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Skyland Grain, LLC and United Prairie AG, LLC Join Forces

Johnson, KS and Ulysses, KS - Skyland Grain, LLC and United Prairie Ag, LLC (UPA) are excited to announce that the two companies will merge on September 1st, 2019, and operate as Skyland Grain, LLC. This pro-active unification of two successful, financially strong, producer focused companies will allow us to take advantage of opportunities to better serve our producers now and in the future.

Board Chairman for Skyland Co-op, Wade Tucker, believes that merging UPA and Skyland will help keep Skyland in a position to provide the assets and resources our producers need. "The merger of UPA into Skyland Grain is just another way we are connecting our producers to the service they deserve," says Tucker. "We are excited

about the talented employees in each company working together to serve our producers and their needs."

David Cron, current CEO of Skyland Grain, will be the CEO of the combined company. Skyland will have their Corporate Office in Ulysses with Regional Administrative Offices in Johnson and Cunningham.

"I believe that this merger is happening at the right time," says Clifford Alexander, Cropland Co-op Board Chairman. "Both of these companies are good, financially strong institutions, making this a great opportunity for all of our producers."

The new Skyland Grain, LLC will have 87+ million bushels of storage capacity in 36 locations. Sales for the combined company will be in excess of \$400 million. Skyland will employ 250 dedicated employees with the addition of UPA.

For additional questions, please feel free to contact David Cron, or any

member of the UPA or Skyland Grain Board of Directors. To learn more about Skyland Grain, visit our website www.skylandgrain.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About United Prairie Ag Headquartered in Ulysses, KS, United Prairie Ag (UPA), was formed in January 2006 and is a joint venture between Cropland Co-op Inc. and ADM Grain Company.

UPA is a full-service agriculture partner, offering grain operations, agronomy products and services, refined fuels and marketing expertise. UPA operates elevator facilities in nine communities, with a total of 30 million bushels of well-maintained storage capacity.

UPA is also the managing partner for Santa Fe Grain Terminal, a joint venture with Skyland Grain and ADM.

About Skyland Grain, LLC Skyland Grain, LLC, with cooperative roots from 1915, is headquar-

tered in Johnson, KS, and began operation August 1, 2004, with Johnson Cooperative Grain Co. and ADM Grain Company as the founding parent companies. On February 1, 2010, Syracuse Cooperative Exchange also became a part of the joint venture, followed by The Cairo Cooperative Equity Exchange on May 1, 2015. The three co-ops came together in 2017 to form Skyland Co-op, Inc.

Today, Skyland Grain, LLC operates grain receiving facilities at 27 locations across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. They have a total licensed grain storage capacity of over 56 plus million bushels.

Additionally, Skyland Grain has a full-service agronomy department that provides bulk liquid, dry, and anhydrous ammonia fertilizers, chemicals and seed, as well as custom application for fertilizer and chemicals.

KCC launches investigation into Hutchinson earthquakes

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) is collecting data and analyzing recent injection well activity in Reno County in an effort to uncover the cause of a series of earthquakes in the Hutchinson area. Amid damage reports and a concern for public safety, the KCC is conducting an investigation and will evaluate whether additional action is needed to safeguard Kansans.

In 2015, the KCC issued an order reducing injection rates in portions of Harper and Sumner counties after the number of earthquakes in that area began to trend upward. In 2016, the Commission issued a second order limiting injection in additional areas of Harper and Sumner as well as parts of Kingman, Sedgwick and Barber counties when earthquake activity there started to rise.

The area currently under study in Reno County focuses primarily on Arbuckle Formation depth wells and involves both Class II oil and gas industry injection wells regulated by the KCC and Class I wells regulated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

Class II wells are used to inject fluids associated with oil and natural gas production into deep confined rock formations. There are two types of Class II injection wells: disposal wells and secondary/enhanced recovery injection wells. Disposal wells are used to inject produced fluids into rock formations that do not produce oil or gas. Typically, the injection formations are isolated from usable quality groundwater and are sealed above and below by cementing steel casing into the unbroken and impermeable well bore and rock formations within the well. Secondary/enhanced recovery injection wells are used to inject produced fluids back into formations/reservoirs that contain oil or gas. These formations are also isolated

from usable quality groundwater. The injection of produced fluid back into potentially productive formations often allows for the increased recovery of oil or gas reserves.

