

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for January 10, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas January 31st, 2022. Those present:

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Diane Thompson, Haviland Broadband, Robert Casad, Casad & Associates; Carol Voran; Tom Kostner; Cari Knee

Carol Voran; Tom Kostner; Cari Knee Online Visitors: Caller 01; N/A; Heather Kinsler.

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/ Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there were

any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Foley would like to add discussion of the dispatch contract and building renovation.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to discuss SB125 and SB124.

Commissioner Henning would like

to discuss 800 radios.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on dispatch contract, building renovation, SB125, SB124 and 800 radios. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Brandon Ritcha was in to discuss the County Counselor position.

Stan Goetz, HR requested an executive session for non-elected personnel matters for employee evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, Assistant Co. Attorney; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 8:32 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:42 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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Commissioners hired Brandon Ritcha for the County Counselor position.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed NRP projects that hadn't paid their taxes on time and if they should be removed from the NRP program.

Ms. Noblit also discussed a Façade Program invoice and a dilapidated program invoice with the Commissioners and what year they should be paid out of

The Commissioners said that both should be paid out of 2022 and one of the programs needed more invoices to match the request for payment.

Commissioners will decide on the NRP projects by the end of the meeting.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse discussed that she is needing to hold a tabletop exercise as a requirement for our Preparedness Grant and would like to have it March 21st, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Commissioners agreed to hold it on the 21st of March at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Schwartz said that WIC is on Thursdays and while the staff RN is training a SKCPH WIC dietician will help see clients on other days.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that Family Planning Clinics are 2nd & 4th Mondays a month.

Ms. Schwartz said contract tracing is ending 2/1/2022 and immunization shots will remain to be given every Wednesday.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that her concern is the quality of service is going to suffer if she can't get help.

Diane Thompson, Haviland Broadband was in to discuss a Broadband Acceleration Grant that they are trying to get for rural Norwich.

Ms. Thompson submitted a map of the Broadband Acceleration Grant proposed areas.

Chairman Foley said that he is for a support letter but the county can not do away with the road fees.

Chairman Foley recessed the Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley opened the Public Hearing for the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Foley asked if Robert Casad would like to explain what he is proposing with the establishment of a Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001.

Tom Kostner asked why this plant would be different than the plant that was established in Hugoton and is not in production anymore.

Mr. Casad that they were doing Bio-Diesel and not Bio-methane. The plant for Kingman County would be bio-methane.

Cari Knee asked if the crop stocks had to be within the district.

Mr. Casad let Ms. Knee know that there is no restraint for the crop stocks just to come from the district.

Ms. Knee asked if there is an odor associated with this plant.

Carol Voran said that she is all for their company to do this but why can't the corporation do this on their own and not form a district.

Ms. Voran asked if a landowner is in this district can they get out of the district and if you sell your property and the new landowner doesn't want to be part of this district.

Mr. Casad said yes there is ways to get out of a district if you no longer want to be in it.

Carol Voran asked if the plant would

be tax exempt.

Mr. Casad explained the process.

Commissioner Henning said that he is not for the district if everyone in the county is charged up to 5 mils.

Mr. Casad said that the landowners in the district are the only ones who would be possibly charged up to 5 mils and it is capped at that levy.

Chairman Foley closed the Public Hearing at 10:47 a.m.

Chairman Foley reconvened the Commissioner Board meeting at 10:48

The Commissioners discussed the district and a decision will be made at 10:00 a.m. next week during the Commission meeting.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with Planning/Zoning Meeting information from the 24th of January. The Solar energy application guidelines were discussed and no public comments were made during the hearing. The Planning/ Zoning Board approved the guidelines and a resolution is all that will need to be published with Commissioners approval.

