



Courier photo

## Cunningham High School Graduates Ten Seniors

from left:
Levi Adelhardt, Nathan
Cannon, Madison Dowsey,
Annabelle Hansen, Keiden
Mills, Kelden Mills, Ashlynn
Miracle, Hazel Osenbaugh,
Eric Paris, Isaiah Reed.
The photo was taken
immediately after
the ceremony.
Congratulations to all!



# Official Minutes from April BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Bjorn Halderson, Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, Karla Westerman, and Steve Shogren.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve

the minutes of the March 21, 2022 retreat meeting Motion carried 5-0.

Members Travis Thimesch and Vicki Oldham arrived to the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$336,003.42 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Reed began his report with Graduation. He asked which board members would like to present and discussed the location options. He then went on to discuss ESSER funding, status of vehicle bid requests, Language Arts textbook updates, and Teacher Appreciation week.

Principal Dunlap updated the board on the Baseball Coop status, FFA Chapter news, Community service projects, HS Pre-enrollment and upcoming activities.

Nothing to report at this time.

Superintendent Reed discussed the ESSER III survey that is being sent out

to interested parties for the Application process.

Steve Shogren presented updated financial information on the Bonds that constituents voted yes for and discussed the process of the sale of the Bonds.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Resolution 2022-016 Authorizing the sale of General obligation bonds. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to accept the resignation of Dale Hoch at the end of the 2021-2022 School year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to accept the resignation of Steve Coleman at the end of the 2021-2022 School year. YMotion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Bailey Osborn as Ag Teacher for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Tanner Balsters as Business Teacher for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed shared the bid for Summer mowing, consensus is to try it out. Member Brent Miller has been asked about Summer football camp and JH boys summer league basketball. The board discussed. No Action.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## BOE Will Meet to Accept Bond Bids

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

5 p.m.

104 W. 4th, Cunningham, Kansas

Call to Order Approval of Agenda

Guest Recognition

Review and Accept Bond Bid

Review and Approve Resolution 2022-017 Authorizing the issuance and prescribing the form and details of the Bonds

Other Adjournment



## City Council Will Meet May 23rd

AGENDA

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

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting

Public comments, concerns, & communications
Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's

Report

EMS – Update from Monte Rose

EMS – Update from Monte Rose Library Board Appointments Executive Session – Non-elected

Personnel Matter Reports

Property Officer Planning & Zoning

Maintenance

Swimming Pool

Animal Control Financial Report & payment of bills Adjourn

Madison Dowsey gives her Valedictorian's speech.



Ashlynn Miracle, Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 addresses the audience.



## Meanderings

Well, now. Where to begin? Summer is looming on the horizon. Unless you check the weather. If you've done that, then you may have surmised it is here.

In this week's paper, I filled a page with photos of the lunar eclipse and t-ball games. The eclipse is awe-some. The T-ball players are about as cute as little kids can get. (I do not have names for the wee folk, and I apologize, but I need someone to help identify them, and I couldn't find an expert in this office/house. I'll do better next week.)

Those little folks are standing there in the ball field, often time oblivious to all that is going on around them. As we know about the passage of time....this summer they are playing t-ball, and next week we will wake up and find the time as flown by like Kansas winds and those cuties are graduating high school.

I opted to wait until next week to post the

BOE takeaways. I wanted to get color photos on those color pages, and then the rest of the paper filled up with fun and interesting topics and articles.

The talk two weeks ago by Ron Morris was great. I didn't include some of the information we had gleaned when we delved into his private life.

The big question was why did he not graduate from CHS, but instead transferred to Little River and graduated there. **AHHH...** 

I found a couple of articles in the Cunningham Clipper on September 1st, 1916 that proved interesting: "Oliver Lynam, who has been spending about three weeks at home went to Little River Wednesday to make preparations for school. He teaches in the schools at that place." In the same paper column, a bit furter down was this little paragraph: "Everett Shelton left Wednesday for Little River where he will attend school this fall and winter. Oliver Lynam is assistant superintendent and athletic instructor in the schools there."

We are assuming then that Mr. Lynam was the person who was instrumental in getting Shelton to Little River.

Mr. Morris sent me a quick note this last week: "My research in

Little River discovered a few nuggets. Looks like Shelton was the captain of the 1916 Little River High football team, which went undefeated in nine games. Thus, it appears he played a fifth season of high school football (there were no rules against it back then). . . . In early November 1916, a story said Shelton returned home to Cunningham for the death of his grandfather. . . . Another story said he took his Thanksgiving break in Cunningham.

I could not find any record of him participating in any spring sports at the high school, and could not verify that he graduated in 1917."

Isn't that interesting! Five seasons of football.

There was one other mention of Everett Shelton in the Little River Monitor on March 1. 1917: "The Eighth grade boys went to Windom Thursday afternoon to play base ball. The score was Little River 19, Windom 12. Edgar Allam and Everett Shelton went with the boys."

And another interesting bit. Thanksgiving of 1917: "Among the college students who came home to spend Thanksgiving vacation were .... Everett Shelton from Lindsborg." BUT his home was here. So, I imagine he went 'home' to Mr. Lynam's. No doubt because it was closer than Cunningham.

From the bits I've read of Mr. Oliver Lynam, I think he may have an interesting history as well. I went off to fight in the war, but I don't believe he returned to education. I've been doing a bit of research on him as well. For another time.

I've been enjoying the Facebook page "View from My Window". I've mentioned this bit of heaven before. I noticed a couple of my readers have picked up the page to follow as well. Some people really do look out their windows and see a bit of heaven on earth. Absolutely gorgeous and varied scenery. Some of them breathtaking, some of them peaceful, some of them just another view, but it is special to those who post. Wonderful page to follow.

Book club meets

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next week (already!) to plan for our next year of reading.

I hope the members bring book suggestions that are varied. It seems in the past couple of years we've had several from WWI and/or WWII. We need to spread our wings, I'm thinking. I know some of the members agree with me.

Which books am I planning on recommending? It is difficult for me as I read so much. I have decided to recommend "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker. It is a good murder(s) mystery with very unusual and memorable characters.

I am also going to recomment a book that I've been reading but stopped because I want to recommend it! That makes sense I know. BUT if I finish it now, when it is time to read it for book club discussion, I will have forgotten some of

the details. As much as this book enthralls me. I'm not sure I will want to read it again when there are SO many other stories I need to read.

The title of the books is "A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean" by Tori Murden McClure. Victoria Elizabeth Murden was 35 years old in 1998 when she set a course to ROW across the Atlantic Ocean. Her solo trip began in Nags Head, North Carolina and was to end in France.

She was rowing. By herself. In a boat. Twentythree feet long. Six feet wide. (My bedroom is bigger than that) Across the Atlantic Ocean. By herself. Three months. By herself.

She doesn't make it the first time she tries. But she does the second

Her story is amazing. As she writes about this adventure, she tells her life story. She grew up, the son of a school superintendent. She was constantly in fights because she would try and protect her older brother who was mentally disabled. Her mother punished her for fighting.

She ended her high school career in a private school in Kentucky, then on to Smith College. Later she graduated from Harvard.

She is an interesting person. I enjoy reading her story. Her adventures. Her bits of wisdom about life. She is well-read, well-educated, and a stellar storyteller. The book is an older book, as she wrote in 2009.

She has a website as

well: apearlinthestorm. com Check it out.

It's been a blowing quite a bit this evening. I can see lightning in the west. But that wind doesn't always blow moisture our way. I hope for a nice rain. But we will probably get a downpour that will just run off the ground. We couldn't possibly be allowed two nice perfect rains in a row. You know, that last rain was just about perfect. It fell straight down. No wind... I love those kinds of rainy days.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Phineas L. MacGuire Gets Cooking"

by Frances O'Roark Dowell,

Roberta

"First the bad news. I am 980 miles from shore in a half-submerged boat without engine or sail. My body has been beaten to a bloody pulp. I have precisely one liter of fresh water. The good news is that I am alive."

- Tori Murden McClure, A Pearl In the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean

"I would not give up my books even to fly free as a bird. The written word is the connective tissue of human experience. Without knowledge, freedom suffocates.'

- Tori Murden McClure, A Pearl In the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean

## A Bad Case of Friggatriskaidekaphobia

May 10, 2022

More than seventeen million Americans suffer from friggatriskaidekaphobia, also known as paraskevidekatriaphobia, though they seldom admit it, mainly because they can't pronounce it.

Loosely translated, paraskevidekatriaphobia means, "I'd like to buy a vowel, Pat." I'm joking. Actually it's a fear of Friday the 13th. And friggatriskaidekaphobia comes from two words: Frigga, the Norse goddess for whom Friday is named, and triskaidekaphobia, which is an irrational fear of large words.

Kidding again! Triskaidekaphobia is a fear of the number thirteen. But there is a word for the fear of large words. It's hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia and I didn't just make that up. I don't have that much time.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

will return next week.

If it weren't for the cut and paste function on my computer I'd be writing about May Day instead. But this is an important and timely topic since we have a Friday the 13th coming up on, well, the Friday the 13th. We get one every time the month begins on Sunday and that can happen up to three times a year. So I think it's high time we get our paraskevidekatriaphobia under control.