Class I wells are used to inject hazardous and non-hazardous industrial and municipal wastewater into deep, confined rock formations. Disposal typically occurs thousands of feet below the lower most underground source of drinking water (USDW). Industries that utilize Class I wells include: refining, metal production, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical industry, commercial disposal, food production and municipal wastewater treatment.[1] Nearly all Class I disposal wells in Kansas inject into the Arbuckle Formation.[2]

To fully evaluate all injection activity in Reno County, the KCC staff is working with other state agencies to collect information regarding well construction, depths, injection volumes, pressures, maintenance practices and any new injection well activity in the area. This investigation and evaluation process is ongoing and dependent upon the complexity of the evolving fact finding process. Accordingly, a precise timeline for completing the investigation has not yet been determined.

City Council Will Meet Monday

AGENDA
6:30 p.m. – Meet at City Hall, 119 N. Main

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes of July 29, 2019 meeting
- 3) Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2019 meeting
- 4) Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2019 meeting
- 5) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 6) Fire Department
 - Chief's Report
 - West slope – erosion control
- 7) Property Officer's report
- 8) 2018 Audit & Financial Statement
- 9) Executive session – nonelected personnel
- 10) Swimming Pool Report
- 11) Maintenance Report
- 12) Park & Football Field
- 13) Streets
- 14) Water Well No. 3
- 15) Financial Report & payment of bills
- 16) Adjourn

Out with the Old; In with the New Scoreboard

Changes continue to take place at the Cunningham Football Field on Stadium Street.

You've seen the progress on the new media stand, and it now looks close to completion.

New seating for the fans and visitors is being built. These stands will be mobile; much like those at the baseball field.

And now...

The new scoreboard for the football field was installed this week. (photo on the masthead).

Thank you to the Cunningham Rec Board, the school district and the City of Cunningham.

First football game is in two weeks when the Junior High plays against Central Christian on September 5th.

Our first home high school game in several years will be played on September 6th against Moscow.



Yard of the Week



Pride's Yard of the Week is the home of Wayne and Rogene Jarmer at 223 East Second Street.



School is starting, sign up for your name on the spotlight pages!
\$20.00 will buy you a signature line for an individual, couple or family sponsor. Send check to
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Businesses contact me if you are interested in sponsoring in the paper and on-line!
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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, August 24, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, August 24, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, August 25, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, August 25, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201
620-770-9507

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Trinity
Medicine Lodge

Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis
Fangmeyer
620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann
620-298-2090
Office Hours:
Tuesdays:
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each
month breakfast fellow-
ship at: 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist
Women meet the 1st
Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, August 22nd,
First of new school year!

Monday September 2nd
Last Day of Pool

Friday, August 23rd
Band Instrument Display

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd 4:00 p.m
HS VB at Stafford
vs. Otis-Bison

Friday August 23rd
Booster Club Kickoff

Thursday, Sept. 5th 4:00pm:
HS CrossCountry
at Pretty Prairie

Monday August 26th
City Council Meeting

Sept. 5th
4:00 p.m Here

Tuesday, August 27th
6:00 p.m.

JH VB vs Central Christian

School Play Auditions

Thurs, August 29th
7:00 p.m.

Sept. 5th
6:00 p.m Here

Main Street Singers Auditions

JH FB vs Central Christian

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<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

AUGUST 16TH - 19TH, 2019

ANGRY BIRDS 2 *Held Over!*

RATED PG

THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

ALL SEATS ARE \$6.00

FREE THROWBACK THURSDAY
AUGUST 22ND AT 6:30 P.M.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

RATED PG

SPONSORED BY NINNESCAH MASONIC LODGE

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

Museum Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30 - 11:30

Anyone who would like to visit the museum any
other time or day. I will open for you - please call:
620-388-5602.

The museum is great to see for such a small com-
munity! Donna Glenn

Fundraisers & Charitable
Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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WKCEF Asks for your Dillons' Support

Dear U.S.D. #332
Parents and Supporters:
The West Kingman
County Education
Foundation is partici-
pating in the Dillons
Community Rewards
Program. Our non-profit
organization was accept-
ed during the 2015-2016
school year into this new
program. The founda-
tion gets credit for every
food purchase made by
parents and supporters
when they use their reg-
istered Dillons Plus card.
This credit is being used
to benefit the students of
U.S.D. #332.

We are asking all par-
ents and supporters who
have not registered please
consider registering. You

will need 3 things when
you register.
A Dillons Plus Card.
If you do not have a card,
they are available free of
charge at any store.
A valid email address
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count at the Dillons
website
First you must create
an online account
Visit the website
at [www.dillons.com/
communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
Click on "Register"
at the top right side on
the page
Enter your email ad-
dress, password and zip
code.
Click on "Create
Account" at the bottom
of the page.