Chairman Foley said that he has put his trust in the Planning/Zoning Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2022-R4, ARESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS APPLICATION GUIDELINES AS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS FOR KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works

Director was in to open bids for the following:

SKYLAND GRAIN Garden Plain

Unleaded Gas by transport

3.12 per gallon Unleaded Gas by Tank

N/A #1 Clear Diesel

3.49 per gallon

#2 Clear Diesel 3.21 per gallon

FARMERS COOP
Unleaded Gas by transport

3.359 per gallon Unleaded Gas by Tank

3.409 per gallon

#1 Clear Diesel

3.539 per gallon #2 Clear Diesel

3.289 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the fuel quote from Skyland Grain. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits:

Haviland Telephone Co. to lay fiber optic cable between Sections 3 &4, Township 29, Range 5 (Allen).

Haviland Telephone Co to relocated telephone for County Bridge Project FF.4-24.0 between Sections 29 & 32, Township 30, Range 5(Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the agreement between Schwab-Eaton PA Consulting Engineers & Kingman County for RS 607 & RS 361.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Schwab-Eaton PA Consulting Engineers & Kingman County for RS 607 & RS 361 consulting services. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted an agreement between KDOT and Kingman County for a State Detour on K-42, Project 42-48 KA 3879-01.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas, Kansas Department of Transportation and Kingman County. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a solid waste bill for house demolition to the County Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss if she could close her office from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch until her vacant position can be filled.

Commissioners agreed to temporarily close the Register of Deeds office for lunch.

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Meanderings

Did you all hear a bell ring last Thursday afternoon about 1:20 in the afternoon?

I heard it. I was sitting on the floor of Swaney Veterinary Clinic holding my friend, Clarence, while Dr. Swaney injected my handsome redneck companion with a lifeending substance.

Clarence had a Wonderful Life. He really did. I adopted him a couple of days after Christmas in 2013 from the Pratt Area Humane Society.

Clarence was always a happy dog. A smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, a bounce in his step, his plumy curled over his back. If that tail was down, he wasn't happy. If he head was down, he wasn't happy. He was such an easy dog to read.

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 multitasking – trying to smell and investigate everything he sees and jumping up on me. His jump was odd. He tucked his

front paws against his chest and just launch straight up. He could still knock you around a bit, but he didn't push at you.

I finally wrangled him into my office and sat down in the chair, and I could NOT keep him from trying to jump into my lap. I immediately started working on 'sit' and 'down'. It was like talking to, well, an untrained dog.

I gave in and picked him and put him in my lap. He was only about 40 pounds then.

Unbeknownst to me, my old friend, Chester the Jester Cat, was hiding behind the blinds in the bay window. And about the time I got Clarence on my lap, Chester jumped down and ran for the door, (and, yes, it was still closed). Clarence came out of my lap, and bolted across my desk, and hit the floor, Chester ran for the recliner and up and over it he went, finally getting under it. And Clarence was right behind him; up and over, but not under.

Clarence, not being able to see Chester went crazy. Barking and yelping and digging. It was chaos, to say the least.

I dragged Clarence to the bathroom, got Chester out from under the recliner, and tossed him outside for a bit. Then back to get Clarence.

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, he would try and herd them. We all know what is said about herding cats.

When I first visited the Pratt Humane Society, and met Clarence, his name was Bailey. I couldn't leave that name on him. It just didn't fit his happy disposition.

When I took him to Dr. Swaney to have him chipped and 'clipped' so to say, she agreed with me on his name. She said Bailey has more of a surname feel to it "like George Bailey". I gave that some serious thought. George didn't fit him. But then I thought about the dog's behavior; always rumbunctious and crazy, domineering and naughty; but wanting so badly to please. A dog trying to earn his angel wings, so, like Jimmy Stewart's guardian angel, he was named Clarence.

I can't tell you how many times I said to him, "You aren't going to earn your angel wings with that behavior." "Straighten up so you can get your angel wings." And other notices of that ilk.

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 Chloe wouldn't hurt the cats, and I was Clarence wouldn't either, but it had to be scary for them to have three dogs giving chase.

Clarence had to spend several days in the crate on the deck and in the middle of the yard watching the cats cavort and play.

It was March before I felt comfortable leaving him uncrated and unsupervised with the cats running around.

Clarence learned to loved his kitties. Some of them loved him and would rub on him and lick him, and some just tolerated him. But he took care of them. No stray kitties were allowed in the yard to terrorize his... he'd chase them out.