If you're going to be afraid of a day it makes sense it would be Friday the 13th. Tuesday the 12th and Saturday the 5th just doesn't have the

historical baggage. Friday's bad rap may have its roots in Christian tradition. Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and some people think Eve gave Adam the apple on a Friday and that Cain killed Abel on a Friday. That seems like pure

speculation to me though since the calendar hadn't been invented yet.

Poor number thirteen has always had a bad reputation too, and through no fault of its own. Traditionally twelve is like a favorite child, perfect in every way. There are twelve months in a year, twelve signs of the zodiac and twelve days of Christmas. Somehow that makes thirteen less than perfect and even unlucky. By that logic fourteen on up should be downright dangerous. And why does eleven get off so easy?

Nevertheless, the result is high rises without thirteenth floors, airports without thirteenth gates and airplanes without thirteenth aisles. I don't mean to worry anyone but I think the thirteenth floor is the thirteenth floor whether you call it the fourteenth or fifty-fifth. Calling it anything else makes a fool out of us and a liar out of the guy who puts the numbers on the elevator buttons.

There's even an old superstition that says if you have thirteen letters in your name you're cursed. Believers in this theory point out that many notorious murderers had names with thirteen letters in them. I would point out that many other notorious murderers didn't. But there are Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer, Theodore Bundy and Jack the Ripper though I doubt very much that Jack's surname was "the Ripper." And if it was it's no wonder he turned out like he did.

Anyway, before I was married I also had thirteen letters in my name and I somehow managed to refrain from becoming a serial killer. I now have twelve letters and I'm as perfect as a dozen eggs just like Elvis Presley, Oprah Winfrey and Mother Teresa. Oh wait. Mother Teresa was born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, in case you

ever get that question in Trivial Pursuit.

If you ask me the friggatriskaidekaphobia issue was made worse in 1980 with the release of the horror movie, Friday the 13th. That's when the world was introduced to a hockey mask-wearing killer named Jason. I never saw the movie because I was afraid it would ruin Friday the 13th for me in the same way the movie Psycho ruined showers for me. Don't worry, I still take them.

Whatever the reason, the fear of Friday the 13th has serious consequences. Millions of Americans suffer unnecessary anxiety and businesses suffer millions of dollars in lost revenue because so many people call in sick with a bad case of friggatriskaidekaphobia.

If you're living in a friggatriskaidekaphobic prison of your own making, you could stay home on Friday the 13th, wrap yourself in bubble wrap,

and play Scrabble using the new words you've just learned.

Or like me you could go about your business, confident that you'll be as safe as you are any other day and maybe safer. With all the friggatriskaidekaphobes staying home there should be fewer people on the road.

I'd go so far as to say Friday the 13th is a lucky day. Most students would tell you any Friday is a lucky Friday. Most teachers too.

And if it's the thirteen that's bothering you consider the term "baker's dozen." You eat the extra doughnut in the car on the way home and the family doesn't even suspect because they sent you out for a dozen. Lucky you.

Excerpted from Dorothy's latest book, 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate: Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand coming in November.

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## **Community Bulletin Board**

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Thursday, May 19th **HS Regional Track** Meet at Spearville

> 6:00 p.m. T-Ball

Saturday, May 21st 9:00 - 2:00 Christian Church Women's Retreat

Monday, May 23rd City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th 6:30 p.m. Book Club: Planning meeting for the

year's reading

Thursday, May 26th 6:00 p.m.

T-Ball Friday, May 27th State HS Track Meet at WSU

Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1st FFA Convention

Thursday, June 2nd **FFA Convention** \*\*\* T-Ball

> Friday, June 3rd FFA Convention

## Thursday, May 26th **Free Concert** The Other Guys Band

7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating will open at 6:30. Concessions will be sold. Free will donations will be taken to support the theatre.

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

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

## 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. Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 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 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041

## Vomen's Retreat

Saturday, May 21, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cunningham Christian Church Guest speaker and music: Kit Krehbiel All ladies of the community are invited for fun and fellowship! Lunch will be served, so please let us know that you are coming so we know how many to plan for. RSVP to Marla Rose 620-672-8356

by Tuesday, May 17th.

Free will donations

will be accepted.

American Legion Lorraine Post 98 Isabel Memorial Day May 30, 2022 Honor Guard and **Benediction** 

Coats Cemetery 8:45 AM Ellenwood (Sawyer) Cemetary 9:15 AM Lutheran (Nashville) Cemetary 10:30 AM Liberty (Nashville) 10:45 AM **Isabel Cemetary** 

Cemetary 11:15 AM

# Museum Hosting Grand Re-Opening

Who: Cunningham Historical Museum What: Free Meal and Silent Auction Where: Community Center and Cunningham Museum When: Saturday, May 28th Doors open at 4:00. Meal served from 5:00 to 6:00 Silent Auction winning bids will be announced at 6:45. Why: Proceeds will be used for improvements and utility expenses at the museum More information will be forthcoming. Contact Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 OR Mike

McGovney at 620-770-9507

## Note to My Friends

I have had my personal phone disconnected in the last week or so. Every time it rains, the phone fills with static, and I can't use it. After this last rain, I decided to just have it disconnected, and use The Courier phone for all my phone calls. This will also cut down on the scam calls and telemarketing calls.

Two lines in the house makes for double the number of unnessary phone calls. -Roberta



Bring recommendations for a year of reading. Wednesday, May 25th. 6:30 p.m.

## **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!

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"Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change – it can not only move us, it makes us move." — Ossie Davis

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." — Scott Adams

Thursday, May 19th **FREE Faith-Based Movie** 

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## Faith Like Potatoes

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237 N. Main in Kingman (620) 532-1253 http://www.kingmantheatre.org/ All Seats \$6.00 (cash or local check only) Showtimes: Friday & Saturday at 7:30 Sunday at 5:30

May 20th - 22nd **Fantastic Beasts: Secrets** of Dumbledore

Rated: PG-13

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

#### 1927

May 20- Wetherall Brothers are getting ready for hot weather. They are having a new sun shade built on the front of their store out of tin. George Simonson is doing the work.

The Cannonball Garage reports the sale of a Chevrolet coach to Carl Hay of Attica.

The high school to celebrate the ending of school, went on a picnic to Riverside Park, Wednesday, May 18. The usual picnic fun was enjoyed, which included much swimming.

Monday evening the members of the Easter Star gathered at the river east of town for a picnic. The evening being an ideal one, quite a large crowd gathered for the event.

A large camp fire was built and after all arrived supper was spread on a long table and consisted of the usual good things to eat. And last, but not least, there were three freezers of "homemade" ice cream, which was surely enjoyed.

After supper games were played and enjoyed. After the games, marshmallows were toasted over the glowing coals of the dying fire and all joined in singing old time songs, after which all departed for their homes enjoying the evening to the fullest extent.

Those present were M. and Mrs. Everett Hauser, Chas. Fee, Roy Huffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Leiter and son Warren, Mrs. Mabel Carter and children, Miss Florence Bonar, Miss Knepp, J.W. Jennings, Miss Harris, Miss Peebler, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Cannon and Miss Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shelman and children, M. and Mrs. George Dempsey, Kent Rubow, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lash and family.

#### 1932

May 20- To a Cunningham grade school pupil again comes the honor of the highest average in the County eighth grade examinations. Jesse Lee Lakin received an average of 97 3-11 in the county examinations last week, while William Probst of Cunningham had that honor last year. Jessie Lee also had the honor of the highest average in the county for seventh grades last year.

The community picnic will be held on Friday. Everyone, regardless of whether you have children in school or not, is invited to bring a basket and come. The picnic will be held at the J. G. Gibbens grove east of town. This place may be reached by going one mile south of town, five miles east, and then turning north.

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grades with Mr. and Mrs. Manahan, the lower grade teachers, Misses Taylor, Morine, and Mayes, and a few of the parents, enjoyed a picnic at the State Fish Hatchery at Pratt, Tuesday evening.

Delmar, Elmo, and Mrs. Sadie Huffman motored to Goddard last Sunday to look over Mrs. Huffman's wheat. The stand was as good as usual and contained very little fly. Some spots are beginning to bloom.

Hauser's Market

Friday, May 20 – Toasties, Shredded Wheat, Grape Nut Flakes, Wheat Pops, per package, 10c

Saturday, May 21 - Green Beans, fresh and just picked, 4-lbs., 25c

Bananas, per dozen, 19c

Monday, May 23 – Folger's Coffee, a real coffee,

Tuesday, May 24 -Lard, bring your pail, all you want, lb., 5c

Wednesday, May 25 -Pork & Beans, Van Camp, per can, 5c Thursday, May 26 – Navy Beans, 5 pounds for 15c

Hauser's Cash Market

## Wetherall Bros.

Fancy Peanut Butter, 3 pounds for 25c Assorted Fruits in 25-degree syrup, 14-ounce can, 3 cans for 29c

Fly-Tox in bulk, per pint, 39c

Ground Rock Stock Salt, 100-pound bag, 45c Coffee Special – regular 39c bulk coffee at special price, pound, 25c

Ladies' Pajamas, regular price \$1.98, now at 98c One lot of Linen Towels, 50c values at 15c Men's Dress Straw Hats, each 75c Men's Big-Bob Work Shirts, 50c Wetherall Bros.