You will receive an
email confirmation to
your inbox.
Next you will enroll in
the Community Rewards
Program
Go to [www.dillons.
com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
Sign in
Click "Enroll Now"
Enter the 5-digit NPO
(VD331) and search
Select the West
Kingman County
Education Foundation
and click on "Enroll"
To date, the school has
earned \$6,865.92.
If you need assistance,
please contact Janet
DeWeese at 298-2717 or
Cunningham School at
298-2473.

CUNNINGHAM BOOSTER CLUB
"KICK-OFF EVENT"

AUGUST 23rd, 2019
@ CUNNINGHAM SCHOOL
STARTING @ 5:30

COME HELP SUPPORT YOUR CUNNINGHAM WILDCAT STUDENTS BY
JOINING US JR BOOSTER CLUB 2019/2020!

- Booster Members eat **FREE**
- USD 332 employees & spouses eat **FREE**
- Kids eat **FREE**
- All Other Adults **\$5/plate**

- 5:30-7:00 Hamburgers/Hotdogs & Ice Cream Bars
- 6:00 JH/HS girls/boys Volleyball game
- 7:00 Meet & Greet Teachers/Staff
- 7:30 Volleyball Scrimmage

Free **Raffle** & exclusive purchase of
a RTIC "Wildcat Booster" cup
with Sign-up!!

NEW Cunningham School clothes/gear
available!

"SHARE THE SPIRIT"
Bring your gentle used Cunningham clothing or
gear you no longer need or use to share!
Everyone is welcome to look through and take
items that have been shared!

RAFFLE ITEMS:
Cunningham Blanket, VIP Parking Spot for
School Activities, Cunningham Gear Gift
Cards

MEMBERSHIP PRICING: Individual Membership \$20/person
Couple Membership \$35/couple

MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE @ EVENT

Contact Judy Deweese 620-494-0997 for questions or for memberships

Field Day to feature agricultural technologies and innovative techniques

Moundridge, Kan. –
The Flickner Innovation
Farm will host its first-
ever field day event on
Friday, August 23, high-
lighting current work
by local producers, in-
dustry members and
Kansas State University
researchers to conserve
water use while improv-
ing water quality and soil
health.

The event will take
place at different venues
in the Moundridge area
and will feature experts
speaking on a variety of
subjects, including how
to plant cover crops to
combat weeds and meth-
ods of healing gullies.

"Given the extreme
weather we experienced
in Kansas in this spring
and into the summer,
these are really timely
topics," said Ray Flickner,
owner and operator of
the Flickner Innovation
Farm. Producers who

attend the field day will
have opportunities to ask
questions and get advice
about how they can apply
these techniques in their
own operations.

The program begins at
8:45 a.m. and ends at 1:30
p.m. The event is free and
lunch will be provided.
More information, in-
cluding registration, is
available online from
the Kansas Center for
Agricultural Resources
and the Environment.

The Innovation Farm
is a partnership between
Flickner, university
agronomists, watershed
specialists and industry
leaders. Together, they
are conducting studies
in a large-farm setting
to identify the most ef-
ficient technologies and
techniques for Kansas
producers to use on their
own farms.

One of the technolo-
gies being studied is an
automated drone system,
which captures high-res-
olution imagery of fields
to help farmers identify
various crop conditions.
Field day participants
will be able to watch the
drone in flight and learn
how the Innovation Farm
is using this new type of
imagery in day-to-day
decision-making.

Attendees also will
tour the Moundridge
Wastewater Treatment fa-
cility, which is scheduled
to begin operations soon.

Several K-State re-
searchers are conducting
research at the Innovation
Farm, including studies
about soil health tests;
strategies to optimize

the use of soil moisture
probes; and investiga-
tion on the effects of
long-term cropping sys-
tems on fertilizer require-
ments. The research on
the Flickner Innovation
Farm will help K-State
researchers develop new
nitrogen fertilizer recom-
mendations for the state.

Current data from
these projects are not
yet available, but the
Innovation Farm plans
to invite participants to
a follow-up meeting to
discuss the findings later
in the year, according to
Ron Graber, a watershed
specialist with KCARE.

For print publications:
Links used in this story

Kansas Center for
Agricultural Resources
and the Environment,
www.kcare.k-state.edu

K-State Research
and Extension is a short
name for the Kansas State
University Agricultural
Experiment Station and
Cooperative Extension
Service, a program de-
signed to generate and
distribute useful knowl-
edge for the well-being
of Kansans. Supported
by county, state, federal
and private funds, the
program has county ex-
tension offices, experi-
ment fields, area exten-
sion offices and regional
research centers state-
wide. Its headquarters is
on the K-State campus
in Manhattan. For more
information, visit [www.
ksre.ksu.edu](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu)

Thanks for
recycling
The Courier on

August 26th
September 9th

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

August 29, 1968 – Rufus Leiter, 72, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank of Cunningham, died Monday evening at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt. Mr. Leiter came to Cunningham in 1926 to be cashier of the bank. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cunningham Lions Club, and United Methodist Church at Cunningham. He served several terms on the Cunningham High School Board of Education and over 35 years as Cunningham City Treasurer.