He loved Joey, my old collie, and he loved me. But most of all he loved his canine companion, Chloe. It was tough for them at first. Joey had to establish he was top dog. Chloe considered herself Joey's equal. And as far as she was concerned at first, Clarence was just cat poo in her yard.

It took a while for Chloe to really accept him, but once she learned to play with him, she all but abandoned her friend, Joey, to hang with Clarence. And they became a team. I did so love to watch those two interact and play and guard our home and yard. It was uncanny how they communicated to each other.

When Chloe died last summer, Clarence totally lost his smile, his twinkle, his bounce. Seldom was his tail curled over his back in a happy way. He was so incredibly sad. One has to wonder if losing his best mate wasn't the onset of his cancer. It was certainly odd the way it latched onto him so soon after Chloe was gone.

Someday all my memories of Clarence will make me smile. Right now they just bring tears. Someday.

I was relieved when he finally was free of pain. I sat there on the floor of the examine room and even through my grief, I heard that bell peal loud and clear: "You have earned your angel wings, Clarence. It's time to come home."

Always reading, And currently reading, "One Plus One" By Jojo Moyes, Roberta

Note to Pam: I have, indeed, read all the Louise Penny books, and looking forward to the next one that might or might not be out this year.

I miss Armand Gamache, his family and all those who dwell in Three Pines, Quebec.

If I was a TV viewer, I might consider watching the Amazon series that should be coming out later this year.

"The misery of keeping a dog is his dying so soon. But, to be sure, if he lived for fifty years and then died, what would become of me?"

— Sir Walter Scott

"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 (Henri is a dog)



My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 19

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022

Here it is the first part of February 2022. So, 3 months after my last treatment in November I feel pretty good. My stomach accepts almost everything I eat (that's both good and bad ha ha) and my strength has mostly returned. I've been able to deliver meals again and the fogginess in my head (that I didn't always know was there) has cleared just in time to work on income taxes! Here's progress on those few lingering "after-shocks"....

The treadmill came

back out of the closet. I incline climb back out was pretty amazed that on my first try back, I was able to do 2 15-minute sets at a steeper incline than I had been doing (hoping that helps with stair climbing). It was really amazing since in the month or so earlier, I was lucky to feel comfortable even getting on the treadmill and my legs handling 10 minutes! Haven't quite made it a daily habit, but I'm getting there.

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

of the cave needed several stops to rest and an arm of assistance all the way up as my legs were just so weak. So, being able to maneuver on my own was amazingly satisfying!

I finally cut out the Lasix. I still have a little ankle swelling by evening, but it wasn't much different if took the Lasix. This also means I no longer need to go every week for a lab.

My tongue continues to be less numb and the taste is changing. However, so far, the taste hasn't returned to what I remember. I think salt is starting to make a difference and I am able to tolerate foods that I could not previously. Sweet stuff is still good!

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, have turned a little yelfoot and toe areas also have the tingly numb feeling.

I can't say I'm having hot flashes, but I do think the Arimidex has given me a warmer body temperature. I really do like snuggling up under the covers, but once I'm settled and warm, I start throwing the covers off.

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

that it's getting that long! The color is very salty peppery and lots of cowlicks! I knew I had some cowlicks, but they are really showing up as the hair grows out (but stay squished since I'm wearing a stocking hat most of the time!). I did get a chuckle from my oncologist when I wore my shoulder-length multicolored wig to show him how well "my hair" was growing. He was having a crazy day since he had rescheduled and squeezed two days of appointments into one to avoid the coming snowstorm. I think he and the nurse appreciated the change of pace for the end of the day.

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.

So, my understanding is that when you first turn 65 and first enroll in a plan, that plan has to take you - even with a preexisting condition like my cancer. However, if I want to switch to different supplemental plan next year, I may not be able to as the plan I might want to switch to is not obligated to accept me. Fortunately, my husband is relatively healthy and had no problems switching from his retiree plan to a different and less expensive supplemental plan. We chose to not do an "advantage" plan since we plan to do some traveling in and out of the US and the "advantage" plans seem to encompass very local providers.

