions. The 1903 map reveals land ownership dominated by an F. H. Weinschenk who owns approximately 4,000 acres of land. St. Leo names are beginning to appear: Ford, Cirkel, Schinstock, Steffan, Annie McAdams, Liebl, Hauser, and Zenzinger, most of whom have descendants with land ownership at this time. The future site of the St. Leo church is in the northeast corner of Section 16. The landowners of just eight years prior (1895) are gone, the exception being Cirkel (Section 19) and J. Hauser (Section 6)."

Editor’s note: These are the maps included with the article. The green spot is the present day St. Leo. I’ve highlighted the Weinschenk properties in the 1903 map.



“... That’s what a map is, you know. Just a memory. Just a wish to go back home—some-day, somehow. ...”

— Catherynne M. Valente, The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making

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— C.J. Archer, The Paranormal 13



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

HAROLD R. HART, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 4

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mona Schmitz, an heir of Harold R. Hart, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described mineral interest for real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Eleven (11),

Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Five (5)

West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Mona Schmitz
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
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(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

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Betty Smith

Betty Jo Smith, 85, passed away February 1, 2022 at Via Christi St. Teresa Hospital in Wichita, KS. She was born on November 22, 1936 at Anthony, KS to Harold & Eloise “Billie” (Bowman) Roark. After the death of her Mother when she was 6 years old, she was raised by her Aunt and Uncle, Sarah & Russell Lake.



Betty lived the majority of her life in Lake City and attended Sun City High School. She was a retired homemaker, nurse’s aide and USD 254 school bus driver. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Medicine Lodge, KS, and the United Methodist Women at Lake City, KS. Betty was an accomplished seamstress, teaching countless grandchildren and 4-H kids to sew. She also enjoyed crafting, cooking, working in her flower beds and gardening. She was a big fan of any and all sports and an animal lover. Her biggest joy in her life was her family, especially her grand and great-grandchildren.

On March 4, 1955 she married James E. ‘Jim’ Smith at Coldwater, KS. He preceded her in death on March 26, 2012. She is survived by sons: Steve (Bonnie) Turon Ks; Perry (Sharon) Wamego Ks; a daughter Cheryl Wiske, Medicine Lodge, Ks; Grandchildren: Jolinda (Karol) Mierny, Jaceilia (Kyle) Graves, Jennifer (Bill) Neywick, Emma (Kevin) Werlein, Hiel (Jamie) Smith; Great-grandchildren are Keaton, Kylee, Jackson, Karson, Emilia, Ava, Lane, Wyatt, Kase, Brooklyn, & Jaylee. She was preceded in death by her parents, Aunt Sarah and Uncle Russell, infant daughter Lori Denise, son-in-law, Bill Wiske , grandson William Wiske and a nephew, Michael Smith.

Visitation will be Thursday at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Funeral Service will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 4, 2022 at Larrison Funeral Home, Medicine Lodge with Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer presiding. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge, KS.

Memorials may be made to St. Jukes Children’s Hospital, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Gene Smith

Eugene H. “Gene” Smith, 93, died Feb. 7, 2022 in Kingman.

He was born Dec. 20, 1929, at Hutchinson the son of Linn and Mary Hess Smith.

A longtime resident of the Kingman community, he was a retired farmer and general contractor.

Gene was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War.

On Sept. 29, 1982, he married Anna Denison McCrary. Other survivors include son Archie and Brent; daughter Laurie Lott; step-children Robert Webster and Sandra Hull; brother Ray; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sons Kenneth and Curtis; and step-sons J.D. Webster and Charles Hull.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday at the Hoosier Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home.

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CHS FFA Attend Public Speaking Contest



FFA members went to Buhler to participate in our district public speaking contest. All members competed well in their respective divisions and represented Cunningham well in all that we did. The following are the results.

Ava Bock- 5th overall- Creed Speaking

Lucas Hageman- 1st overall- Freshman Division

Nate Sterneker- 7th overall- Sophomore Division

Trey Deweese- 1st overall- Junior Division

Zach Strohl- 5th overall- Junior Division

Shanelle Romine- 7th overall- Extemporaneous Division

Annabelle Hansen and Hazel Osenbaugh both did well in the senior speaking division

Ada Adams was 6th

Back row: Ada Adams, Shanelle Romine, Lucas Hageman, Zach Strohl, Trey DeWeese
Front row: Ava Bock, Anabelle Hansen, Hazel Osenbaugh, Nate Sterneker



in her room in Creed Speaking
We also placed 1st overall as a team
Congratulations to all that competed, keep up the good work.
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CHS Scholar's Bowl Places in Regional Meet



CHS Scholars' Bowl team were runners-up in the regional meet held in Peabody on February 3rd. This win qualified them for the state contest to be held February 12th.



Back row: Trey DeWeese, Liam McGuire, Scott Wyatt
Front row: Ava Bock, Alice Huelskamp, Taylor Schultz.
Coach Sebastian Huelskamp,

Photo by Rebecca Huelskamp



MANHATTAN — Nearly 4,480 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the fall 2021 semester.

Kansas State University Students Earn Fall 2021 Semester Honors

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester honors along with commendations from their deans. The honors also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

The following students earned honors from Kansas State University:

Cunningham: Hollace DeWeese, Darius McAdam

Kingman: Riley Krehbiel, Ridge Pinkston, Emily Thornton, Jenna Thornton

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Pratt: Alesha Bergner, Gabriel Flanders, Kevin Johnson, Sonja Killough, Noah Malone, David Mathes

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“Quote for the day from an unknown author:
"Don't ever question the value of volunteers: Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals".”
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