Along with being a leader and very active in Cunningham civic affairs, Mr. Leiter was an enthusiastic and loyal Cunningham sports fan. In 1965 he was awarded a plaque from the Kansas Amateur Softball Association as Kansas’ No. 1 ardent sports fan. Mr. Leiter estimated he saw 250 ball games that year.

Maude DeWeese, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Plagens, Marjorie DeWeese, Larry Conyers, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, John, Betty Jo, and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeWeese, Becky, Cathy, and Mike, all of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shelman, and Sue Crawl of Pratt; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese, Duane, Dale, and Marilyn, Ruth and Jean Brady, Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman and Randy, Jim Plummer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee DeWeese, Susan, John, and LeeAnn, all of Cunningham.

August 28, 1958 – Faunnes Wilson, 75, of this city, a resident of Kingman County since he was a year old, passed away at the Nashville Hospital shortly before 8:00 o’clock this morning (Thursday), following a stroke suffered less than a hour before his death.

Mr. Wilson was injured in a car accident, Tuesday afternoon, and was taken to the hospital following the accident. He appeared to be recovering satisfactorily from injuries received in the collision, when he suffered the stroke.

104 students enrolled in Cunningham Rural High School during enrollment days last Friday and Saturday, according to Principal Will Seacat, and at least three more are expected to enroll before the start of school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker of Nashville,

announce the birth of a son, Monday, August 25, at the Pratt County Hospital.

He weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Brian Patrick.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunningham.

Augustus 28, 1953 – About two hundred farmers of the Cunningham-Turon locality attended the field demonstration of the IHCo’s fast-hitch for the Farmall “C” tractor at the Delbert Dupee farm, eight miles north of Cunningham, Tuesday afternoon. The demonstration was sponsored by the Fee Hardware of Cunningham, Mobley’s of Turon, and the International Harvester Company.

Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their annual picnic for all members and their families, on Friday evening, September 4, at the City Park. Everyone is requested to bring well-filled baskets, and come prepared to enjoy the evening. If inclement weather occurs, the picnic will be held in the Lodge Hall.

August 27, 1948
Here an’ There
From Everywhere

Some people are like wheelbarrows—they never move unless you push them.

A hobby, as explained by one man, is something that a man goes goofy over to keep from going nuts.

The Atchison Globe has noticed this about a baseball fan: One day his “wonderful” team wins and the next day his “lousy” team loses.

August 27, 1943 – Sergeant and Mrs. Waldo Graves of Camp Edwards, Mass., arrived last week end for a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman and with his parents at Cleveland.

W. G. Skelly, one of the nation’s top-ranking oil men, and head of the oil company which bears his name, spoke to a crowd of 500 Tuesday evening at Pratt when he addressed the Pratt Chamber of Commerce following a dinner served at the officers mess of the Pratt Army Air Base.

He spoke for an hour and three-quarters, punctuating his talk on oil problems with some sound philosophy upon liberty and government, post-war problems which will confront the nation

and his ideas upon when the war will end.

On Wednesday Mr. Skelly drove through the company’s oil fields in Pratt county and in the local field, visiting the Skelly plant and its facilities.

The picnic and dance at the Sacred Heart Catholic church, Tuesday evening, drew a large crowd from here and nearby communities.

August 26, 1938 – Sam McPeek, 71, a resident of Cunningham and vicinity since 1879, passed away at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, about three o’clock Wednesday afternoon, following an operation performed last Saturday.

Notice – As a courtesy to Mrs. Sam McPeek, and as a respect to the memory of Mr. McPeek, who had been janitor of the Grade school building for a number of years, neighbors and friends are asked to come to the Grade school building, Friday afternoon and evening, Sept. 2, to assist in giving the building and yard a thorough cleaning. Mrs. McPeek will be given their usual paycheck.

A quickly prepared picnic supper will be enjoyed on the school ground and a ball game will be a feature of the evening. Work will begin at 1:30 o’clock.

Home Brew
By Aunt Toady
The difference between Rip Van Winkle and the merchant who doesn’t advertise is that Rip did finally wake up.

We have never been able to understand why the fellow who can’t carry a tune always wants to lead the singing.

No man can control the weather – and very few can predict it with any great degree of success.

Beware of the man who slaps you on the back. He probably wants you to cough up something.

August 25, 1933 – The Olcott Dance Hall has been closed.