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## **Museum Hours** Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

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#### 1937

May 21 – Picnics were quite numerous in Grade school last week. On Tuesday afternoon Miss Cozette Taylor and her fifth and sixth graders went on a three-mile hike and wiener roast, journeying out to Skellyville where they enjoyed the afternoon. The picnic was planned by the children as a party for Miss Taylor.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Ruth Snyder, with her third and fourth grades enjoyed a hike to the Cooley Cabin, northeast of town. Various contests and games were played and thorloy enjoyed. Group pictures were taken, and Miss Snyder gave each child a gayly colored balloon as a favor.

Then on Friday at 11:30, Miss Helen Schumacher, with her little first and second graders, hiked a mile north to the Epp farm, and spend the remainder of the school day picnicing. The children enjoyed their lunch, then played games and had stories read to them while they rested.

The 7th and 8th Grade pupils spent Friday in Hutchinson as guests of the City. They visited many places of interest, among them the Salt Mine, Straw-Board factory, and the Reformatory. They were accompanied by Messrs and Mesdames Harve Manahan, Glen Pearson, Chas. Wetherall, and Verne Stanley, Mrs. Jesse Nossaman, Mrs. E. C. Crow and Mrs. G. I. Harkrader.

#### 1942

May 22 - Following her husband in death after eight days, Mrs. William Voss Sr., 72, passed away at the Grace hospital in Hutchinson, Friday afternoon, after an illness of only two days.

Forty-four more men left Kingman county this week for services in the United States Army. Thirty-three of them, three from Cunningham, left on Thursday, May 21, and eleven of them, one from Cunningham, will leave today. Those who left Thursday morning from Cunningham were W. G. Jones, Nelson Waters, and George R. McClellan. With those leaving today is Melvin Dale Nossaman of Cunningham.

#### 1947

May 23,- Cunningham soundly trounced Waterloo, 17 to 1, in a Kingman County Baseball League game Sunday afternoon at the Sterneker diamond.

Joe Theis was in his usual masterful form, limiting Waterloo to three hits, all singles, while striking out seventeen and walking six. Cunningham batters raked two Waterloo pitchers for sixteen hits.

Mr. Elmer Graves, Station Agent, and his family will move to Alva, Oklahoma, the first week in June, where he will be cashier operator at the Santa Fe Station. Mr. Graves will be replaced by Mr. Ted Hazlett of Alva, who with his family will move here

Billy Swander, 16-year-old Kingman high school student, died at Memorial hospital Saturday night, a few hours after the light airplane he was piloting crashed on a farm one mile north of Calista.

The crash occurred after Swander swooped low to wave to a farmer friend corralling cattle from a pasture. As the plane banked about 100 feet above the ground, it stalled and dropped to the ground.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swander of northwest of Kingman who formerly lived in the Cunningham community.

The only sure way to double your money is to fold it and put it in your pocket.

May 23- Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon, of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther, to Paul Evins, of Syracuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Evins of that city.

Thirteen members of the Senior Class of Cunningham Rural High School were graduated in Commencement exercises held in the High School Auditorium last Friday evening.

The Kincheloe Implement Company held a Service School for Massey-Harris combine owners last Friday afternoon, which was attended by fifty combine own-

## Cunningham Historical Museum

will be open Memorial Weekend

> Saturday, May 28th 12:00 to 6:00 Sunday, May 29th 2:00 to 5:00 Monday, May 30th 11:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ers. Mr. Kincheloe has sold forty new combines in recent weeks.

#### 1957

May 23 – Death came to Jesse Jeter Amick of this community, Kingman County's only centenarian, Tuesday afternoon, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Luther Digby in Harper.

Progress on the construction of the new High School Shop Building is moving along at a steady pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Johnna, to Airman Third Class Elmer Freund, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freund, also of Cunningham.

#### 1962

May 24 – According to County Clerk Sylvester Biggs, Cunningham's city population has risen four persons to a total of 629, over 1961's total of 625.

Pouring of the cement gutter and curb along the four-block section of North and South Main Street was commenced Wednesday morning by the Klaver-Wallace Construction Company of Kingman.

Remodeling of business firms along North Main Street is keeping pace with curb and gutter paving project. A new glass door and tile floor have been installed at Hauser's Market, while at the new site of Chet Spade's Cunningham IGA, a new store front, complete with double glass doors, was installed this week, and workmen are covering the upper front of the two-story building with an attractive aluminum sheeting.

#### 1967

May 25 - Don Becker of Cunningham, was selected as the City Maintenance Man by the City Council at a special meeting, Monday evening.

Don succeeds Earl Hoffine, who resigned effec-

Eighteen men applied for the maintenance job, according to Mayor Francis Dafforn.

Thirteen eighth graders of Willowdale Grade School were awarded diplomas in graduation exercises at the school, Sunday afternoon.

Six eighth graders received diplomas at the graduation exercises and awards program at St. Leo Grade School last Thursday evening.

#### 1972

May 18–Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Ann, to Benny G. Orth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Orth of Hope.

Both are May graduates of the Kansas Technical Institute in Salina where they majored in Computer Science.

A fall wedding is planned.

The Kingman County Historical Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Francis Dafforn in Cunningham, Thursday evening, May 18, at 7:30 o'clock. Members and visitors welcome. Betty Amick, Secretary.

Bob Sterneker suffered a broken right arm in an accident with an irrigation unit at the farm last Wednesday afternoon.



## **Kingman Public Transportation**

305 North Cedar, Kingman, Kan.

Phone (620) 532-5744



Service Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. First Come - First Served

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## Twister: Part 2

Clint, Patti and boys opened up their hearts and home to us after we fled our very damaged house on the evening of May 7, 2002. They graciously allowed us to live with them for two weeks following the tornado. The morning of May 8th, I took the van out to our property to assess the damage. I realized that I didn't have my billfold, but needed gas as I passed through Cunningham.

I stopped at the Scripsick Standard Station and Mr. Scripsick kindly let me have the gas I needed on credit. When I turned off the highway onto our dirt road, there were power lines down, and as I got closer to our house I could see that there were trees down everywhere! At first glance, our house looked salvageable. The biggest difference to the landscape was that our

big red barn was GONE! Gone with it was Russ's woodworking shop, the hayloft that all of our children and nieces and nephews had played in, barn cats, and all sorts of menagerie.

It was an unusually sunny morning, the bright kind of morning that almost hurts one's eyes! Sunshine was glinting off of everything! Our yard was already full of people ready to pick up insulation, wood, and trash; as well as hug us, cry with us, and pray for us! Our dear friends from the Sawyer community were like a "well oiled machine," in cleaning up our property. Many were trained in the Mennonite Disaster Relief program and knew the method of clean up that was quickest, most orderly, and efficient! They did in a couple of days what it would have taken us months if not years to accomplish. Russ's coworkers, along with many of our friends and family were there to carry out our belongings

and salvage everything that they could! The night of the tornado we left a houseful of contents that we didn't know the condition they would be in upon our return. Remember, we left in torrential rain with only a partial roof.

I remember calling

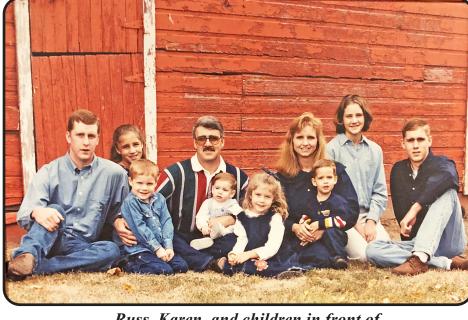
my friend and midwife, Kathy Brace, the next day, telling her that we were now "homeless!" She gave me the phone number of a client of hers whom I had met briefly a few years prior. Her husband was an architect, and he and their oldest son ended up helping us draw up plans for a new home as their gift to us! God certainly provided for us every step of the way! So many decisions to make as we were in the midst of raising a family. Should we rebuild or repair what was left? People told us of houses never being the same after the Andover tornado of 1991, windows and doors that didn't close properly after houses shifted and were no longer square. Should we start over somewhere else? After much deliberation we decided to rebuild. Maybe this was a way for us to have a fresh start! It was beyond heart wrenching to have to pass by our boys' bedrooms and do laundry in the basement that they had helped Russ remodel just

a few years prior! The following year was challenging to say the least! There were meetings with the Folgers', (the architect family,) to draw up house plans, many many trips out to the wrecked house to try to salvage as much as possible, meetings with our insurance adjuster, trying to keep life stable

St. John, Zenda

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale



Russ, Karen, and children in front of the big red barn, Oct. 1999

for our seven children. Stable—who am I trying to kid!?! Okay, maybe not stable, but at least fed and clean! Our two oldest girls, Megan and Katie, spent so much time overseeing their five younger siblings and keeping the house running. We couldn't have done all that we did without them!

