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January City Council Meeting

submitted by Dave Steffen

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy; Council Members Jason Ruckle, Karl Vierthaler, and Matt Westerhaus; City Attorney Greg Graffman; and City Clerk David Steffen.

The Council approved the agenda with no additions and minutes of the December 30, 2019 meeting and January 13, 2020 special meeting as written.

The Council approved a request to add an area light in the alley west of the 100 block of N. Main.

Sam Kinsler visited with the governing body on behalf of Skyland Grain, requesting connection to the City water system at Skyland's location east of Cunningham on South Valley Street. Consensus of the Council was to continue discussion after obtaining more information and for the Clerk and City Attorney to work on an agreement with Skyland Grain for the Council to consider at a future meeting.

Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development Director, met with the governing body. She brought copies of KCED's newsletter and discussed establishing a database of properties available to development in the county and asked the Council's help with the database, other resources, and the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census.

The Council approved a motion to award the contract for PWS Well #3, Waterline and Hypochlorite Storage Building Improvements, KPWWSLF Project No. 2929, to Conco Construction for $311,780.00, and to authorize Mayor Murphy to sign on behalf of the City, pending review of the contract by the City Attorney.

Also approved was a motion to accept the proposal by ATC Accounting for the financial audit for the City of Cunningham for the year ended on December 31, 2019.

Truck Parking – Consensus of the Council was for the Clerk to write a letter (notice of violation) to a resident regarding the parking of a semi-tractor on city streets.

The Council approved a motion for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Attorney and City Clerk to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall.

The above met in executive session from 7:45 to 7:50 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

The Council approved a motion for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Attorney, City Superintendent, and City Clerk to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall.

The above met in executive session from 7:51 to 7:56 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Animal Control – The Council discussed dogs running at large and an attack on a dog inside its owner's yard. Signed complaints are needed in order to address the problem in municipal court.

Maintenance Report – Russ Rohlman gave the maintenance report. The tornado siren has been repaired and is being tested weekly. Rohlman and Shelman are flushing the sewer main east of Valley Street due to a buildup of paper towels. Rohlman will visit with Circle C Paving regarding chip sealing estimates for 2020.

Planning & Zoning – No permits issued in January. The City Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on February 13, 2020.

Capital Improvements – The Council discussed items to consider in the Capital Improvement Plan, which will be updated in February or March.

The governing body discussed City Hall and the attached shop area.

The Council approved a motion for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Clerk to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall.

The above met in executive session from 8:45 to 8:50 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – The Council reviewed the month's bills and financial report. The Council approved the financial report, including transfers, and paid the bills as presented.

Following approval of a motion to adjourn, Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

West Kingman County BOE Holds Retreat

The West Kingman County Board of Education met for a retreat in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS on Tuesday January 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Scott DeWeese.

Those present: President, Scott DeWeese; Members, Brent Hansen, Brent Miller, Joyce Gridley, Kurt Preisser; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests Sid Wiens of Wiens & Company Construction, Inc. and Sarah Sipe with Landmark Architects.

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

President Scott DeWeese turned the meeting over to Sid Wiens and Sarah Sipe. They reviewed the process of starting a steering committee again and answered questions from the board. The board, Sid and Sarah took a tour of the district facilities from 6:40 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Guests Sid Wiens and Sarah Sipe left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Member Joyce Gridley presented information to the board on possible repair/remodel options to the Haskins building for review. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Reed reviewed:

1. Current finances and the statewide mill levy data sheet
2. Capital outlay timeline spreadsheet
3. Vehicle mileage
4. Technology status of the district
5. District safety including the recent staff trainings with Homeland security.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Brent Hansen, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed for 10 minutes at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel performance issues under the non- elected exception under KOMA. Yeas: Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting open at 9:00 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed for 10 minutes at 9:05 p.m. to discuss teacher negotiations for the Negotiation exception under KOMA Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting open at 9:15 pm

The board discussed the next meeting and confirmed the next regular board meeting for Wednesday February 5th.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas.

Minutes from the County Commission Meeting January 27th, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 27th, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer; Sheriff Hill; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CEXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 9:05 a.m. to discuss pending administrative decisions pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

9:15 a.m. Richard Chandler discussed that they would like to go over the road agreement page by page.

AEP requests that the Kingman County Commission pass the following motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to recess into executive session with the Commissioners, John Caton, County Counselor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director and

Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Richard Chandler, AEP Representative; Trish Voth, AEP Attorney; Martin Lohrke; John Halbgebachs, Kirkham Michael; Roy Riggs, The Law Company; Colin Arndt, The Law Company; Dennis Kerschen, The Law Company; Adrian Harrel, Nextera Energy; WRY Investments; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health; Carrie Nation, Horizons Mental Health; Leslie Schrag, Kingman Economic Development Director.

Lady Cats Win Tournament.....Again

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Grace Patton photo

Two Palominos

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Sundays
8:30 a.m.

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Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

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Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

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Worship
11:00 a.m.