S h e r i f f E d Cunningham yesterday ordered the weekly social event to be halted.

This action followed the first Saturday night in which Mack Tubbs, Turon farmer, was seriously beaten.

Tubbs was later run over by a motor car and fatally injured as he lay in the road near Turon.

Sheriff Cunningham said the Olcott dance had turned into too much of a brawl recently with too many persons drunk and too many fights taking place. – Hutchinson Herald

The Cunningham

ball team journeyed to Nashville last Sunday where they won another game from the fast Nashville team by a score of 12 to 10 in an 11-inning game.

While the game was very fast and the score close all the way to the 11th inning, several little tilts with the ump’s decisions made a number of arguments that were interesting for the spectators.

Batteries for the Cunningham nine were R. Zrubeck and Ray Shafer. Their work was effective throughout the game.

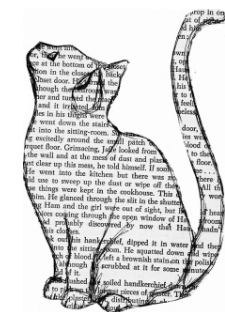
The new home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Nossaman in the south part of town is being built at a rapid rate. They expect to have it completed to move into by the middle of October.

August 24, 1928 – News that little Hazel Franks, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Franks of this city, had passed away at Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Wednesday afternoon at three o’clock, following an appendicitis operation that morning, caused a feeling of sadness over all.

The Senior Class of 1927 enjoyed a reunion last Monday night in the form of a steak fry. The eleven members present drove to the river on the E. C. Ratlief farm where they spent the evening visiting and recalling incidents of school days. Those present were Pauline Allbritten, Dorothy Krehbiel, Dorothy Watkins, Gertrude Crow, Bertha Dye, Grace Sellon, Bruce Askrens, Elmo Huffman, Earl Ratlief, Warren Kailer, and Everett Baber.

August 31, 1928 – Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall and two daughters arrived home Sunday evening from their summer vacation trip to California, and various other places including Yellowstone National Park. They all report a glorious time. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and son left Monday for their home in Joplin, Mo.

The following teachers have been employed for the coming year at Cunningham Rural High School: Mr. Virgil Pugh, Principal and will teach Manual Training and Physics; Mr. Eldon A. N. Johnson will coach boys athletics and teach Social Sciences; Miss Artaruth Neill will teach Mathematics and Music; Miss Edith Muse will coach girls Athletics and teach Home Economics; and Miss Violet Smith will have the languages.



Meanderings

I have going through books I have recently gleaned from libraries-boxing some up to donate to organizations that will ship them overseas to promote literacy in other countries. I am swapping some with other readers across the U.S. and its territories. I then get books I'd like to read, and after I read them, I donate them to libraries. It is a cycle of "out with the old and in with the new."

And there are some that just have to be tossed in the recycle bin because no one wants them. Don't gasp. We do need to get rid of books that have stains and spills; books with pages falling out and covers falling off. Encyclopedia sets that are no longer are useful because everything is available on the internet...including the encyclopedias.

Last evening, I was going through books, and happened across the classic children's picture book "Mother, Mother, I Feel Sick, Send for the Doctor, Quick, Quick, Quick" by Remy Charlip and Burton Supree. Copyright 1966. I have come across this book a few times over my years in the library. Generally the books are well-read and falling apart. I remember this book from my elementary school days. I'd check it out regularly. It always fascinated me in an uncomfortable and nauseating way.

Don't recall the story? The book is called a "shadow" book. The images in it are just shadows against solid colors or patterns that seem to be old-fashioned wallpaper. In some books the shadows are white, in some they are black. On the first page, a woman is looking under a table. "Has anyone seen my hat?" she asks.

Here comes her son, "Mother, Mother, I feel sick, send for the doctor, quick, quick quick." The young boy is immensely round. The mother calls, the doctor arrives and rushes the boy off to the hospital in a horse and carriage, mother in tow. Surgery is performed. The doctor holds up a ball: "I see the trouble, right on top. I'll take it out and fix him up."

The doctor continues to remove items from the boy's stomach: a whole birthday cake with candles, apples, a plate of spaghetti, hotdogs, a fishing pole with a fish attached, and...on and on. He finds the mother's hat, the pet bird, the pet cat, a saw, a bicycle... and on and on. All rather gruesome when you think about it. My 1st grade self was disgustingly fascinated by the story.

Another book that I loved to read because it was a "safe scary" book

was "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss. I see your eyes rolling. You are laughing; but I can tell you, that book frightened me.