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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Thursday, February 10th Forensics (novice)

HS Forensics (novice) at Kingsley ****

HS Forensics at Medicine Lodge ****

JH BB HOPL Tournament at South Barber (TBD)

Saturday, Feb. 12th
HS Forensics at
Greensburg

State Scholars' Bowl

Monday, February 7th 1:30 p.m Early School Release

2:30 - 8:00 p.m. Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 15th Lions' Club Meetin

Lions' Club Meeting

HS BB at Stafford

Wednesday, Feb. 16th Site Council Meeting

Friday, February 18th HS BB vs Pretty

Prairie at Home

Cupid Run - 5k Run/Walk Saturday - Feb 12

Skyline AfterProm is hosting this family friendly event fundraiser, so bring your sweetheart or the whole family to run/walk through Lemon & 6th Street Park.

\$25 per racer - pre-register by January 31 to receive a race shirt.

\$35 to register on day of event - no shirt.

Prizes awarded to male & female top finishers for age groups 45 and up, 18-44, and 11-17. All kids 10&under will receive a small prize.

Questions can be emailed to skylineafterprom@gmail.com or contact Krystal @ 620-388-1468

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers. org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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

Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 620-532-3061

Pratt Public Library

Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041

Billie Milford is Retiring!

An all-day come-and-go reception honoring her 27 years of service at Ninnescah Valley Bank will be held on February 16th, 2022.

New Broadband Program Available to Help with Internet Costs

TOPEKA – The Emergency Broadband Benefit, a federal program that helped almost 9 million low income Americans afford internet service in 2021, ended on December 31. The Kansas Corporation Commission wants Kansans to know that a new \$14.2 billion federal program, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), is available to fill the gap.

With higher income maximums, the ACP could help even more families afford internet access for work, school, and health care. Current Emergency Broadband Benefit participants have until March 1 to contact their internet provider and switch over to the new plan with no interruption of service.

The ACP program provides:

Amonthly service discount of up to \$30 per month for broadband.

Up to \$75 per month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through

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IN THE THIRTIETH

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF:)

HAROLD G. FIESER,

CASE NO. 2022 PR 3

(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 18, 2022, a petition was

filed in this Court by Francine L.

Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins,

heirs, devisees and legatees and

Co-Executor's named in the "Last

Will and Testament of Harold G.

Fieser," deceased, dated August

9, 1991, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to pro-

bate and record; Co-Petitioner's

be appointed as Co-Executor's,

without bond; and Co-Petitioner's

be granted Letters Testamentary.

Deceased.

a participating provider if the household contributes more than \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

Eligibility is determined based on income or participation in certain assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance (FHPA), Medicaid, SSI, Lifeline, free or reduced school lunches or receipt of a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

To qualify based on income, participants must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. That is a higher ceiling than the 135% maximum allowed on the Emergency Broadband Program making the program accessible to more families. For example, the maximum income for a family of four on the ACP program is \$53,000 per year, compared to a maximum of \$35,775 on the Emergency Broadband Program.

More information on the ACP program, including provider listings and applications are available on the KCC's website at https://kcc. ks.gov/public-affairs-

and-consumer-protection/kansas-lifeline-program.

You are required to file your writ-

ten defenses thereto on or before

February 15, 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

All creditors of the decedent are

notified to exhibit their demands

against the Estate within the lat-

ter 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 ac-

tual notice was given as provided

by law, and if their demands are

not thus exhibited, they shall be

Francine L. Fieser and

M. Eileen Hawkins

forever barred.

Co-Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke

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Attorney for Petitioners

the petition.

Public Notice

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Chairman Henning presented the ADAMSBROWN understanding of services for approval of 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to approve the ADAMSBROWN understanding of services. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of January 24th, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the January 24th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the dispatcher contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Barclay College Announces the Spring Production:

The Play That Goes Wrong
April 1-3 and April 8-10, 2022
Performances will take place Friday and

Saturday, April 1-3 and 8-10 at in the Ross-Ellis

Center for Arts and Ministry at Barclay College in Haviland. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7:00 pm. Sunday performances will be at 3:00 pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults, \$10; Children ages 5-12, \$5. All VIP seats will be \$15.