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& Bible Class
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(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, February 6th
JH BB at Norwich

Friday, February 7th
HS BB at Fairfield

Sat., February 8th
JH BB Tournament at Stafford

Sunday, February 9th
2:00 p.m.
painting class at Zenda Library

Monday, February 10th
JH BB Tournament at Stafford

1:30
School Early Release
2:30
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 11th
HS BB vs Skyline at Home

Wed. February 12th
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Game day at Community Center

Thursday February 13th
9:30 a.m.
County Spelling Bee - St. Patrick's School in Kingman

JH BB Tournament at Stafford

Friday, February 14th
Winter Homecoming

HS BB vs Central Christian at home

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Kansas Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees

Know a Kansas farmer, rancher or forester who goes above and beyond in the care and management of natural resources? Nominate them for the 2020 Kansas Leopold Conservation Award®.

Sand County Foundation presents the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 20 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In Kansas, the $10,000 award is presented annually by Sand County Foundation, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, and the Ranchland Trust of Kansas.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes those who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat management on private, working land. In his influential 1949 book, "A Sand County Almanac," Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.

Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. Applications are reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders.

The application deadline date is June 1, 2020. Applications can be emailed to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. If mailed, applications must be postmarked by June 1, and mailed to:

KACD
c/o Dan Meyerhoff
414 Autumn Lane
Hays KS 67601

The application can be found at: www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

"The Leopold Conservation Award Program provides a valuable opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Kansas agricultural landowners who are committed to strong conservation practices and effective stewardship," said Dan Meyerhoff, Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD).

"RTK is a proud supporter of the Leopold Conservation Award in Kansas. It is an honor to help recognize those conservationists who go above and beyond in the stewardship of our natural resources," said Cade Rensink, Chair of the Board of Ranchland Trust of Kansas.

"Conserving our state's rick and diverse natural resources is ingrained deeply in the culture of our multi-generational farms and ranches," said Kansas Agriculture Secretary Mike Beam. "The Leopold Conservation Award serves an important role of reminding the general public of how private land managers conserve and enhance these resources for future generations."

"Leopold Conservation Award recipients are at the forefront of a movement by America's farmers and ranchers to simultaneously achieve economic and environmental success," said Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer.

The award will be presented in November at the KACD Annual Convention in Wichita.

The 2019 recipient of the award was Ted Alexander of Sun City. The first Kansas Leopold Conservation Award was presented in 2015 to Sproul Ranch of Sedan.

The Leopold Conservation Award Program in Kansas is made possible thanks to the generous support of Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Ranchland Trust of Kansas, Sand County Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Evergy, The Farm Credit Associations of Kansas, ITC Great Plains, Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Kansas Forest Service, McDonald's, The Nature Conservancy in Kansas and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information on the award, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

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Macy Huhman
Hunter McGuire
Austin Snow
Amaya Washburn

Juniors
Abigail Hansen
Henry Huelskamp
Alayna McGuire
Morgan Meyers
Maddison Panek
Ethan Paris
Jonathan Ruckle
Max Wegerer
Michael Willson
Mackenzie Wright

Sophomores
Levi Adelhardt
Madison Dowsey
Ananbelle Hansen
Misty Hennessee
Madison McGuire
Ashlyn Miracle

Freshmen
Trey DeWeese
Hannah Ellis
Lane Halderson
Alice Huelskamp
Reese McGuire
Zachary Strohl

Honorable Mention

Seniors
Matthew Mercer

Juniors
Nathan Lohrke
Evan Paris
Daylen Schnittker

Sophomores
Erik Paris
Isaiah Reed

Freshmen
Caleb Panek

Cunningham Junior High School Honor Roll 1st Semester

Eight Grade
Brianna Dittmer
Alex Jordan
Luke McGuire
Dakota Mertens
Taylor Schultz

Seventh Grade
Ada Adams
Ava Bock
Gage Elliott
Julia Hageman
Emma Harden
Ellie McGuire
Dagim Reed
Nathan Sternker
Will Wegerer

Junior High Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade
Joanna Hansen
Maranda Lohrke
Jack Ruckle

Seventh Grade
Wylan Betzen
Lucas Hageman
Kaitlyn Hennessee
Elizabeth Paris

"All my life I've been surrounded by people who are smarter than I am, but I found I could always keep up by working hard."
— Glenn Seaborg

The Saga of Beanstalk Road...

Or Read the Fine Print

by Karen Eck

On one of the evenings in Gatlinburg, our dear friends, the Days', invited all the Kansas folks to their cabin for a cookout. Russ and I got in the car and proceeded lazily and nonchalantly down the mountain, from our rented cabin to one of the main roads. Because we live in the year 2020, our plan to get from point A to point B, is put Coach Day's address in Google Maps and get to their cabin as quickly and easily as possible, without having to call for directions, right?

We heard our friendly Map Lady telling us to take a right on Random Rd. As we are ascending up the mountain with a few twists and turns, Map Lady tells us to take another turn onto Beanstalk Road. Like the trusting, compliant, and naive midwesterners that we were, we followed Map Lady's directions.

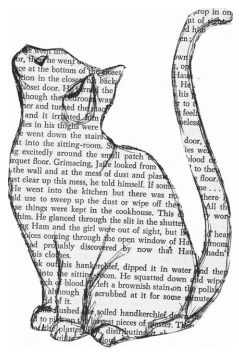
BEANSTALK ROAD?!? What were we thinking? Did we not remember the fairy tale of our childhood? Jack had to climb straight up, and so did we! Even though we didn't have a giant awaiting us, we had hairpin turns, fog, rain, and did I mention that we are from Kansas, where every road is flat and one can see for miles!