A child is reading this book. She is so proud she knows all the words. The colors are bright and the text is rhyming and fun. Mike and Ned and Mr. Gump all part of the story.... reading and smiling and rhyming until I turn over page 59. The first time I saw pages 60 and 61, I closed the book, afraid to open it. But I eventually had to finish the book. I felt shivery little shivers. Now the kids in the story are smiling and "Clark" is smiling. But the background is black and there are what appear to be stairs.... Which is what I think really made me shiver. For whatever reason the blackness of the "dark" and the stairs reminded me of Grandma and Grandpa Thimesch's cellar. All the grandkids thought that was a creepy place. And here were these kids in a book coming up the stairs with this creature they found in the park in the dark...

G r a n d m a and Grandpa's cellar was dark. There was a single lightbulb overhead, concrete floor.... But those stairs down from the kitchen. (shiver). Those stairs had open risers. Do you know what I mean? The kind of stairs in which monsters and bogeymen will hide under and reach through and grab your ankle. If not monsters and bogeymen, then aunts and uncles.

The stairs down from the outside, via the storm cellar door, were made of concrete, you could go down those, but then there were the other stairs across the room with something hiding behind them...probably Suess's "Clark".

Usually if Grandma would send one of us down to the cellar for a jar of beets or a jar of beans or a jar of something, we had to take someone along. We'd sneeeeaak down. Keeping to the very tip of the stairs just in case there was a bogeyman behind them, they'd have to reach a bit further to grab our foot. (shiver)

And yet another book, the frequently challenged and banned, "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

Max gets in trouble, is mad at Mom and sets off in his little boat to live with the wild things.

I loved that shivery feeling when I saw that two page spread of those "abominable snowmen-type of creatures romping through the dark jungle.

Mr. Sendak did caution children: "Boys and girls may have to shield their parents from this book. Parents are very easily scared."

Always reading, and currently reading, "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover, Roberta "Don't be afraid of being scared. To be afraid is a sign of common sense. Only complete idiots are not afraid of anything."

— Carlos Ruiz Zafón, *The Angel's Game*

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County Commission Meeting

August 5th 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 5th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier and Carol Voran

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr thanked the County

Commissioners for their appropriation for the Kingman County Historical Museum for 2020.

Carol Voran discussed the Law Enforcement Center and said that the Commissioners could still accomplish their goal of staying within the \$5,000,000.00 budget by having the facility at a new location within the City.

The Commissioners discussed the lots that the County owns and putting a notice of sale out for them.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Notice of Sale for the County owned lots. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed with the Commissioners that her old poll books were no longer useful as poll books and that she would like to put them out for other departments to use as tablets.

Ms. Noblit requested purchasing new poll books from Election Source called KnowInk Innovative Election Solutions in the amount of \$19,810.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve

the purchase of the KnowInk Poll Book from Election Source in the amount of \$19,810.00. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

The Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$217,214.00.

Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director was in with Bids for guttering from the following:

Hershberger Contracting Inc.

\$6,515.00

Jacob Knapic

\$9,105.00

Aaron Parson Painting LLC

\$9,860.00

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the bid from Hershberger Contracting Inc. from Hutchinson, KS for guttering for the Expo Center West side in the amount of \$6,515.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed a product that would help with the mud in pens.

Stan Goetz was in to let the Commissioners know that the Insurance Meeting kickoff is August 7, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 9:27a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 9:38a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:43 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

Wade Hopper for a house addition in Section 13, Township 28, Range 05W

The County Commissioners discussed the Law Enforcement Center.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following underground permits:

Keims Construction- Road Crossing- Electric Service line 4431 NE 50 Ave.

Southern Pioneer Electric Company- Update power lines-FAS 607-Miles 1-6

Mr. Arensdorf gave project updates on the

U.7-8.0 (Poor Farm Bridge Repair) plan to start later this week-week of August 5, 2019 and the Hot Mix Overlay-FAS 1428-south of Mt. Vernon to start week of August 12th.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that Scott Sparks let him know that they are planning on doing a private property drive around the 8th Street bridge road closing and that the liability will be on the land owner. Also, right of way damage will be on the landowner.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted a letter received from the U.S. Department of Transportation on Project –KS FLAP KIN 50(1) Cheney Reservoir Access Kansas Federal Lands Access Program Project Application. The proposed scope of this project includes pavement rehabilitation of RS 607 from RS 1428 east for 2.1 miles which is estimated at \$1,250,000.00 with the county match being \$312,500.00 which is 25% of the project. The project is preliminarily programmed for construction funding in fiscal year 2022.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that the burnt bridge is scheduled to bid let in September 2019.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted a consultation request from Richland Township North of Belmont.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the engineer consultation request from Richland Township to view the intersection and area surrounding SE 30 Ave and SE 60 St for water erosion after rain and recommend a solution for the area. Commissioner Steffen seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the plans for the bypass for Kingman and that the County and City need to be on the same page.