After getting relocated at Theresa Beat's rental house, life went on. To me, this will always be my forever friend, Cheri Mantooth's childhood home! The back bedroom where our little boys now occupied was the very one that Cheri and I stayed up till the wee hours of the morning talking about boys and school and life in that order! Cheri was just enough older and wiser to be like a slightly older sister. Many Friday nights and Saturdays she spent teaching me how to apply makeup and all sorts of necessary and very important junior high girl things. So now, fast forward almost 30 years, and Cheri's home became my home. I was now tucking my little boys into bed at night in that same "back bedroom" that I had spent so

much memorable time in! The Cunningham community was oh so generous to us that year! We were given a home to rent, free storage, an incredibly generous gift card to the Cunningham Grocery Store, cash, checks, and much much more! My sweet friend, Colleen Kerschen, spent days helping me sort and clean. John Royston had refurbished our antique buffet and table before the tornado. After the tornado he restored it again. He jokingly told us that his eyes weren't up to doing it a third time, "so don't ask!" It was a year of turmoil and craziness, it was a year of humility

and gratitude! Our niece, Lacey, (Leah's daughter) stayed with us for a week or so, and helped in practical ways as well as keeping our spirits up in her fun-loving and cheerful way. Our children fondly remember "the year we lived across from the Cunningham Swimming Pool," as one of the BEST YEARS of their childhood! Ah, the obliviousness and resilience of children! Hurrah!

After the tornado, we found plywood from the house roof under Clint's pickup tires, the jigsaw from the woodworking shop which had been transported from the obliterated barn, hurled under the overhead door of the damaged shed. That door was sucked out of Russ's shed, which was then thrown out in the yard! My dad's handmade bench that I had recently painted was sadly gone, never to be seen again. It was one of the few keepsakes that I had of his. On the bright side, the two small oak trees that were planted in our front yard in memory of Jesse and Cody just a year and a half before, were completely UNTOUCHED! A friend of ours commented on the morning after, that it was as if God put His mighty hands over those two little trees and said, "These will remain safe!" My antique China cabinet full of Precious Moments figurines given to me by friends and family members through the years that stood against the west wall of our new kitchen addition was also UNTOUCHED! The roof was gone above it, but the figurines were all standing. Our family picture, taken the fall before our boys' death was hanging in the addition above the antique buffet which was an heirloom of Russ's

family. Evidently the picture fell face down on the buffet and was covered with sheet rock and insulation, where it was protected from all that rain, unharmed except for a few water marks! Tornadoes are definitely mysterious phenomena!!! I believe that God protected that which was PRECIOUS to us, namely our children! By the way, our oldest son, Jesse, had given me one of those "Precious Moments," just months before he died.

Everything is relative, is so much more than a mere cliche. Yes, having my home destroyed by a tornado and the aftermath of decisions and clean up was inconvenient, but it was honestly NOTHING compared to losing our two beloved boys! People started calling us "the Job family" about that time. Job lost all of his children, his house, his servants and livestock. He lost his health and was tried to the hilt by the "enemy of our souls!" Job remained faithful to God. My losses cannot compare with what Job lost, but I can say with him, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." That verse was one that was so poignant and appropriate for that time, and always! God took all of Job's children but then gave him back the same number, as well

as doubling his herds. Within five years of the tornado, we were blessed with two more sons, a new home, and more faithful friends than I can list, many of whom are reading this paper. Yes, "Blessed be

the name of the Lord!" And blessings to you,

dear readers, Karen Cornelius Eck



#### **Catholic Churches** Sacred Heart, Cunningham

<u>Cunningham Hands</u>

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: First and Third Tuesday

from 2:00-5:00 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

distribution hours?

call will be returned as soon as possible. This institu-

tion is an equal opportunity provider.

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo

Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Father Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451 620-246-5370

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#### **Lutheran Churches** St. John, Nashville

620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620-886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

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

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



#### **Church of Christ** Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.



## First Christian Church

Cunningham Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday

Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday

Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



## **United Methodist Church**

Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Cunningham

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

620-491-0680

Russ, Karen, and their 9 living children, 3 sonsin-law, Brandon's girlfriend, and 9 grandchildren in front of one of the oak trees.

## Cunningham Junior High Promotes Eighth Graders



The 2022 8th Grade class was officially promoted to Cunningham High School on Monday. From left: Tyler Winter, Skyler Thimesch, Blake Swope, Trey Shelton, Andrew Schultz, Kendall Rogers, Emily Ogg, Kyra Morgan, Logan Kinsler, Dylan Halderson, Grace Hageman. Not pictured: Isabelle Thimesch and Richard Vaughn

# 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys are HOPL Champions

The Cunningham Junior High track team participated in the Heart of the Plains League track meet on May 12, 2022. The Cunningham 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade boys team outscored second place Norwich 122 to 106.5 to bring home the 1st place plaque. The 8th grade boys and girls also did well with 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. This was quite an accomplishment for the 8th grade girls as their team consists of four participants. The 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

by Coach Stackhouse Reculto



photo submitted by Bob Stackhouse

Results:				
	6-7 <sup>th</sup> Girls	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls	6-7 <sup>th</sup> Boys	8 <sup>th</sup> Boys
High Jump		Grace Hageman 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4'2"	Andrew Kerschen 7 <sup>th</sup> 4'0"	Logan Kinsler 7 <sup>th</sup> 4'4"
		Emily Ogg 4'0"	Adam Sterneker 8 <sup>th</sup> 4'0"	
Long Jump		Grace Hageman 4 <sup>th</sup> 13'4.5"	Andrew Kerschen 4 <sup>th</sup> 13'10.5"	Skyler Thimesch 2 <sup>nd</sup> 16'2.5"
		Emily Ogg 6 <sup>th</sup> 12'5.5"	Tyler Osner 10'3"	
Triple Jump	Macy Neufeld 8 <sup>th</sup> 25'6"		Andrew Kerschen 8 <sup>th</sup> 29'6.5"	Kendall Rogers 3 <sup>rd</sup> 32'8"
	Morgan Oldham 10 <sup>th</sup> 21'0"		Adam Sterneker 14 <sup>th</sup> 24'11"	Andrew Schultz 6 <sup>th</sup> 25' .5"
Shot Put	Whitney Mead 1st 29'1"	Kyra Morgan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 31'7.25"	Stephen Kerschen 1st 36'8"	Dylan Halderson 4 <sup>th</sup> 34'2"
	Kourtni Fischer 3 <sup>rd</sup> 29'0"		Layne Green 5 <sup>th</sup> 31'7.75"	
Discus	Whitney Mead 2 <sup>nd</sup> 63'2.5"	Kyra Morgan 3 <sup>rd</sup> 80'2.5"	Stephen Kerschen 1st 126'7"	Dylan Halderson 1st 130'4"
	Nora Huff 3 <sup>rd</sup> 62'11.5"		Layne Green 2 <sup>nd</sup> 103'1"	Andrew Schultz 5 <sup>th</sup> 91'3"
Pole Vault	Macy Neufeld 1st 7'0"		Kollin Fischer 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7'0"	Skyler Thimesch 1st 8'0"
			Jack Harden 4 <sup>th</sup> 6′6″	
100m	Brynn Wyatt 4 <sup>th</sup> 15.2	Emily Ogg 2 <sup>nd</sup> 14.13	Stephen Kerschen 2 <sup>nd</sup> 13.25	
	Piper Parkins 14 <sup>th</sup> 16.5	Grace Hageman 6 <sup>th</sup> 15.14	Layne Green 5 <sup>th</sup> 14.12	
200m	Brynn Wyatt 9 <sup>th</sup> 32.65	Emily Ogg 3 <sup>rd</sup> 30.17	Stephen Kerschen 1st 26.47	Dylan Halderson 6 <sup>th</sup> 28.37
	Janessa Schnittker 14 <sup>th</sup> 35.06	Grace Hageman 7 <sup>th</sup> 32.00	Kollin Fischer 8 <sup>th</sup> 30.64	
400m	Rylee Miller 11 <sup>th</sup> 1:20.98	Bella Thimesch 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:26.97	Cole Hageman 5 <sup>th</sup> 1:10.08	Skyler Thimesch 1st 59.23
			Nathan Ndambuki 9 <sup>th</sup> 1:12.63	
800m			Jack Harden 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:31.44	Blake Swope 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:28.60
			Will Halderson 13 3:14.97	
1600m			Jack Harden 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5:35.93	Logan Kinsler 6 <sup>th</sup> 6:48.94
100mHurdles	Makenzie Hartley 11 <sup>th</sup> 24.29		Cole Hageman 6 <sup>th</sup> 18.99	
			Weston Rogers 10 <sup>th</sup> 21.89	
200 LH	Makenzie Hartley 9 <sup>th</sup> 42.87		Cole Hageman 4 <sup>th</sup> 34.81	Kendall Rogers 5 <sup>th</sup> 35.19
			Weston Rogers 8 <sup>th</sup> 40.71	Blake Swope 7 <sup>th</sup> 36.76
4X100 Relay	Andi, Oldham, Schnittker, Parkins 8 <sup>th</sup> 1:10.64		Osner, Romine, Bock, Lohrke 8th 1:09.77	
4X200 Relay	Wyatt, Hartley, Miller, Neufeld 4 <sup>th</sup> 2:16.56		Adams, Bock, Glenn, Ndambuki 5 <sup>th</sup> 2:20.39	Kinsler, Schultz, Rogers, Swope 5 <sup>th</sup> 2:12.73
Medley Relay	Parkins, Neufeld, Miller, Wyatt 7 <sup>th</sup> 2:33.33		Fischer, Hageman, A. Kerschen, Harden 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2:02.31	Swope, Rogers, Halderson, Thimesch 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1:57.92
3200m			Will Halderson 4 <sup>th</sup> 14:33.47	
			Gabriel Chapman 9 <sup>th</sup> 15:49.62	



Makenzie Hartley





Stephen Kerschen

Piper Parkins

Layne Green



Cole Hageman Molly Morgan photos



On an unseasonably warm Tuesday evening, the audience at Cunningham High School witnessed a moving performance of the play, "110 Stories," written by Sarah Tuft and directed by Rebecca Huelskamp.