Link to ticket sales:

https://www.barclaycollege.edu/BCGoesWrong

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

Upcoming Auctions

Land Auction on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Sale will be held at: Hamm Auction Center Seller: Betty Onstott Estate







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Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
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Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30

Sunday at 5:30

February 4 - 6

West Side Story
Rated: PG-13

Rated: PG-13

Family Size Bag of Popcorn to Go \$5.00 a bag (with butter \$5.50). Please call 620-532-1253 or come by the theatre during theatre hours to order yours today or send us a message through our Facebook page

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-amonth insurance payments. \$100-a-month gas, tire and maintenance expenses.

17-years-old, our driver was saddled with having to earn \$600-amonth, 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

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 fourwheeled 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 30year 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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Courage to Do

In 1841, a physically imposing, twentythree 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 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.

Courage...PassItOn.

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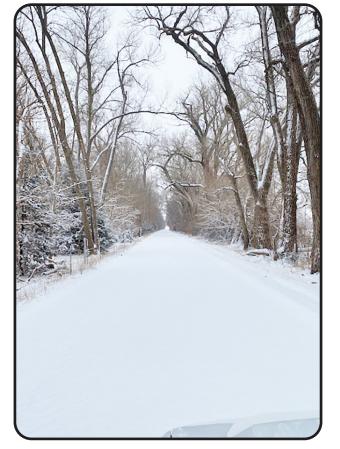
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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings in Kingman

Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 8:00 PM Livingston **Family Center** 1830 N Main St Kingman, KS

866-641-9190



"Still round the corner there may wait A new road or a secret gate And though I oft have passed them by A day will come at last when I Shall take the hidden paths that run West of the Moon, East of the Sun." - J.R.R. Tolkien

photo by Josh Theis

Catholic Churches Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo Sunday 8:30 a.m. St. John, Zenda Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale Saturday 5:30 p.m.

watching her. And then,

applause. Sometimes

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 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

Trinity, Medicine Lodge

620-886-3397

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

> Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911 **† † † † †** †



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

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First Christian Church

Cunningham

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201



Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor Ken Keeling

620-491-0680

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district What: Food

When: Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office) Why: To provide food assistance to

those in need. How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult

of household must be present. Do you need assistance outside <u>distribution hours?</u>

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham **Methodist Church** 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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

or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com

(to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank) **Lions' Club** (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper



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.

Will have a Case 16-ft. Combine and a 18-32 Case Tractor on the floor next week. Cannon Hardware Co.

Kanota Seed Oats. Tested for Germination and Purity. Allbritten Grain Co.

Notice! The Electric Light Company has been taken over by Western Light & Power Company. Harry Wilson will act as Local Manager. All light troubles will be referred to him. We hope to please you and give you S-E-R-V-I-C-E. Western Light & Power Co.

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.

Hauser's Cash Mkt. Phone 28 Cunningham, Kansas

Bananas, 5 lbs., 25c Apples, Rome Beauty, peck, 12 lbs., 49c Cheese, Wisconsin Full Cream, lb., 19c Brick or Pimento, lb., 25c Syrup, No. 10 can, 49c Cherries, No. 2 can, 15c Corn, 3 cans for 25c Beef Roast, per pound, 8c

Hamburger meat, 3 lb. for 25c 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 basketeers 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 talleyed 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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51% of the eligible voters in the territory described in the petitions.

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 Cunnigham'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.

1962 in an impressive coronation between games. Here attendants were June Crosley, Janet Graves, Nancy Keith, and Marilyn DeWeese.

Carol Sallee was crowned Basketball Queen of

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

Golden Ripe Bananas, lb., 11c California Sunkist Oranges, 10 for 69c California Sunkist Lemons, 6 for only 15c Gold Medal Flour, 5-lb. bag, 49c Heinz Ketchup, 3 14-oz. bottles, 69c 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-degreee 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 "Baskeball 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.