With every turn, I was praying that Russ would see well enough to keep our car on the road! The headlights were pointing straight up and I am convinced that a guardian angel was prompting Russ which way to turn! My heart was beating wildly as we continued up and up and up! Tears, shaking, palms and feet sweating! No guard rails! I knew that I couldn't see the road and therefore Russ couldn't either!

After what seemed like an eternity, we were finally descending, and were on a level road once more! I literally was speechless, like being on a roller coaster in the dark. And much like a roller coaster, once a traveler gets on Beanstalk Road, there is no getting off until the "ride" is over!!! Russ called the Days' who knew a much easier and safer route to get to their cabin than Beanstalk Road, but Yours Truly's nerves were shot! The Day family was very gracious and understanding of us canceling our meal plans, and to Texas Roadhouse we went!

When we arrived home a few days later, before I threw away the paperwork for our cabin rental, my eyes zeroed in on some fine print which read: In the mountains we do NOT recommend using a GPS for two reasons, 1) It usually doesn't work. 2) It may direct you to roads that we do not recommend due to pitch and grade. PITCH and GRADE, you can say that again!!! And did I mention that I am petrified of heights and falling... The other fear that contends with my fear of heights is my fear of rodents. My dear friend, Roberta's dilemma with "Willard" the rat, is vying with my saga of Beanstalk Road for the experience with the highest amount of anxiety! I hope for both our sakes, it's one and done!

So, if any of you dear readers are traveling in the mountains and see a sign that reads Beanstalk Road...



Meanderings

Remember the letter writing column of a couple of weeks ago? It seems like a couple of weeks. I'd better check on that. Be right back…. I checked it has been FOUR weeks. That just doesn't seem possible.

Time is flying by the seat of my pants.

I've been going through those letters. I found two notes from my cousin Jeanette. One a quick note listing what she got for Christmas on year. The other a tea towel chain letter. I was to send a tea towel to the first person on the list… you remember those chain FUN chain letters. I mailed the notes to Jeanette's daughter, Renee. She was tickled to get them. She even noticed the chain letter was addressed to me while I was a Camp Weidemann while I was a Girl Scout Counselor there. Renee loves Camp Weidemann. It holds many happy memories for her.

I then read all the letters from Dana McIver, a fellow camper from Turkey Creek Girl Scout Camp. When I was just a camper the summer of 1973. There were maybe a dozen letters over the course of a 4 or 5 years. I used Facebook to track her down. It took me a while.

I found some McIvers living in Goddard? Cheney? One of those towns, they were elderly. My folks' ages maybe. I remembered Dana had written about her family in one of her letters. I went back through the letters, found the one I needed. The names fit. I checked their friends list. Found Dana's sister. Then found her. Of course, her last name was different. I sent her a message via Facebook: "Dana, I am hoping you are Dana McIver from Satanta. More importantly, if you are, I hope you remember me from oh... 4 or 5 decades ago. If you are Dana McIver who went to Turkey Creek Girl Scout camp back in 1970's I'd like you to contact me, if you don't mind. (No, I'm not selling anything). Roberta (Thimesch) Kobbe

The reply: "Yes, Dana McIver, that's me! We were pen pals too"

BINGO!

She told me she has a son and a daughter and 3 grandchildren. I have sent the letters to her to share with them. I hope they enjoy the time talking about her life as a young girl.

I then tackled Anna's letters. I finished them up this evening. I was so fun to read through them and watch her "grow up." There were a couple of things she mentioned that were happening in my life that I had forgotten about. A ballgame won. All the jobs I had. Gifts I sent to her.

When Anna was 4th, 5th, 6th grade, she frequently wrote about books. One whole letter was about "Where the Red Fern Grows". She was into Trixie Belden for a while. Then Nancy Drew.

Anna was always bored. Sometimes the television was broken so she was just sitting around listening to the radio and would decide to write a letter. What an incredibly simple life we lead then.

One evening she talked about watching Fantasy Island. She really liked that show. Oh, and Mork and Mindy. I'm sure you are smiling, too.

She enjoyed going to movies, although some of them I wasn't familiar with. I did smile when she talked about "Saturday Night Fever." She really liked that movie.

One New Year's Eve, Anna was babysitting, and the kids were in bed because it was after midnight and she was watching 1977 New Year's Rockin' Eve with K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Four Seasons, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, Frankie Vallie, and Donna Summers. That brings back memories.

Some precious bit of our humanity will be lost when we no longer have written letters. It really makes me sad.

Young people today will not have the "pleasure" of writing on the outside of a letter

D-liver
D-letter
D-sooner
D-better
and
Keep
Kool
and
Fine
Friends
Forever

About the time she hit middle school she talked about boys. She talked about wanting to get a job. She talked about being broke. As I read those letters, I remembered why I liked her so well and why I wrote to her for so long. I do wish I can remember why and when I quit writing to her. I find I do miss her presence in my life. How odd is that?

I have started, and I hope, ended my search for Anna Decker. There are many, many, many women with her name. But I have no idea where she is now, I don't have her parents' names they were always "Mother and Daddy." She did have a brother, Bobby?

I tried Facebook first. No luck.

I resorted to Whitepages.com. I found someone with her name in Newark, Delaware. She is 57 years old. Right age. Relative named Roy (her husband's name) and she once lived in Longview, Texas (last letter from her came from Longview).