In addition to the forensics students, several faculty (and a spouse) had roles and they all did a tremendous job

(Popular opinion is the Dunlaps stole the show).

Despite the heat, at times I had goosebumps as eyewitness accounts of 09/11/2001 were retold. What should have been an ordinary day experienced by ordinary people ended up being what I can only imagine was a descent into hell that took so many innocent lives and changed these and countless others' lives forever.

Additionally I thought my personal discomfort compared to the nightmare these survivors and rescue workers lived through paled in comparison.

Considering these student performers were not even born when the Twin Towers fell, yet were able to move their audience so, makes their retelling of that horrific event all the more poignant and I

admit, I fought back tears a few times.

Admittedly, I usually do not care for dramatic theater but I am oh so glad I went.

Thanks to all the performers and to the supporters in the audience.

Donna Crowley



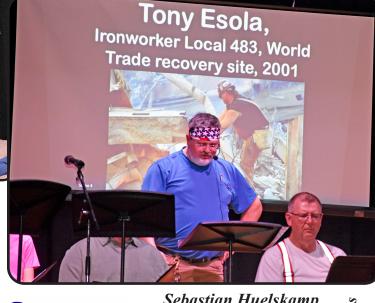
Ada Adams



Isaiah Reed and Mary Stackhouse



Ava Bock and Tammy Beat



Sebastian Huelskamp

Courier photos



Brianna Dittmer



Cody Dunlap and Debi Dunlap

## CHS Forensics Team Perform at State Level



Joanna Hansen, Taylor Schultz, Hannah Ellis, Alice Huelskamp, Shanelle Romine, Brianna Dittmer

Cunningham was well represented at the State Champs and State Festival in Salina, Kansas on Saturday, May 7th, 2022.

There were 7 girls on the forensics team this year. Brianna Ditmer came along with us to State to cheer us on. Ellie McGuire qualified for State Festival and received a 1 rating on her Prose piece, Instant Ramen. Taylor Schultz, Hannah Ellis, Alice Huelskamp, Shanelle Romine, and Joanna Hansen all qualified for State Champs

We had a fun busy day at STATE. Everyone did an amazing job. There were 35 1A schools at State. We had four entries at State Champs and 3 of our entries made it to

the Semi-Finals Round, ranking them within the top 12 in the State of Kansas! Shanelle Romine and Joanna Hansen competed in IDA, Improvised Duet Acting at the State Champs.

Hannah Ellis and Alice Huelskamp placed 9th with their duet. "The History of Television, Condensed". Alice Huelskamp ended up placing 8th in Poetry with her piece, "Drowning Fish" and "Lady Lazarus". Finally, Taylor Shultz made it into the Finals round and place 2nd in the State of Kansas in the Poetry competition with her piece, "My Honest Poem" and "Complainers".

As a team, we came in 18th with only four entries! These students ALL

did an amazing job and represented Cunningham very well! According to Betty Davis, "Without wonder and insight, acting is just a business." With it, it becomes creation." These seven Cunningham students have both wonder and insight.

Our Cunningham students are very creative and imaginative in their interpretation of Prose, Poetry, IDA's, and Serious Solos. We are Cunningham Proud of the Forensics Team. They did an awesome job at state.

photo and story by Carrie Vahsholtz

## Kingman Student Awarded Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association Scholarship

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association's (KARA) scholarship committee reviewed more than 50 applications and awarded nearly \$10,000 in financial aid to six of the state's high school graduating seniors and current college students for the 2022-23 academic year.

"We are proud each year to assist local students in pursuing their academic aspirations," KARA's president and CEO Ron Seeber said. "Our board of directors, scholarship committee and overall membership congratulate and wish nothing but the best for this year's recipients as we collectively look forward to their future contributions to our industry."

Each year, KARA awards one \$500 Jim Lee Memorial scholarship, four \$1,500 KARA general scholarships and one \$1,500 Dr. David Whitney Agronomy

scholarship.

The 2022-23 recipients are listed below with their current town:

Jim Lee Memorial Scholarship - \$500 Total

Greta Rosenhagen Cheney

KARA Scholarships -\$1,500 Total

Dylan Van Laeys

- Logan Kaitlyn Peters – Lakin

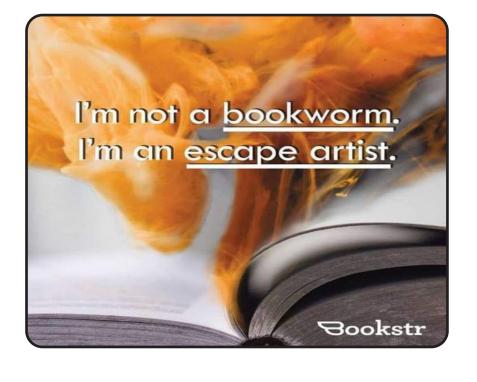
Geoffrey Holloway

- Kingman Caleb Dechant

Goodland

Dr. David Whitney Agronomy Scholarship - \$1,500 Total

Leah Hudson Topeka



## Many Were Out Watching and Photographing the Lunar Eclipse



Darren Parker



Barb Schultz



Dennis Glascock



Kathy Hartley

## Summer Means Cute T-Ball Players



























## page 9

## Minutes from **Pratt County** Commission for May 9, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, May 9, 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.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she is working with the city of Iuka concerning the ARPA reporting. She has received instructions to draw down the second half of the ARPA funds. She is working with Commissioner Shriver and Tim Branscom on the procurement of supplies and equipment for the

public safety building. There are currently four applications for the Pratt area economic façade program. If interested, they need to apply as soon as possible as there is a limited amount of funds available. Commissioner Shriver stated he had spoken to Tim Branscom, EM manager, about the equipment for the building. They want to purchase from local businesses and use capital improvement funds. Tyson stated we would have to go through the bid process which has already been done. He also stated it could be paid out of special equipment. Commissioner Shriver will contact the state vendors to get dimensions on the desks, tables and other equipment.

Jimmy White, sheriff, requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:08 p.m. for ten minutes

to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session

At 2:14 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, reported he is going to be out of the office next week for a conference in Dodge City. They will start making asphalt later this month. With the cost of materials, he will not be laying as much this year. He stated they had started mowing this week. He reported noxious weed had sprayed around the lake.

Commissioner Shriver gave an update on the road project by the public safety building. They could be pouring concrete later this week.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson reported thirtyeight parcels were on the delinquent tax sale, nine of those have been fully redeemed for a total of \$32,725.33. Five others have paid court costs to start the process of redemption. The notice will be published in the next few weeks. The court date will be late summer.

Commissioner Shriver gave an update on the public safety building. The finish work is being completed, the engineer and contractor will do a final walk through. He will contact someone to plant seed next to the parking lot so it won't erode.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented forms for signatures for the EMT class, there is grant money available, when they pass, they will then have to work 20 hours in a paid position. There will be reimbursement of mileage paid to the instructor. Commissioner

Shriver made a motion to sign the contract with Kara Lawrence and EMS, for an EMT class. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported Brian

Lawrence has passed his paramedic and is waiting for his certification from the state. He presented a standard operation guideline for dispatching and response of Pratt County EMS crews. He reported Dave Harbour is one step closer to getting a liver transplant.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, again presented bids on the wood replacement at the health department to replace and stain the cedar boards on the outside. JA Knight bid \$20,500 and T-K Handyman bid \$19,157.84. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from T-K Handyman for \$19,157.84 to replace all boards around the outside of the building, stain and seal. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for May 9, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman Construction for certificate #17 in the amount of \$97,375.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Kirkham Michael for the NE 20th Avenue surfacing road project invoice 53875 in the amount of \$11,058.25. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:07 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.



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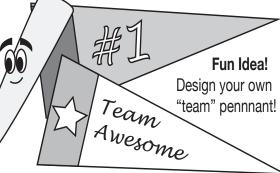
# Plaaaay Ball!

Baseball has been a popular sport for many years. We even borrow words from the game of baseball to express other ideas.

Can you match the phrases below to their meanings?

- 1. right off the bat
- 2. go to bat for
- 3. to get to first base
- 4. out in left field
- 5. play ball

6. bat an eyelash



A. wrong, doesn't know what's going on

- B. show surprise or fear
- C. to get a good start
- D. begin a game, cooperate with others E. help out someone
- F. immediately

The many sounds, smells and sights at a baseball game give our senses a workout! Fill in each box with the word that makes sense:

smell

feel

see

taste

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1.	the outfielder leap for the ball the batter warm up for a turn at	bat
2.	the crack of the bat hitting the bath the cheer of the crowd	oall
3.	the aroma of hot dogs in the air the leather of baseballs and bas	
4.	the warm sun the wind blowing gently across	the bleachers

5. the cold, bubbly fruit drink

the hot, crunchy, buttery popcorn (Answers on page 10)

Governor Fully Funds K-12 Education for Fourth Consecutive Year

Bipartisan Bill Makes Historic Investments in K-12 Education and Upholds

Commitment to Fully Fund Kansas Schools

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today she has signed House Bill 2567, which fully funds K-12 education for the fourth consecutive year and guarantees funding through the 2024 fiscal year. Signing HB 2567 makes Governor Kelly the first governor in more than 20 years to fulfill Kansas students' constitutional right to school funding.