Chairman Steffen opened meeting for public comment.

Carol Voran asked if the original plans changing the exits could be an engineering issue not really a want issue.

Commissioners asked if KDOT has bought all the right-of-way land needed for the bypass.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he will contact someone at KDOT and see what he could find out.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

County Commission Meeting

August 2nd, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 12th, 2019. Those present: Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Stan Goetz, Minutes Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with addition of discussing July 22 minutes concerning lots for sale. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran was concerned for a need to re-

route truck traffic from HWY 14 to Sherman St. and around Kingman Main Street to help spare road vibration to existing buildings. If that happened, then law enforcement center should not be located where proposed. Larry Landwehr and Gayle Dye also commented on this comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes for August 5, 2019 with some side discussion about Expo Center guttering and bridge closing on SE 10th Street. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed current County lots for sale and the wording in previous minutes concerning realtors volunteering their services versus the county counselor’s work.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director Charlie Arensdorf provided updates on roads and bridges in general around the County.

Stan Goetz was in with a zoning permit for the following:

Max Minard for a garage in Section 2, Township 27, Range 05 (Evan).

Kevin Schrag for a shed in Section 8, Township 27, Range 05 (Evan).

Tyler Sears for a horse shelter in Section 17, Township 27, Range 05 (Evan).

Andy Albright for swimming pool in Section 11, Township 27, Range 07 (White).

Mr. Goetz requested an executive session to discuss an employee’s evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Henning moved to go into executive session at 8:50 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR; and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:00

a.m. with an approval to allow an employee to work temporarily less hours per week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Henning moved to go into executive session at 9:00 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:07 a.m. with no binding action taken.

The remainder of the meeting was spent signing pay vouchers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35a.m.

Farm Service Agency Expands Payment Options

Washington, D.C., August 20, 2019 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) is expanding its payment options to now accept debit cards and Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit. These paperless payment options enable FSA customers to pay farm loan payments, measurement service fees, farm program debt repayments

and administrative service fees, as well as to purchase aerial maps.

“Our customers have spoken, and we’ve listened,” said Bill Northey, USDA’s Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. “Finding ways to improve customer service and efficiency is important for our farmers, ranchers, producers, and forest landowners who work hard for our nation every day. Now, our customers can make electronic payments instantly by stopping in our offices or calling over the phone.”

Previously, only cash,

check, money orders and wires were accepted. By using debit cards and ACH debit, transactions are securely processed from the customer’s financial institution through Pay.gov, the U.S. Treasury’s online payment hub.

While traditional collection methods like cash and paper checks will continue, offering the new alternatives will improve effectiveness and convenience to customers while being more cost

effective. In 2017, the average cost to manually process checks, a process that included navigating multiple systems, cost USDA more than \$4.6 million. The expanded payment options will cut the time employees take processing payments by 75 percent.

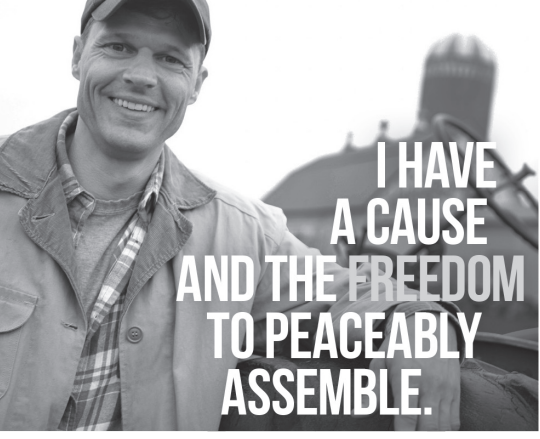
“At USDA, we’re focused on modernization to improve customer service,” said Northey. “If half of our customers use these new payment

options, we’ll see a \$1 million savings in one year. These new payment methods are one part of a much larger effort to expand options for our customers, as well as to make our services more effective and efficient.”

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PRATT — Michael Joseph Orlor, Jr., 50, passed away Friday, August 16, 2019 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born February 15, 1969 in Columbus, Kansas to Michael Joseph Orlor, Sr. and Frieda (Lapee) Whitecotton. He married NaKol Ann (Tripp) Orlor on October 14, 1994 in Lyons. She survives.