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 ninepoint total. Cunningham lead 23 to 10 at the end of two quarters.

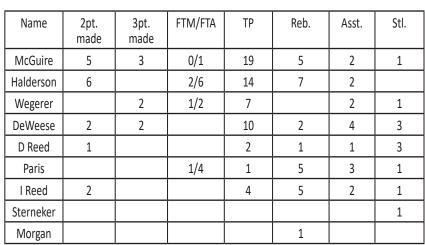
The Wildcats increased their lead to 20 points after three quarters by outscoring Fairfield 15 to eight. Will Wegerer made two three-point baskets. McGuire scored five points and DeWeese and Isaiah Reed each added two points.

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



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

JH 'Cats

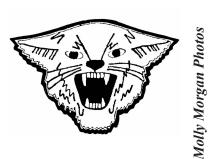
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Tournament

Whether you're on the



Trey DeWeese



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





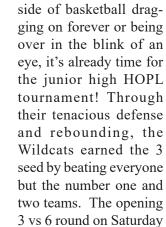






Logan Kinsler on defense * *

"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,



pitted the Cats against the

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

game day.

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 ad-

dition, we had the first

game of the day so there

was no routine at all on

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.

The Crossover





Dylan Halderson



Skyler Thimesch



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



Stephen Kerschen

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



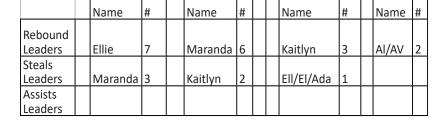
Kaitlyn Hennessee

Lady Wildcat Scorers

Ellie McGuire 15 Kaitlynn Hennessee 12 Maranda Lohrke Matilyn Jump Ada Adams



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

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.

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Steals Leaders	Ka	aitlyn	3		Ellie	3		Matilyn	1		Maranda	1
Assists Leaders	M	latilvn	2		Kaitlyn	2		Ellie	2			



Ellie McGuire

Lady Wildcat	Scorer
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

Rebound

Leaders

Steals

Leaders Assists

Leaders

Name

Ellie

Maranda

Name

Ellie

Matilyn

Elizabeth

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Elizabeth Paris

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

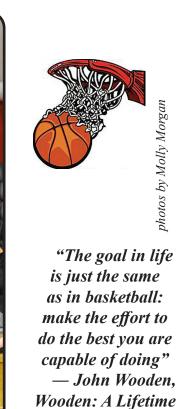


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Alice







photos by Molly Morgar

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of Observations

and Reflections On



Matie Jump and Ellie McGuire

Surrounding Communities

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 Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Eric Killough, Pratt tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, 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

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented three road crossing for

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 onehalf 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 Eisenhauer, 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 Eisenhauer, 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



"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 Traffic complaint Assist other agencies Motorist Assist

Monday, January 31st Traffic complaint

Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Animal Animal Theft Trespassing

Welfare check Tuesday, February 1st

Vehicle disabled

Traffic stop Traffic complaint Suspicious vehicle Suspicious vehicle Suspicious vehicle Vehicle - disabled Vehicle disabled

13000 block E Hwy 2, Norwich 2000 block N KOch Rd. Kingman 6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

600 block N Main Street Spivey 7000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman 400 block E. D Ave Kingman 400 block W. C Ave. Kingman 12000 block SW 77 Ave Zenda 200 block S Wilmot St. Cunningham 10000 block NW 50 St. Cunningham W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14 area, Kingman 100 block E. B Zenda

NE 10 St & NE 140 Ave area, Cheney 4000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman 6000 block SE 100 St. Kingman 100 block N Main St. Norwich E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14 area, Rago 3500 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

Wednesday, February 2nd Traffic complaint

Animal bite **Assist Other Agencies**

Thursday, February 3rd Traffic stops Traffic complaint

Traffic complaint

Vehicle disabled

Vehicle disabled Welfare check Friday, February 4th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Citizen assist Suspicious person Vehicle disabled

Saturday, February 5th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Animal Welfare check

16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney 6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman 9700 block NE 50 St. Pretty Prairie

13000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich N Main St & E. D Ave. area Kingman 1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman 7500 block SE 10 St. Murdock 6000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

4 mm 152 Cunningham NW 50 St. & NW 30 Ave area Kingman 5000 block SW 80 St. Kingman 12000 block SE 20 St. Murdock 4000 block SE 160 Ave. Cheney

16000 block E Hwy 42 Norwich 8000 SE 110 Ave B area Kingman 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:

CASE NO. 2022 PR 6 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

EUNICE M. SMITH, Deceased.