I sent a letter to her this week. I am hoping for a reply soon. I would like to be a fly on the wall when she gets a letter from her pen pal after 35 years. I hope it makes her smile.

I'll let you know.

Always reading,
And currently reading,
"Another Thing to Fall"
by Laura Lippman,
Roberta

Cunningham Forensics is off to a great start.

by Carrie Vahsholtz

The first Cunningham tournament was at Kingman High School on Saturday, 25th. There were eleven teams in attendance at this tournament, ranging from 1A to 5A schools. Three students attended representing Cunningham. Shanelle Romine performed a collection of poetry called How to Heal the Hurt by Hating by Anita Liberty. Shanelle is a novice student and did very well in all three rounds. Henry Huelskamp, a junior at Cunningham, performed his poetry piece. Henry also did very well in all three rounds. Alice Huelskamp, a freshman, broke into the finals round with her collection of poetry from "For Teenage Girls with Wild Ambitions and Trembling Hearts" and her poem titled Rifle II by Rudy Francisco. Alice ended up taking 2nd place at the Kingman Tournament, qualifying her for State Champs in Salina in May. What a great start for the 2020 Forensics season.

"As I age, I realize that now is yesterday's later, and that later is a bad plan."
— stephen guise, Mini Habits: Smaller Habits, Bigger Results

"Ego comes from being a fool, confidence comes from becoming a master!"
— Rafaa Khiari

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Lady Cats Silence Indian War Cry

by Coach Eric Meyers

Kingman County 2, Barber County 0. After dispatching of South Barber in the opening round of the 54 Classic, the Lady Cats faced a rematch with Barber County's north team, the Medicine Lodge Lady Indians. The Indians broke from their locker room whooping and hollering, set on avenging an early season setback to Cunningham. However, when we jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead it prompted a Medicine Lodge timeout and silence set in. At quarter-end, we held a 19-3 lead. We allowed too many points in the second frame, mostly of them from the free throw line, but we were highly efficient on offense and dumped in 23 points in both the second and third quarters to emphatically state our case as the better team. We shifted in to neutral in the fourth quarter, though not entirely by design, and did not score a point, but our 65 points (vs 31 for Medicine Lodge) in three quarters is eye-catching.

We set out to create turnovers, which often leads to baskets in transition, and we want to be less giving than our opponents in the turnover department. On this night, we turned the ball over just 9 times vs. 20 for the Lady Indians, and we had 17 steals to their 3. Those circumstances led to our scoring advantage of 21-0 in transition. We scored 22 points off their turnovers while they scored just 2 off our turnovers. That's a recipe that will work every time.

Most pleasing to me was our offensive efficiency, and the balanced scoring we had. We scored 1.08 pints per possession and shot 50% from the field and 71% from the line. Mackenzie Wright and Morgan Meyers each scored 13 to pace our squad, but Holly DeWeese added 12, Hunter McGuire 1, and Maddi Panek 9. Maddi played her best game of the season, without a doubt. Others adding to the scoring were Reese McGuire (4), Madie McGuire (3), and Alayna McGuire (1).

Maddi Panek led the rebounding campaign with 6 while Holly grabbed 5 and Hunter and Morgan each had 3. Morgan led in steals with 7 while Maddi added 6 and Madie 4. And in the assist category Morgan had a whopping 11, a season high, and Mack dished out 4 of her own.

In to the finals of the 54 Classic we go, and we will face Pretty Prairie, a 2-point winner over Norwich. We have played Pretty Prairie once before and won by 13, but that happens to be our closest game so far this year and the rematch figures to be a real battle.

Grace Patton photos

Top left: Hunter McGuire passes the ball. Above: Mackenzie Wright prepares to shoot for two points. Left: Morgan Meyers, with a defensive escort, grabs the ball. .

Lady Cats Still Own 54 Classic

by Coach Eric Meyers

Make it a four-peat! The Lady Wildcats took on the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs in the finals of the 54 Classic and played defense in a most stubborn way. Our seniors can say they never lost a game in the 54 Classic as we have a 4-year winning streak intact. However, we had to overcome our worst shooting performance of the year and a season high 16 turnovers. Fortunately, our defense more than made up for these deficiencies, proof that defense can win games. When the first quarter ended, we held an 11-3 lead, and we would score 11 in each of the first 3 quarters, while the Bulldogs could only manage 5 and 10. The final frame was a 7-1 edge to the home team and produced a 40-19 win. Pretty Prairie is a tough, defensive basketball team that made us earn our points, but our defense did the same to them after making some adjustments to things they had success with during our earlier encounter. Offensively, we just have more weapons.

We shot just 31% from the field on 13 of 42. I mentioned our 16 turnovers, but worth noting is that the Bulldogs committed 25. This allowed us to put up 10 more shots than Pretty Prairie, and on a night when the ball isn't going in the hole, it's helpful to get more attempts. At the charity stripe I was happy with our 10 of 14 performance (71%).

Morgan Meyers and Madie McGuire scored half of our team's points as each tallied 10. Mackenzie Wright scored 8 points and Alayna McGuire added 6. Holly DeWeese and Maddi Panek finished off our scoring as each scored 3 points.

Hunter McGuire and Holly tied for the team lead in rebounds with 5 while Madie was credited with 4 and Alayna with 3. Morgan stole 5 possessions and three others players – Madie, Hunter, and Holly – had 3 steals. Mackenzie was our leader in assists with 4 while Morgan and Holly had 3.