Mike worked as a Rancher. He served as assistant chief of the Byers Fire Department, was a previous Skyline Booster Club Member, was on the Pratt County Fair Association, Kansas Trappers Association and Kansas Livestock Association. He was involved with the 4-H Youth Activities, loved hunting, fishing, trapping, making knives, riding horses and rodeos and his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, NaKol; daughters, Angel (Joey) Brown of Marionville, Missouri, Chyenne (finance', Kevin Woods) Orlor of Haviland, Charytee (Timothy) Collins of Commerce, Oklahoma, MaKala (James) Fitzsimmons of Cunningham and Payje (finance', Rustin Dymond) Orlor of Haven; mother, Frieda Lapee Whitecotton of Columbus; siblings, Robert Lapee of Columbus, Johna (Donald) Pillars of Columbus, Ywain (Pam) Orlor of Welch, Oklahoma and Lisa Ballard of Lebanon, Missouri; and 14 grandchildren.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Michael Joseph Orlor, Sr. and infant brother, Phillip Whitecotton.

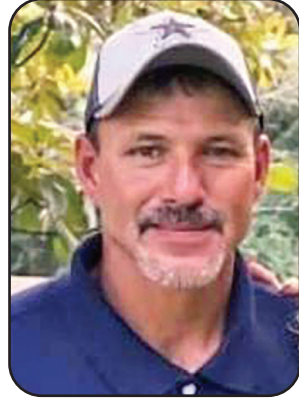
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In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pratt County 4-H Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Cecil New

Cecil D. New, 48, died Aug. 19, 2019, near Kiowa, Kansas.

He was born Dec. 22, 1970, at Houston, Texas the son of Thomas Fred and Mary Neumann New. A longtime Kingman resident he was a roustabout for several years for Abe's Oil Field Service and currently was a foreman for Val Energy.



Cecil was a member of the Kingman Christian Church.

On Oct. 31, 1992, he married Noni Jackson at the Kingman Christian Church. Other survivors include two sons, Christopher and Cody; his mother Mary Adams; brother Billy Adams and wife Cassie; sisters Cheryl Pike, Cinda Keeling and husband Alan, Dawn Adams, Carolyn McHaley and husband Robert; sister-in-law Becky Adams; and grandchildren Liana Laura and A.J. Wooten. He was preceded in death by his fathers Thomas Fred New and Herbert Adams; and brother Gary Adams.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the Kingman Christian Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Cecil New Memorial Fund in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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Swimming Pool Schedule			
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24.	1:00-9:00	30.	5:00-9:00
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26.	5:00-7:00	Sept 1.	1:00-5:00
27.	CLOSED	2.	1:00-6:00

New Items at the Museum



Native Artifacts



Painting by Ethelyn Burnett



It's a Boy!
Maverick Scott Schultz



Maverick Scott Schultz was born to Tim and Barbara Schultz of Cunningham at 1:56 pm on July 30, 2019. He was 7 pounds 10 ounces and 20 inches long. He was welcomed at home by sister Taylor, and brothers Andrew and Ty. Grandparents are Joe and Linda (Kampling) Seiwert, and Everett and Judy Schultz, all of Pretty Prairie. He is the 14th Great Grandchild of the late Leroy and Florine Kampling of Cunningham. We are so blessed that he has been welcomed and loved by so many people in this community.

Getting Ready for Fall



Wheat stubble being burned by Gene and Joyce Depenbusch. photo by Joyce Depenbusch

The U.S. Postal Service and the Kansas State Fair Launches Stamp Celebrating the Nation's State and County Fairs.

The event included old-time carnival games and a petting zoo at the U.S. Postal Service Office

in Wichita. Leading the event was Postmaster Ryan Knopik. The four new Forever stamps feature whimsical artwork meant to evoke a sentimental feeling for America's fairs, both past and present. The colorful stamps feature one scene across four stamps. They were designed to work together as a panorama of familiar, traditional

fair activities, while each stamp also works as an individual picture. The State and County Fairs stamps are being issued as Forever stamps, and will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce price. "The Kansas State Fair is a place where we celebrate all things Kansas and the stamp really reflects that," said Amy Bickel, Kansas State Fair marketing director. "If you look at it, it's a nostalgic piece, and it shows people socializing and having fun and just coming together at the end of the summer." The Fair's Educational Manager Jacki Eckert said the stamp aims to promote the social and educational value fairs offer. "There are so many people who don't have

a touch with agriculture today," said Eckert. "The Kansas State Fair and the Fair's Kansas' Largest Classroom is a way for fairgoers of all ages to learn more about agriculture, where their food comes from, as well as the products they use every day that are the result of production agriculture." The stamp comes in a set of four, costing \$2.20. Photos: Kansas State Fair Education Manager Jacki Eckert, left, hands out magnets to students during the U.S. Postal Service stamp unveil in Wichita, Kansas.

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