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.

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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 existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors 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

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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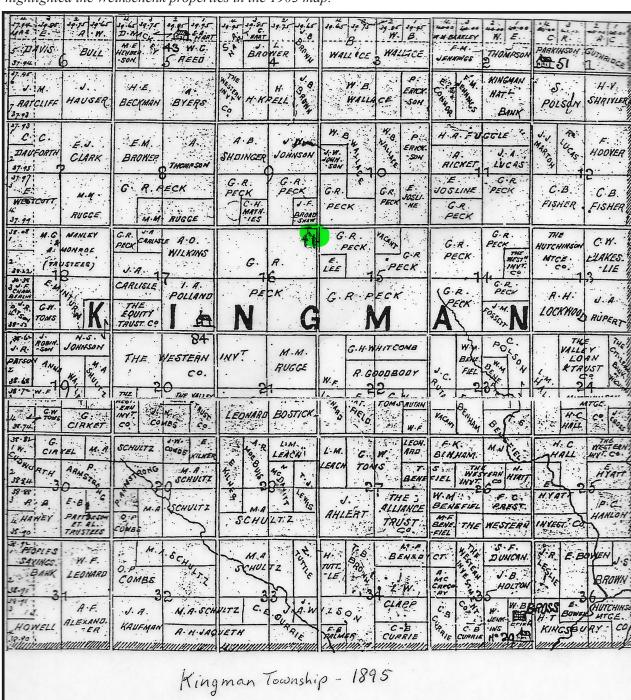
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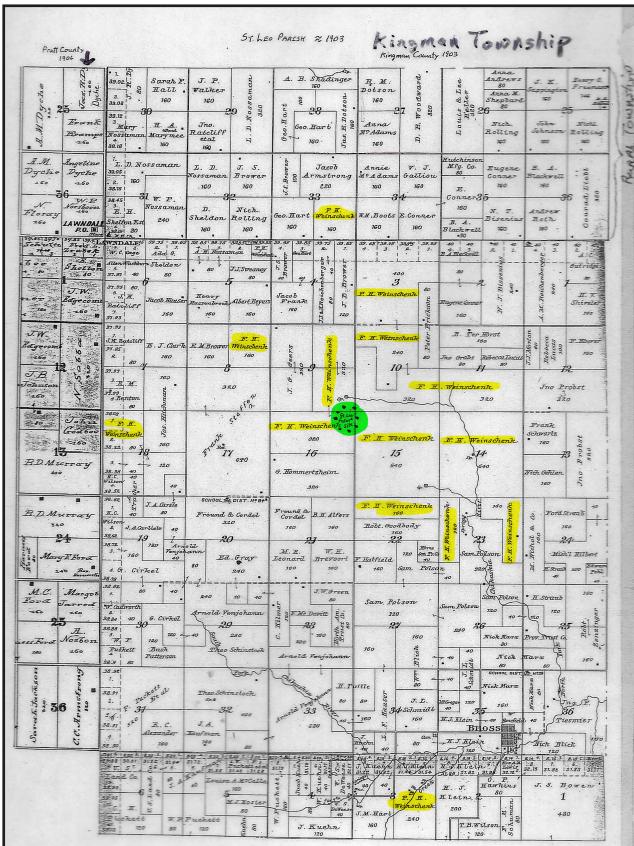
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(230080)

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.





"We learn
from history that
we do not learn
from history."
— Georg Hegel

"... That's what a map is, you know. Just a memory. Just a wish to go back home—someday, somehow. ..."
— Catherynne
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Her Own Making

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— C.J. Archer, The Paranormal 13

CDC COVID Update for Kingman County

Community Transmission -- High

Everyone in Kingman County, Kansas should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.