Winning the 54 Classic is always so rewarding! We jump back into league play Tuesday with a home game against South Barber. Only 6 games remain in the season and we really want to win the league title outright, but a couple high hurdles stand in our way. One game at a time.

Grace Patton photos

Left: Alayna McGuire drives for the basket. Middle: Holly DeWeese at the free throw line. Above: Madie McGuire shoots a free throw.

Students Win Free Throw Contests

These Cunningham students won their age group's contest in the local Knights of Columbus free throw shooting contest. The local contest was sponsored by the St. Leo K of C Council on January 26th. The students have the opportunity to shoot at the district competition in Kingman on February 2nd.

Pictured are:

Front row: Adam Sterneker, Morgan Oldham, Rylee Miller, Kyra Morgan, and Will Wegerer.

Back row Ellie McGuire, Taylor Schultz, Kendall Rogers, Nate Sterneker, and Scott Wyatt.

courtesy of Shawna Sterneker

Molly Morgan photo

Emily Paris and Kendra Morgan lead the Cunningham crowd in cheers during the 54 Classic Tournament at Skyline.

Cunningham Competes in 54 Classic

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

The Cunningham Wildcats participated in the 2020 54 Classic Basketball Tournament held at Pratt-Skyline on Jan. 25, 29, and 31, 2020.

Cunningham was the eighth seed coming into the tournament and was matched up with Skyline, the number one seed. The Wildcats were over matched by the T-birds and lost by a score of 14 to 76. Lane Halderson led the way with 10 points for the Cats.

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	C
Halderson	5		0/4	10	2			
DeWeese					1	1		
Schnittker			1/2	1	2			
Lohrke		1		3				
Paris					2	1	1	
Reed			0/1		1	3	1	

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	3	0	5	6	14
Skyline	20	24	20	11	75

photos on this page by Molly Morgan

Far left: Erik Paris drives to the basket Middle: Lane Halderson shoots two. Above: Daylen Schnittker shoots.

Cunningham played South Barber in the second round of the tournament. The Cats played a much more competitive game but came up short in a 40-62 loss. Cunningham started slow, getting down by 9 points in the first quarter. After two timeouts the Cats turned up the energy and took a 12 to 11 lead after one quarter. The same beginning happened in the second quarter with the exception that poor free-throw shooting allowed South Barber to retake the lead and extend it to 10 points at halftime, 16 to 26. The game stayed fairly even after three quarters with the Chieftains extending their lead by two more points. The Cats trailed 28 to 40 entering the fourth quarter. South Barber throttled up the offense in the fourth quarter and extended the lead by ten more points to finish the game with a score of 40 to 62. This loss put the Cunningham team in the seventh place game against Kinsley.

Isaiah Reed shoots at the free throw line.

A nice photo of the Wildcats' cheering section.

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.
Halderson	3		1/5	7	3	1	1
DeWeese	2	1	1/1	9	3	2	
Schnittker	4		3/10	11	6	3	3
Lohrke	2	3		13	5	3	1
Paris					5	2	1
Reed		1	0/1		3		
Snow							

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	12	4	12	12	40
South Barber	11	15	14	22	62

Kinsley was a rematch of a previous overtime game with the Coyotes. Both teams shot well in the first quarter with Kinsley holding the slight edge at 14 to 12. Cunningham hit a drought in the second quarter managing seven puts but Kinsley continued its hot shoot adding 15 more points to take a 10-point lead at the half.

Cunningham got the upper hand in the third quarter erasing have the lead scoring 14 points and holding Kinsley to 9 points. Cunning ham was aggressive in the fourth quarter taking the ball to the basket and drawing multiple fouls. Three for nine from the line was not good enough to overcome the Kinsley offense and the Cats finished eighth in the tournament with a 40 to 54 final vs Kinsley.

Left: Lane Halderson stuns with this shot...checkout the expression on the young Kinsley player in the background. Above: Daylen Schnittker jumps over a Coyote to help Erik Paris.

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg
Halderson	3	1	2/3	11	3		2	
DeWeese	1		2/4	4	5	5	1	
Schnittker	3		1/4	7	9		1	
Lohrke	1	2		8	4		1	
Paris		1	2/4	5	2	2	1	
Reed		1	2/4	5	6	2	1	
Snow								

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Cunningham	12	7	14	7	40
Kinsley	14	15	9	16	54

County Commission

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AEP representatives Richard Chandler and Trish Voth at 9:25 a.m. that would be limited to the following subjects: Regarding the proposed Flat Ridge 3 Wind Energy Project proposed by AEP Renewables and its affiliates (collectively "AEP"), AEP sharing with the Commission AEP's proprietary business confidential data relating to AEP's financial affairs or trade secrets, which data is the basis of part of AEP's response to certain Road Use Agreement terms proposed by the Commission or the County Counselor and would return to regular meeting in the board room at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ms. Voth asked the Commissioners if they have had time to review the road agreement with the changes requested.

Chairman Steffen discussed some of the changes that were in the road agreement. He agreed with page 9 4a that there will be an annual payment for road repairs.

Commissioner Henning discussed the pilot payment that was agreed upon with Sempra in the beginning.

Chairman Steffen wanted to know when the conference call was scheduled for tomorrow.