"I am pleased to be able to uphold my commitment to fully fund our public schools," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Providing schools with the funding and resources they need will create lifelong learners, which are the foundation of our state's strong workforce and future economic growth."

In addition to fully funding education in Kansas, HB 2567 enacts the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Department of Education and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. These funds represent historic investments in early childhood and K-12 education.

HB 2567 includes: \$520.4 million for Special Education

\$199.6 million to eliminate the Delayed **School Payment** 

Services Aid

\$20.7 million in Children's Initiative Fund grants

\$10.5 million for Mental Health Intervention Teams, which help eliminate barriers for students in need of care

\$8.4 million for the Parents as Teacher

\$5 million for school safety and security grants

\$4.1 million for the Pre-K Pilot Program

\$4 million for a virtual math program

\$1.8 million for teacher professional development aid

\$1.5 million for student transportation to career and technical education opportunities

\$1.4 million for Early Childhood Infrastructure

\$1.3 million for the Mentor Teacher Program

\$1 million for Computer Science **Education Advancement** 

\$500,000 for the statewide expansion of the **Dolly Parton Imagination** Library

\$40,000 for a new career and technical education credentialing pilot program

Full funding for allday Kindergarten

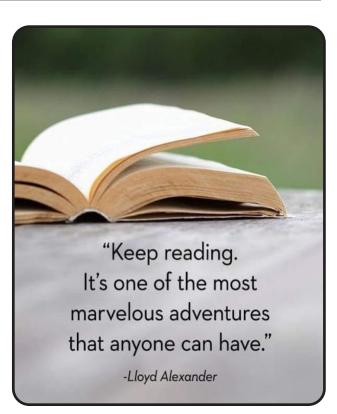
HB 2567 makes the necessary adjustments to enable school districts with many military students to keep federal funding. It also improves how students at Kansas community and technical colleges receive financial

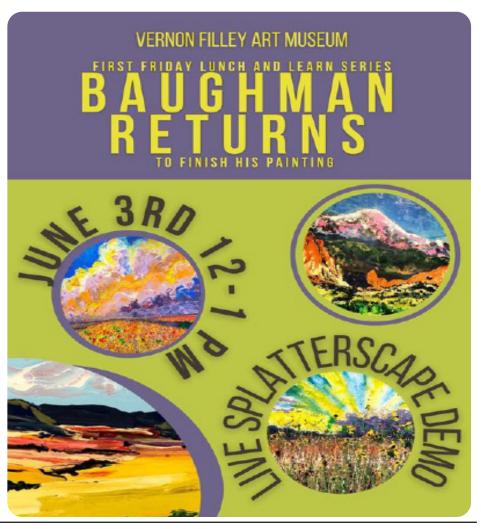
While HB 2567 provides historic constitutional levels of funding, it does not include the additional \$30 million in funding to increase the special education services Governor Kelly recommended in April.

"Republicans and Democrats agree funds for special education are vital for our schools to provide quality instruction to special education students. I call on the legislature to swiftly appropriate these funds when they return on May 23rd," Governor Kelly said.

Governor Kelly also called on the legislature to further review a provision requiring school districts to set policies allowing enrollment of out-of-district students.

"Before taking effect during the 2024-2025 school year, the Legislature must work with educators and administrators to make the necessary modifications to ensure that elected school board members maintain local control," Governor Kelly said.





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# Abby and Sheba

Sponsored by Karla Westerman



Abby

Bonded; good with cats; good with other dogs; housetrained; people friendly; special allergy needs; special needs.

Abby is a female Boston Terrier Age: 10 years, 9 months

Adoption fee: \$150 Intake Date: March 28, 2022

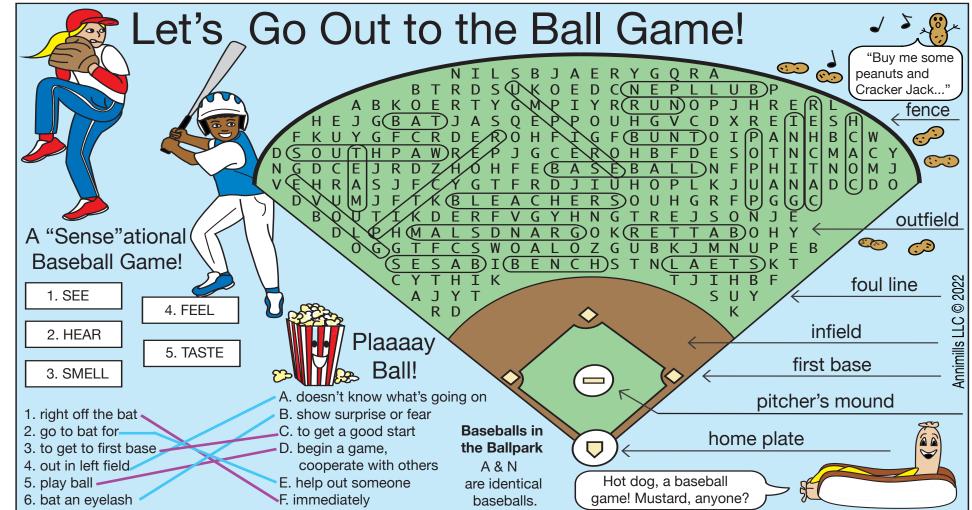
Sheba (Shihtzu) and Abby (Boston Terrrier) have been lifelong buddies and need to stay together for mutual support as they transition to a new phase of their lives. They are both senior citizens, and Abby has cataracts so they need a quiet, low activity, loving home where they can snooze and cuddle while feeling safe and well cared for. They may be seniors but they still have a lot of love to give.

> Sheba Female Shih Tzu / Shih Tzu Age: 13 years, 9 months Adoption Fee: \$150 Intake date: March 28, 2022 **ATTRIBUTES**

Bonded; good with cats; good with other dogs, housetrained, people friendly.







## Minutes from Kingman County Commission for May 9, 2022

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

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Deanna Gerhardt; Michaela Divoll, Motorola Rep.

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Caller 02; Heather Kinsler and Joyce Foley.

Staff: Sheriff Randy Hill; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; David Hillman, Undersheriff; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

Commissioner Foley would like to have an attorney-client executive session.

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed his concern of what people are rumoring around town about the towers in question and that there needs to be more information.

County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount

Job Corps

Launches

Recruitment

Drive in Kansas

and openings available at

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Department

of Labor's Job Corps

program has launched

a recruitment drive in

Kansas, offering imme-

diate openings and free

career training for low-in-

come students ages 16-24

in the nation's leading

tunity for young Kansans

who are trying to leverage

a strong job market," said

"This is a great oppor-

industries.

Flint Hills campus

Free career training

of \$26,965.40.

County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$223,179.71.

Michaela Divoll, Motorola representative was in to give answers to some of the questions the **County Commissioners** have about the tower proposal presented last week.

Commissioners asked questions about radios and the requirements for the radios.

Commissioner Henning asked about a radio he looked up online and the cost was half what was quoted.

Ms. Divoll let Commissioner Henning know that radios online may not have the programming and requirements included to work with the State system.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed having Sam Boos from Topeka come out to look at the landfill and have Charles Arensdorf, Sheriff Hill and one Commissioner meet with them.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he knows they are using ARPA funding to put up a tower but the pricing difference between the landfill site and the Murdock site concerns him. Henning would like pricing breakdown on the equipment in the proposal.

Commissioner Foley asked questions about the greenfield site (landfill) integrated pricing.

Sheriff Hill would like to see the two towers be installed without purchasing radios because infrastructure is more important. Sheriff Hill said that hand held radios and mobile radios can be purchased at a later time.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and

National Director of Job

Corps Rachel Torres. "We

are a gateway to skills,

credentials and opportu-

nity. Our students need

Job Corps, and the work-

force needs our students."

campus in Kansas: Flint

Hills (in Manhattan). The

center offers career skills

training in high-growth

industry sectors, includ-

ing Construction and

ages 16-24 from low-

income households who

meet the eligibility re-

quirements, and students

can apply and enroll at

any time. Job Corps pro-

vides hands-on career

skills training, on-campus

Job Corps is free for

Health Care.

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There is one Job Corps

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to discuss financial reports and budget information.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that budget request forms had been sent out to departments and they requested them due by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Langley reviewed an estimated plan to retire 2021 GO Bond & Finance Radio Tower Project.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/

Wastewater Director was in and let the Commissioners know that Gallagher Benefits will be in next week to discuss self-funding.

Mr. Goetz presented the Commissioners a payment in lieu of vacation time for sheriff's office employee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:36 a.m. to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:46 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioner returned to regular session at 10:46 a.m. with no decision made.

Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed his planning/zoning meeting that was held

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care and job search as-

sistance. Applicants may

qualify if they receive

SNAP, TANF, or free or

reduced school lunch, or

if they are experiencing

homelessness or are a

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tional effort to restore Job

Corps campuses to full

capacity after pandem-

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restricted enrollments,

due to the residential as-

pects of the program.