How is community transmission calculated?

February 8, 2022

Cases Case Rate per 100k 293.62

% Positivity 18.75%

Deaths

Population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated - 49%

New Hospital Admissions

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How is community transmission calculated?

February 8, 2022

Cases 45

Case Rate per 100k 491.05

% Positivity 12.21%

Deaths

Propulation ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated - 51% New Hospital Admissions





Cosmo Breed: Greyhound Collie, Border Sex: Male Weight 52 lbs Age 3Y/9M/2W Adoption Fee \$180.00 Intake Date: 10/8/2021

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Madelyn

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but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his

ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeeky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.

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5 Travel Tips for Pet Parents



(StatePoint) Traveling with pets? Whether you're taking to the skies or the highways and byways, bringing furry friends along for the ride can sometimes be stressful for pets and people alike. Consider these tips to make the journey easier on everyone:

1. Pack right: Be sure to pack more than enough food and medication for your pet for the duration of your scheduled travels and beyond. You'll want to make sure that your pet is all set should unforeseen circumstances arise, such as weather-related

travel delays. You should also bring with you a water supply for your pet, bowls for food and water, a leash, carrier, a veterinary first aid kit, and of course, your pet's favorite toys. And if you're traveling somewhere cold and snowy, pack

dog boots to protect paws from snow, ice and salt. 2. Support smooth

sailing: Many dogs find travel particularly stressful. However, you can help support balanced behavior while on the road by giving your dog SurityPro Calm Soft Chews, a smoky baconflavored CBD soft chew for dogs. Formulated to support your dog's ability to cope with everyday stress, these chews can also be useful for those pet parents who entertain frequent guests. From Canopy Growth, the industry leader in CBD science for pets, SurityPro offers an easy way to give just the right amount of CBD to your dog. The brand partners with veterinarians, scientists and leading academic institutions to create chews and drops that support dogs' joint health and flexibility, healthy aging -- including cognitive function and eye health -- and products that enhance their physical and mental well-being. For more information and directions for use, visit www.SurityPro.com.

3. Be prepared: Losing a pet is every pet parent's worst nightmare, particularly when you are in an unfamiliar location. Microchipping however, can help unintentionally separated pets and families reunite safely and happily. This is especially important for jet set pets who are often far from home.

4. Play by the rules: Understand the stateby-state rules for driv-

ing with your pet. For example, a handful of states require that dogs be harnessed in the car with a dog seatbelt. Wherever your travels take you, driving with pets harnessed or in a crate is safer for both you and pets. Pets should never distract the driver or sit in the front seat where the impact of the airbag could hurt your pet if deployed.

5. Fly smart: Flying? Your pet should be in good health before taking to the skies. If you're unsure if your pet is fit for air travel, consult your veterinarian. You should also be aware that some airlines have banned particular breeds from flying due to breathing issues caused by the length of their snout. Know the rules and recommendations before booking your flight.

With some smart strategies, you can help ensure your pet stays happy and healthy wherever your travels take you.

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And that such property and all per

sonal property and other Kansas

real estate owned by the deceden

at the time of death be assigned

pursuant to the laws of intestate

You are required to file you

written defenses thereto on or

before February 22, 2022 a

10:00 oxclock 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 de-

cree will be entered in due course

upon the Petition.

BY: Matthew W. Ricke

Kingman, KS 67068

Attorney for Petitioner

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Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF:

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,

Descent be determined of the fol-

owing described mineral interest

or real estate situated in Kingman

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of

County, Kansas:

Section Eleven (11),

HAROLD R. HART, Deceased

Effective June 1, 2019: Ads are \$5.50 per column inch, \$6.00 for full-color ads. Front page box ads are \$9.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention. Classified Ad Rates

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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. Judes 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 dur-

ing 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.

Memorials may be made with Wheatlands Healthcare Center or the Kingman Community Hospital Oncology Dept.



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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



Photo by Rebecca Huelskamp

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,

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