Mr. Caton let the board know that the time was 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Ms. Voth confirmed that the time is 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Chandler would like to strike 4a from the document because it causes the most heartburn.

Chairman Steffen wants to keep 4a with a figure inserted but not sure what the figure should be because he needs to talk with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Ms. Voth and Mr. Chandler agree that he needs to talk it over with Mr. Arensdorf.

Chairman Steffen would like to change the date to Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Voth and Mr. Chandler left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed some of the haul routes that were established. Also, there has been a lot of work done for the action plan but not finalized.

Mr. Arensdorf said that the Commissioners need up front money for the roads that will be used for the haul routes.

Commissioner Henning discussed the comparison between the pipelines & windfarms road use.

Mr. Goetz discussed that the Commissioners need to take 4a out of the road agreement because they have agreed to the penalty payment if the roads are damaged.

Mr. Arensdorf said we need to have protection for the roads and at least the four miles south of Zenda.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he would like to see townships receive so much a wind turbine to help with the road maintenance.

The County Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf the fee changes for utility permits.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer gave an update on the FLAP project.

The FAS #12 project they are waiting on KDOT for information in writing.

Chairman Steffen brought up the Kingman Bypass document received from the City for approval by the Board of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed his thoughts on the resolution presented and that he could not put his name on the resolution as presented.

Commissioner Henning discussed some ideas for access points.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting for public comment.

Carol Voran discussed her concerns and the cost to the county.

Commissioners discussed the resolution and that the north bypass is moving forward.

Commissioner Henning thought that adding cost would not be a way to go but taking cost away would help the project move forward.

Commissioner Steffen decided that a joint meeting is needed with the City Commissioners to discuss.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to table the County Resolution 2020-R1 until a joint meeting can be established with the City. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of $17,415.37.

The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of $123,472.69.

Chairman Steffen moved to recess the board meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote.

The County Commissioners approved abatements.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

The County Commissioners discussed having a joint City/County Meeting in February.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open the sealed quotes for petroleum.

Farmers Coop Equity
Unleaded 1.879
#1 Diesel 2.549
#2 Diesel 2.329
Firm for contract period

Skyland Grain
Unleaded 2.18
#1 Diesel 2.54
#2 Diesel 2.24
Firm for contract period
-all prices bid together

MOTION: Chairman Steffen moved to table the quotes until next week. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he would like to have the four miles south of Zenda discussed during the conference call on Wednesday.

Mr. Bachenberg and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

WRY Investments owner was in to discuss his NRP program.

Roy Riggs, Colin Arndt and Dennis Kerschen were in to discuss the #5 Agenda for the LEC.

Mr. Arndt went over the list of items that are being done and complete.

Mr. Kerschen let the Commissioners know that he will bring out an electric engineer with him the next time he comes out to see the Commissioners.

Mr. Riggs and Mr. Kerschen discussed Phase II and if funding is available to continue purchasing.

The Commissioners let them know that funding is available now.

Chairman Steffen discussed his concerns with how communications are being handled.

Stan Goetz and Adrian Harrel, Nextera Energy Representative were in to discuss the use of the roads for the wind farms.

Mr. Harrel submitted a sample letter that would be sent out in the future before using the county roads.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he has seen twice that cranes have been used down the county roads.

Mr. Harrel asked questions about the cranes that were used.

Commissioner Henning asked who they contact if a crane or trucks are seen using the road without notification.

Mr. Harrel told Mr. Henning that you would contact him if there are any questions.

Mr. Goetz submitted the township agreements for the road agreement for AEP.

Mr. Goetz submitted the windfarm breakdown that Linda Langley had done in the past to give them an idea of the cost of the PILOT.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Mike Novy had submitted his resignation from the Planning/Zoning Commission so now two positions are vacant.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the County Commissioners a website that can be used for job opening advertisements. The cost is $600.00 annually and would like for John Caton to review the contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor at 3:15 p.m. to discuss pending administrative decisions pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 3:21 p.m. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 3:21 p.m. with no binding action taken.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with an update on his department. Also, Mr. Wimer discussed an HHW(Household Hazardous Waste) course that he needs to take and that he hopes it can be taken online.

Commissioners asked Mr. Wimer if everything is going well.

Mr. Wimer said everything is going well.

Commissioner Henning asked Mr. Wimer if Pratt will let him go there to deliver it.

Mr. Wimer said that Pratt will let the County but not individuals.

Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health and Carrie Nation were in with Month-to-date and Year-to-date report for the County Commissioners. Mr. Garrett went through the expenses and revenue.

Mr. Garrett submitted the Customer Satisfaction Survey results and reviewed them with the Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence from Judy Albright letting them know that Anita Drake will be taking her position and a letter to appoint Ms. Drake to the Cowley County Housing Authority Board of Directors.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint Anita Drake to the Cowley County Housing Authority Board of Directors. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2020-R2 for the Rural Opportunity Zone for 2020. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Greg Graffman, City Manager were in with an introduction. Ms. Schrag gave an update on what she is doing and meetings that she will be attending.

Ms. Schrag said that Mr. Graffman and herself had got in touch with SCKEDD about a CDBG grant.

Ms. Schrag told the Commissioners that she will be meeting with them once a month.