Job Corps has restored

pre-pandemic admission

standards nationwide and

has immediate openings

For more information

in Kansas.

The recruitment drive

foster youth.

last Monday.

Mr. Goetz asked if the Commissioners would like to ride together to go to the AEP meeting on the 12th of May, 2022.

Commissioners discussed the routes taken to upgrade Flat Ridge 2 wind turbines and if it was in the road agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf said there may be changes and that he will have to check the road before.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an NRP extension. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the NRP extension. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to discuss the bids received for removal of stalls and dirt work at the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton went over the work that needed to be done as the two bids received came in higher than was expected.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that the sound system is still waiting to be installed because parts are having trouble coming in.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg were in with John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Charles Scott, Kirkham Michael, Darrick Tyler, Cummins and Colby with Reece Construction to discuss the Bridge #13.

Commissioner Henning thanked Reece Construction for using the local ready mix for their project in Kingman

Mr. Riggins discussed bridge #11 & #12 will be

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started once bridge #13 is finished.

Derek Wright was in with a road concern in Evan Township and that the ditch is above the road. Also, there are holes in the culvert.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permit to the Commissioners:

Black Hill Energy for pipeline repair in Sections 34 &35, Township 27, Range 05(Evan) & Section 1, Township 28, Range 5 (Vinita).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on ditch cleaning north of Cunningham, Onyx-Mastic seal coat schedule and FAS 693 Hot Mix Overlay which will be Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Mr. Bachenberg presented the FAS 296-Hot Mix Construction-Inspection contracts for signature.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed his contract with the county and asked if they would like to retain his services for next year and if they do it will be his last year.

Commissioners would like to have his services for next year.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner

Henning moved to approve the transfers and corrections of April 2022 in the amount of \$16,675.11. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 

Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:10 p.m. to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:16 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the radio towers and radios.

**MOTION: Commissioner** Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:36 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

#### **Public Notice** Published in The Cunningham Courier

on Thursday, May 12, 2022 (3t)

NOTICE OF PRIMARY

According to K.S.A. 25-204 you are nereby notified that a Primary Election will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2022, this being the first Tuesday in said month, at which time candidates for the following offices will be nominated according to the provisions of law by EACH of the political parties of this state who qualify to participate in said Primary Election as specified by law:

One Candidate for United States Senate(Districts to be determined)

One Candidate for United States Representative (Districts to be determined)

One Candidate for State Senator (Districts to be determined)

One Candidate for State Representative (Districts to be determined)

One Candidate for County Commissioner 1st District

One Candidate for Clerk in each

One of the following officers will be elected in EACH of (Republican & Democrat) who qualify to participate in said Primary Election as specified by law. One Precinct Committeeman

the political parties of this state

in each Township & Ward on Democrat Ticket.

One Precinct Committeeman in each Township & Ward on Republican Ticket.

One Precinct Committeewoman in each Township & Ward on Democrat Ticket

One Precinct Committeewoman in each Township & Ward on Republican Ticket.

The filing deadline for all local offices in this election will be NOON on June 1st, 2022.

The Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 9th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

## Sunday, May 8th

Traffic stops Traffic check tag Assist other agencies Vehicle Abandoned Welfare check

#### Monday, May 9th Traffic stops

Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Animal

## Tuesday, May 10th

Traffic stop Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Assist other agencies Vehicle unlock

#### Welfare check Wednesday, May 11th

Traffic stops

E Hwy 42 & SE 80 Ave area, Rago NW 50 St & NW 140 AVe area, Kingman 5000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman 100 block W. Second Ave Norwich

6000 block @ Hwy 54 Kingman 15000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich 11000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham

6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman NE 40 Ave & N Hwy 14 area Kingman SE 160 St. & E Hwy 2 area, Norwich 400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham Kingman County 4000 block NE 130 Ave Cheney 200 block E Gorver Ave Spivey7

Traffic complaint Assito other agencies Damage Fire vehicle Fire vehicle Fraud Welfare check

Thursday, May 12th Traffic complaint Suspicious person Suspicious person Theft

#### Welfare check Friday, May 13th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Animal Motorist assist Theft Unlock vehicle

## Saturday, May 14th

Traffic stops Public service Suspicious person NW 50 St NW 140 Ave area Cunningham 18000 bloc W Hwy 54 Cunningham 100 block N Briarwood St. Norwich NW 80 Ave & NW 40 St. area, Kingman 14000 block N@ 50 St. Cunningham 400 block N Main St. Spivey 200 block E First St. Cunningham

E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave area, Rago E Hwy 42 & SE 70 AVe area, Rago SE 10 St & SE 30 Ave Kingman Kingman County 200 block S. Douglas St. Cunningham

700 block W Hwy 42, Spivey SE 180 ST & SW 90 Ave area Zenda 400 block S Cowgill St. Nashville SE 150 Ave. & SE 60 St. area Norwich 8000 block SE Burns Ave. Kingman 100 block E A Ave Kingman

200 block SE 80 Ave Murdock S Elliott St. & E Santa Fe Ave area, Cunningham West Kingman County Education Foundation Awarded \$22,300.00 in Scholarships

The Cunningham High School Graduation was held on a beautiful Friday evening, May 13, 2022 at the football field. The West Kingman County **Education Foundation** presented scholarships to graduating seniors and alumni. All scholarships given through the West Kingman County **Education Foundation** this year totaled \$22,300.00

The West Kingman County Education Foundation was established in 2000 to provide scholarships and other educational benefits for the students and alumni of Cunningham Schools. To date, the foundation has given over \$239,000 in scholarships to students and alumni of Cunningham High School.

This year the Valedictorian scholarship, given by the Ninnescah Valley Bank, was awarded to Ashlynn Miracle. The Salutatorian scholarship was given by the Foundation and went to Madison Dowsey. The senior foundation scholarships went to Levi Adelhardt, Annabelle Hansen, Keiden Mills, Erik Paris, and Isaiah

Reed.

The foundation alumni scholarships went to Holly DeWeese, Abigail Hansen, Macy Huhman, Alayna McGuire, Hunter McGuire, Mikaela Meyers, Morgan Meyers, Kendra Morgan, Lillian Reed, Kylee Ricke, Isabelle Wegerer, and Max Wegerer.

There was a new scholarship established this year which was given by an anonymous donor. This scholarship went to Annabelle Hansen.

The Class of 1955 Scholarship was established by the class when they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. This scholarship was awarded to Levi Adelhardt.

The Bradley Scholarship is given to honor the memory of William A. Bradley and his son, William E. Bradley, editors and publishers of the now historic newspaper The Cunningham Clipper, Laverna Nossaman Bradley, who proofread every word, and Arlene Bradley, teacher and musician. The Bradley Scholarship was given to Madison Dowsey.

The Jack and Eileen Crick Family Scholarship was established by the Crick Family.

Kendra Morgan and Madison Dowsey received the Crick Scholarships.

The Cunningham Alumni Scholarship was created after the last Cunningham High

School Reunion. This scholarship is sponsored by alumni and was awarded to Ashlynn Miracle.

The Dale DeWeese Family Scholarship was established in his memory by his family.

He was a farmer, stockman, and community and school supporter. This scholarship was awarded to Isaiah Reed.

The Kenny and Marilyn Glenn Family Scholarship was given to honor the Elmer and Elva Glenn family. Elmer attended Cunningham High School and served on a rural school board. Elva was a cook at the school for seventeen years. The scholarship this year goes to Erik

The Kevin Huffman Scholarship is given by his children Kim Ghumm, Erin Strohl, Chris Huffman and Chad Huffman in his honor. Kevin was a lifelong resident of Cunningham, graduating in 1979. The Kevin Huffman Scholarship was awarded to Levi Adelhardt.

Velma E. Lauterbach was born in Nashville in 1916. She attended Pleasant Hill Grade School and Zenda High School. She was a pediatric office nurse. She established this scholarship to help someone else going into nursing. Ashlynn Miracle received this scholarship.

Jack and Jane Meyers have spent their entire married lives in the

**Cunningham Community** and volunteered countless hours for the betterment of this town. They have established this scholarship for students who achieve well academically and show a spirit of volunteerism. The Jack and Jane Meyers Scholarship was presented to Morgan Meyers and Levi Adelhardt.

The Dee Mills Memorial Scholarship was established in her memory. She was City Clerk for the City of Cunningham, secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, and Clerk of the Board of Education for many years. The Dee Mills Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Madison Dowsey.

The Dennis Raney Scholarship was given by his family in his memory. Dennis was a graduate of CHS and a lifetime resident of Cunningham. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Dennis was active in the American Legion and participated in parades and Memorial Day services. He was a sales representative for Southwest Truck in Pratt for 30 years. The Dennis Raney Scholarship went to Erik Paris.

The Alvin J. Rohr Scholarship was established by Mr. Rohr and his family. Mr. Rohr was a Math and Science teacher in the Cunningham Schools for many years. The Rohr Scholarships

were presented to Madison Dowsey and Lillian Reed.

The Helen and Shorty Rose Scholarship was created by their family in their memory. Shorty was a mechanic and Helen was the school secretary. The scholarship was given to Madison Dowsey.

The LeRoy J. Schnittker Memorial Biology Scholarship was established in his Last Will and Testament. LeRoy was a member of the CHS graduating Class of 1956. He was a long time Biology Teacher and established a "Biology" scholarship to benefit graduates of Cunningham High School. This scholarship was awarded to Madison Dowsey.