Andrea Wood, Extension Agent was in with a report of the things that she has done including: Stay Strong, Stay Healthy Level 1 & Level 2; South Central Community Foundation Awards; Core Community Program; St. Pat's Cooking School; JAG Leadership Program; 4-H Crafts; 4-H Program Rally and SHICK/Medicare Part D.

Ms. Wood discussed the upcoming programs which are the 4-H Program Rally; Bread in a Bag; Civil Rights Training; Dining with Diabetes; Spring Fling Health & Craft Fair; Adulting 101; Kingman County 4-H Day and Regional 4-H Day.

Kallie Turner, Extension Agent discussed the local Farm Bill meeting that was held. On December 3rd she co-hosted a Cotton Risked Assessed Marketing workshop. Ms. Turner had an Agricultural Land Leasing Workshop that she had 3 presenters and 17 producers that were in attendance.

Ms. Turner had a Kingman/Barber County Judging Contest; attended the State 4-H Wheat Expo and she worked with Andrea on the Kingman Jobs for America's Graduates to host a leadership boot camp on November 21st.

Ms. Turner discussed upcoming events like the 4-H Program Rally at the Sedgwick Co. Extension Office Jan. 28th – 30th; hosting a Prescribed Burning Workshop with the USDA NRCS office in February and organizing a Morrell Mushroom hunting workshop in March.

Ms. Wood brought up that Barber County is wanting to district with Kingman County.

Mike Clover, Chairman of the 4-H Extension Board and Mike Floyd, 4-H Extension Board were in attendance to discuss the Budget Comparisons for Districting.

Ms. Turner discussed with the County Commissioners about a livestock show and the pricing to rent the Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the January 13th, 2020 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 5:07 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 300

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FIRE RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO HOME RULE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ARTICLE 12, SECTION 5 OF THE KANSAS CONSTITUTION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY, KANSAS:

Section 1. The governing body hereby creates a fire reserve fund as authorized by home rule authority granted to the City by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution.

Section 2. Moneys may be budgeted and transferred to such fund from any source that may be lawfully utilized for such purposes.

Section 3. All moneys credited to the fire reserve fund shall be used by such governing body for purchasing fire vehicles, fire equipment, and for other uses deemed necessary for the operation of the City's fire department. Such fund shall not be subject to **K.S.A.** 79-2925 to 79- 2936, inclusive, or acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto. In making the budget of such governing body, the amounts credited to, and the amount on hand in, such fire reserve fund and the amounts expended therefrom shall be shown for the information of the taxpayers of the municipality.

Section 4. If the governing body determines that all or part of the money that has been transferred to such fire reserve fund is not needed for the purposes for which it was transferred, the governing body is authorized and empowered by resolution to retransfer such amount not needed and such retransfer and expenditure thereof shall be subject to the provisions of **K.S.A.** 79-2925 to 79-2936, inclusive, or acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon one (1) publication in the official city paper of Spivey, Kansas.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Spivey, Kansas, this 14th day of January, 2020.

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Note of Thanks

Thank you Cunningham Community for the overwhelming support of the Cunningham Booster Club and Cunningham Recreation Department's joint effort to raise funds for youth basketball. The project is for the purchase of four goal adjusters for the gym and a new outside height-adjustable goal on the school playground. The gym adjustors will allow the side goals to be easily lowered with a hand crank so that the younger students can practice shooting on goals that are the proper height for their ages.

Our primary fundraiser was a soup supper, which was held January 23 and raised over $2,400 after expenses. We had so many generous donations even from folks that weren't able to attend the supper. Also, we had a great response from those willing to help prepare soup, serve, and make delicious desserts for the event. All this help came with very short notice because the event was planned and carried out in little over a week!

In addition to the donations discussed above, The West Kingman County Education Foundation has also made a very generous donation towards the project. Given the money raised, we are excited to announce that we will now be purchasing two goals for the playground instead of one. The new price tag for the project is $7,758. Our community is thriving because so many are willing to pitch in and work together to invest in our youth, our school, and the future of Cunningham!

- Cunningham Booster Club, Judy DeWeese
- Cunningham Recreation Department, Shawna Sterneker

Note of Thanks

Thank you to Skyland Grain and its employees for the help putting up and taking down the Christmas lights this season.
- City of Cunningham

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Celebrations of Life

Marie Ann Mantooth

Marie Ann Mantooth passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the age of 91. She was born on June 2, 1928, in Los Angeles, California, the only child of George (Judd) and Alma Geron Nichols. When she was two the family moved back to their hometown of Zenda, Kansas. For many years they ran the Zenda Café, until the food rationing during WWII made it difficult to get the supplies they needed and it was closed.

Marie Ann graduated from Zenda High School in 1946, and attended Emporia State (Kansas State Teachers College) during the summers and for the next four years was a teacher in the rural and town schools in Zenda. She married her high school sweetheart, David (Dean) Mantooth on June 5, 1950, at the St. John Catholic Church in Zenda. They moved to Cunningham, Kansas where Marie Ann was a homemaker and also a reporter for the Cunningham Clipper (Courier) newspaper.

Dean and Marie Ann moved to Sylvia, Kansas, in 1977. She retired in 1993 after 12 years with the Sylvia State Bank and Citizens Bank. In 2005 Dean and Marie Ann moved to Hutchinson. Following Dean's death in 2012, Marie became a resident of Sterling Village in Sterling, KS.

Dean and Marie Ann loved to dance to the "Big Bands" and could be found at every athletic and music event in which their children and grandchildren took part. They were big fans of anything related to the KU Jayhawks. Marie Ann loved to cook and enjoyed making every holiday special for her family. (those Christmas cookies!) She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dean. She is survived by her children: Brad Mantooth and Cheri Dohrmann (Lowell) of Medicine Lodge; Brooks Mantooth of Hutchinson; and Cindy Anthony (Kent) of Sterling. Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren are Kristen (Adrian) Howie (Kinley, Kamdyn, and Krosby) of Hugoton; Janie (Cole) Brokenicky (Ava and Ethan) of St. George; Holly (Chad) Baalman (Blakely, Daxton, and Crew) of Liberal; Jay (Dakota) Dohrmann (Kroy); Julie (Brandon) Warner (Kaylee, Brooklyn, Landry, and Charlie Jo); Judd (Brianne) Dohrmann (Jax and Jett); and Joe (Danielle) Dohrmann (Whitten) all of Medicine Lodge.

Mass of Christian Burial was February 3 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham, with Father Patrick Kotrba officiating. Burial was at Maud Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Cunningham (KS) Museum or Sterling Village, in care of Livingston Mortuary, Kingman.

LaVane Rohr

LARNED — LeVane Rohr, 92, passed away Jan. 18, 2020 at his home in Diversicare in Larned.

Born on July 6, 1927 in Bison, Kan., the son of Wendelen and Margaret Rohr.

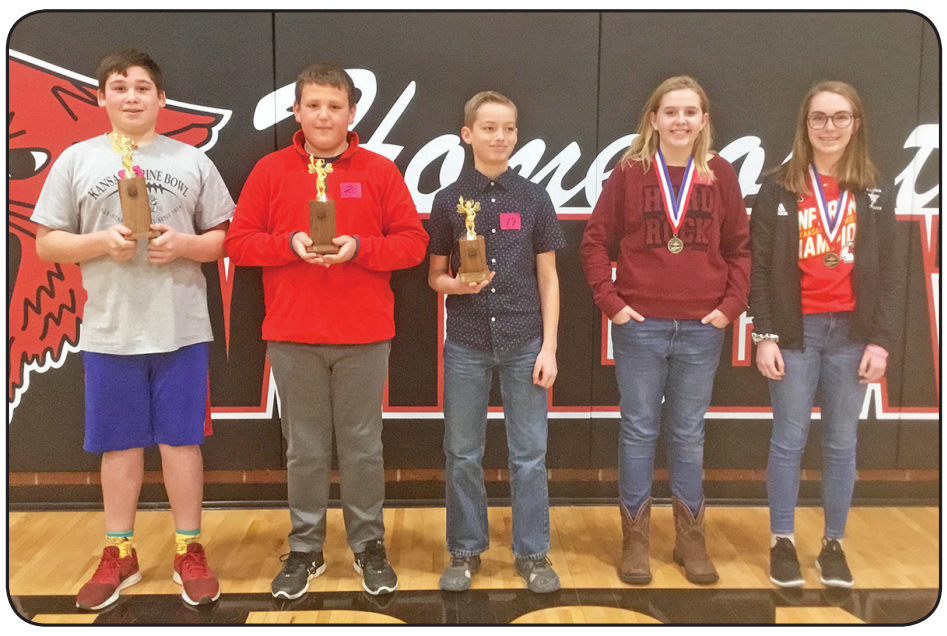
On May 30, 1949 he married LuVera Stoecklein in Ness City. He was a farmer until he got a job for Western Power Co in Ness City. He was promoted to District Supervisor and transferred to Great Bend.

In Ness City, he coached girls summer softball and was a boy scout leader. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was a great banjo player. He played with the Munsch and Rohr band for several years doing weekly dances. He also entertained in the nursing homes around Great Bend for many years.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandy and Leigh of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Mary of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sons, Neil (Gloria) of Morgan Hills, Calif. and Keith of Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one brother, Alvin of Hutchinson; two sisters, Ida Gassman of Dighton, and Vera Schmidt of Larned; four brothers-in-law, Jim Stoecklein (Venita) of Hutchinson, Don Stoecklein (Beth) of Spring Hill, Kan. and Marty (Judy) Stoecklein of Grand Junction, Colo., Al Werth of Hutchinson, Kan.; four sisters-in-law, Sr. Darlene Stoecklein of El Paso, Texas, Mary Ann Pavlu of Ness City, Kan., Betty Gassman (Sam) of Manhattan, Kan., and Donna Werth (Paul) of Great Bend, Kan. He was preceded in death by his wife, LuVera; his son Mark; his sisters Martina Holmes of Ness City and Esther Herrman of LaCrosse.

Mass of Christian Burial was at the Sacred Heart Church in Ness City, burial was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.fitzgeraldfuneral@gbta.net.

Cunningham School Announces Spelling Bee Winners



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1st Morgan Oldham
5th Mackley Glenn
3rd Stephen Kerschen

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Join us at the Zenda Public Library on February 9th at 2:00 to paint a pretty spring scene. Karla Westerman will be leading us in the class. There will be a cost of $15 per person. Please register by February 6th by calling the Zenda Public Library at 620-243-5791. Find out more information about this event and all events taking place at the Zenda Public Library on our Facebook page, facebook.com/zendapubliclibrary

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