The Bob and Mary Stackhouse Scholarship has been established to help students graduating from Cunningham High School. They awarded their scholarships this year to Mikaela Meyers, Morgan Meyers, Kendra Morgan, Isaiah Reed, and Kylee Ricke.

The Swander Scholarship was created in memory of Everett and Lola Swander. Everett was a farmer and oil producer, and Lola was a cook at the school. They were lifetime members of this community and supported all school activities. The Swander Scholarship went to Annabelle Hansen.

The Bugs Guys of Kansas Scholarship is given by Dustin Swander, Chad Webster, and Justin Scripsick. All three of these men were graduates of CHS and would like to give back to the students of the school. The purpose of this scholarship is to extend financial support with preference to a worthy student that has a desire to pursue a technical career. This scholarship went to Keiden Mills.

The Robert R. Zrubek Scholarship was established in his memory. He was a 1958 graduate of CHS and a 1963 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He had a successful career working for General Electric, but he always maintained a high interest in his small town roots. The Robert R. Zrubek Scholarship was awarded to Levi Adelhardt.

The foundation has also invested in the school through sponsoring field trips for 3-4 Grades to go to the Dillons Nature Center. They have also partnered with the Booster Club and the school to install pads along the concrete edge of the basketball court.

The West Kingman County Education Board of Directors would like to thank all the families and individuals who have sponsored these scholarships and all those who have supported the foundation throughout the years.

## Wheat Scoop: Wheat Industry Helps Build Awareness of Rail Shipping Challenges

In recent months, U.S. grain rail shipping has faced a host of servicerelated challenges ranging from delayed cars to metered traffic and dramatic spot freight market increases. Those service problems reached such elevated levels that the U.S. rail regulatory body, the Surface Transportation Board (STB), stepped in.

The STB will now require the four largest rail carriers to submit a host of documents and conduct biweekly check-ins with the agency until service levels are restored.

The U.S. wheat indus-

try depends heavily on rail shipping to move the crop from farms and local elevators to domestic customers and to export elevators. And USDA reports that railroads ship 25% of all U.S. grains. That is why U.S. Wheat Associates (USW) and its Transportation Working Group have coordinated with other organizations to highlight the challenges rail shipping has faced. New Requirements

The move by the STB shows the agency is taking rail shipping concerns seriously. Carriers now must develop service recovery plans and submit regular progress reports. The regulator will also require all Class I railroads to report on customercentric performance metrics and employment data for a six-month period. According to their published decision, the STB's actions are "to promote industry-wide transparency, accountability, and improvements in rail

The challenges with rail service are clear. The American Farm Bureau Federation put together an extensive report showing the severity of the shipping disruptions. For example, in the year after the first quarter of 2021, unfilled grain car orders went up 47%. The number of grain cars that were at least 11 days overdue went up 107%. Rates in the secondary rail market increased, and rail delivery speeds declined during the same period.

Threats of Service

In mid-April, the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad announced that it would start metering traffic if shippers did not voluntarily reduce their freight-car inventories. In a statement, UP said it had "experienced some setbacks - including numerous service interruptions, crew shortages... and delays to our network." UP added that "additional inventory has led to more congestion in yards, an imbalance of our resources, and further slowdown of our operational performance."

In response, CF Industries, a major fertilizer producer, said such actions by the railroads would put crops at risk by curtailing fertilizer shipments ahead of the spring planting season.

Addressing the **Negative Impact** 

In March 2022, the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) urged the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to address "significant rail service disruptions," which have negatively impacted the nation's supply chains. Following that letter, the STB was quick to react and scheduled public hearings held in late April. Those hearings featured shippers, rail labor unions and rail company executives.

The Agricultural Transportation Working Group (ATWG), a representative body made up of agriculture-oriented trade groups, including USW, sent a letter to the STB on April 21 and urged an immediate resolution to the "current nationwide freight rail service challenges." The group urged the STB to take appropriate measures that would "deter, and hopefully prevent future service failures," which include the establishment of reciprocal switching rules.

Additionally, USW filed joint comments to the STB hearing with the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) and the North American Millers' Association (NAMA). The USW Transportation Working Group, led by North Dakota Wheat

## **Public Notice**

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Plaintiff,

Estate of Linda Keller, deceased; Amy Denise Harvey; Bryan Peter Harvey; Dave Keller; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue; ; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),

Case No. 2022-CV-000014 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Defendants.

## **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.

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and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 29th day of June, 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.

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## Clarence Briggs

Clarence Harvey Briggs, 58, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2022. He was born June 29, 1963 in Emporia to Clarence Harvey and Barbara (Sandburg) Briggs. Clarence married Mariea (Nash) Briggs December 9, 1983. They were married for 38 years.



Clarence worked in the Pipeline- Natural Gas

industry. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan, enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved spending time with family.

He is survived by his wife, Mariea of Isabel, KS; daughter, Vanessa Owens of Isabel, KS; grandson, Caden Williams; granddaughter, Ansley Owens; brothers, David (Julie) Briggs of Newton, KS and Robert Briggs of Newton, KS; sisters, Susan (Dwayne) West of Pratt, KS, Gail (Bill) McAdoo of Pratt, KS; mother-in-law, Faye Nash of Birch Tree, MO; brother-in-law, Russell (Kelly) Nash of Birch Tree, MO; four step brothers, Ervin (Sharon) Birdsong of Turon, KS, Robert (Mary) Birdsong of Mtn View, MO, Jackie (Vickie) Birdsong of West Plains, MO, and Roger (Trish) Birdsong of West Plains, MO. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clarence is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Harvey Briggs, Sr.; mother, Barbara Mae (Bill) Sandburg; brothers-in-law, Bill McAdoo and Richard Nash; father-in-law, Grover Nash; sisters-in-law, Barbara Nash and Daina Nash; step brother, Billy Birdsong; and step father, Billy Birdsong.

Funeral service was Monday, May 16, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Wellsford Cemetery, Wellsford.

Memorials may be made to Wellsford Cemetery or Church of Christ Isabel, KS in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Nancy Kramer

Nancy Hildreth Kramer, 77, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022 her home. She was born May 24, 1944 in Herington, Kansas, the daughter of Roy and Nellie Gwendolyn (Hildreth) Kramer.

She is preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, Bob Kramer of Pratt.

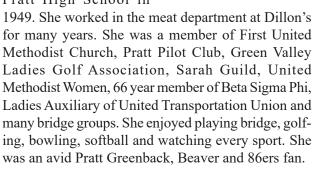
She is survived by her sister in-law, Martha Kramer of Pratt, Kansas; nieces, Tracy Trimpe of Pratt and Terri Turley of Andover, Kansas; and a nephew, Rob Kramer of Louisburg, Kansas.

Cremation has taken place. No services are scheduled per Nancy's request.

## **Avis Mardis**

Avis Jo Mardis "Big A", 90, passed away Friday, May 13, 2022 at her home. She was born on October 3, 1931 in Drumright, Oklahoma to Myrle and Josephine (Groves) Sipe. Avis married Richard L, Mardis on October 6, 1949 in Pratt. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2007.

Avis graduated from Pratt High School in



She is survived by her grandchildren, Kimberly (Kenny) DeClue of Pratt, Tara Shirley of Kansas City, Cassie Mardis of Pratt, Joshua (Janelle) Gross of Medicine Lodge; great grandchildren, Gage (Hannah) Shirley, Tristen (fiancee', Ashton) Schwarzenberger, Bailee Farr, Breane (Matt) Thayne, Brooke Farr, Dani Farr, Tyler Gross, Gavin Gross and Rhyen Gross, Brittany (Ryan) Rector, Gunner DeClue, Bailey DeClue; great-great grandchildren, Taylee Farr, Tabor Shirley and Charlee Rector; and many nieces, nephews and other family members.

Avis is preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Mardis; parents; sons, Gordon Mardis and Danny Mardis; daughter, Patricia Weisshaar; sisters, Norma Kramer and Welletta Sipe; brother, Robert Sipe; and grandson, Brian Lee Mardis.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 20, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with Reverend Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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## Dee Brown

Dee Brown, 87, died May 13, 2022 in Kingman.

He was born May 28, 1934 in Kingman the son of Henry and Alice Shephard Brown.

A lifetime resident of the Kingman and Spivey communities,

he was a retired farmer and stockman.

Dee was a member of the United Methodist Church and Ninnescah Lodge #230 A.F.&A.M., both of Kingman; and the Scottish Rite Bodies and Midian Shrine, both of Wichita.

On April 13, 1956, he married Geary McCaskey in Kingman. Other survivors include son Larri; daughter Jacki Cunningham and her husband Tony; grandchildren Trevor Cunningham and wife Jessica, Maci Hill and husband Tommy and Shelbi Brown; and great-grandchildren Levi and Lawson.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice or Wheatlands Healthcare Center, both in care of the funeral home.

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## Wheat Scoop

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Commission Policy and Marketing Director Jim Peterson, also met with each member of the STB to share concerns regarding the current railroad challenges and to point out the benefits that competition-inducing policies provide, such as reciprocal switching.

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Written By Michael Anderson, USW Market Analyst. View the original story on the US Wheat Associates Website



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