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West Kingman County BOE Met

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Kurt Preisser, Travis Thimesch and Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap and Guest Kory Morgan.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to approve the agenda as amended, appointing an acting clerk. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to appoint Cody Dunlap as acting clerk. YMotion carried 7-0.

Guest Kory Morgan, representing the yearbook, took a board member picture. He left the meeting at 7:03

Scott DeWeese was nominated as President and Brent Hansen was nominated as Vice-President.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the board members as nominated. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$347,795.11 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed gave a COVID update and discussed the new Stimulus dollars that could result from it. He also reviewed upcoming calendar events including sports, graduation activities and In-Service activities.

Principal Cody Dunlap shared schedule changes that began after break to facilitate Xello learning.

Special Education Report: Member Joyce Gridley stated that the last meeting held did not have a quorum. Discussion of Pre-K options were had but no action taken.

Board members discussed facility needs and the possibilities of a bond project. No action taken.

Clerk, Stacy Webster joined the meeting at 8:03 p.m. to resume clerk duties.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 15 min-

utes at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts for the non-elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go back into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 10 minutes at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts for the non-elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:40 p.m.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the 2021-2022 calendar. The board discussed.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Kurt Preisser to approve a 2 year (2021-2022, 2022-2023) contract for Robert Reed to serve as District Superintendent and K-6 Principal. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Gridley, Miller, Preisser, Thimesch, Oldham. Nays: none. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham to approve a year (2021-2022) contract for Cody Dunlap to serve as 7-12 Principal. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed presented

Policy updates suggested by KASB. The board discussed.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Angie McGuire as Head HS volleyball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Kurt Preisser, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Sheena Albers as Assistant HS volleyball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. YMotion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve certified staff stipends that the board had directed to be paid in December 2020. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

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 10, 2021, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas.

draft minutes submitted by Stacy Webster; edited by the editor

City Council Will Meet on Monday

AGENDA

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

Meeting will be using the remote conferencing app "Zoom" for public access and will be recorded. Contact City Clerk (620) 298-3077 or email 67035cityclerk@gmail.com for Zoom access or more information.

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of December 28, 2020 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development – FAÇADE Project Approval
- 6) Water Customer Request (s)
- 7) Parking on East Fourth Street
- 8) Approval of Love's CMB License
- 9) City Park & Tree Fund and City Benevolence Fund
- 10) Special Election – Resolution No. 2021-1
- 11) Personnel Resignation
- 12) Planning & Zoning Appointments
- 13) Fire Department – Harold Stark, Chief's report
- 14) Reports
 - a) Property Officer
 - b) Planning & Zoning
 - c) Maintenance
 - d) Swimming Pool
 - e) Animal Control
- 15) Financial Report & payment of bills
- 16) Adjourn

Governor Laura Kelly Announces FY 2022 Kansas Budget to Protect Fiscal Foundation and Kickstart Economic Recovery

~ Governor Kelly's budget prioritizes COVID-19 response, protects core services, maintains fiscal responsibility ~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced her third budget recommendation. The fiscally responsible budget protects and invests in core services – like education, infrastructure, and economic development – while keeping Kansas on a path for economic growth.

"All Kansans benefit from good schools, a strong infrastructure, and access to affordable healthcare," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This fiscally responsible budget protects the critical resources, services, and programs Kansas communities and businesses need to recover and emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever."

Governor Kelly's budget protects Kansas public schools, includes funding to expand Medicaid and behavioral health services, allocates \$37.5 million to modernize the state's unemployment system, and maintains fiscal responsibility through a \$600.9 million ending balance.

The Kelly budget accomplishes the following critical policy goals necessary to recover and rebuild from COVID-19 without any increases in individual or business income taxes:

Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility: The Governor's proposed budget for FY 2022 protects critical public services while also stabilizing the state budget during a year of significant economic uncertainty. It leverages federal stimulus dollars and avoids any increases to income taxes for Kansas families and businesses. Due to the Governor's fiscal leadership during her first term, this year's recommendation maintains a healthy State General Fund ending balance of \$600.9 million.

Continuing Record-Breaking Economic Growth: Despite the economic pressures of COVID-19, Kansas recorded more than \$2.5 billion in new investment from businesses like Urban Outfitters, Amazon, and Great Plains Manufacturing. These deals, which will bring thousands of quality jobs to Kansas communities, were spurred by the Governor's investments in rebuilding the Kansas Department of Commerce and its economic development tools. This budget protects these tools by supporting community development programs like the Kansas Main Street Program, protecting funding in the Economic Development Initiatives Fund, and allocating state dollars to hire experienced economic development staff to make Kansas an attractive place to grow a business.

Protecting Kansas K-12 Public Schools: In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court unanimously ruled that Kansas had enacted a plan fulfilling the state's constitutional obligation to adequately and fairly fund public schools. The Governor fully funds this plan in the FY 2022 budget, putting Kansas on track to increase school funding by \$388.1 million through FY 2023. This year, despite significant state fiscal challenges brought forth by the pan-

demic, the Governor has continued her commitment to public education in Kansas by protecting K-12 education funding for the FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Expanding Access to Affordable Healthcare and Behavioral Health Services: The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of access to affordable, quality healthcare in protecting the health of Kansans and keeping the state on the path of economic growth. The Governor's recommendation includes \$19 million to expand KanCare, the state's Medicaid program. The budget also allocates \$5 million in additional funding to the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services Program and \$3 million for Family Crisis Response and Support services. These programs will expand behavioral health crisis response and triage services to Kansans across the state, including for justice-involved youth and children in foster care.

Closing the "Bank of KDOT": When Governor Kelly entered office, she promised to close the "Bank of KDOT" by the end of her first term. This budget keeps that promise, reducing transfers from the State Highway Fund to \$133.7 million in FY 2021 and \$66.9 million in FY 2022. In a difficult budget year, Governor Kelly's budget recommendation to phase out the reliance on the State Highway Fund for general fund purposes will provide the resources necessary to continue critical investments in the comprehensive Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Plan approved during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Investing in the State's Digital Infrastructure: Updating our digital infrastructure is critical to both

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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart,
Cunningham

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's,
Willowdale

Sundays
8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

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

Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

Pastor Dennis

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090

Pastor Mathew

Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH
Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

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Thursday, January 21st

HS HOPL Scholars'

Bowl at Central

Christian

JH BB at Fairfield

Friday, January 22nd

HS Boys 54 Classic

at Cunningham

Saturday January 23rd

HS Boys 54 Classic

at HOME

Monday, January 25th

JH BB at Fairfield

6:30 p.m.

City Council

Tuesday, January 26th

HS Girls 54 Classic

at Skyline

Thursday, January 28th

4:00 p.m.

JH BB vs Pretty Prairie

at HOME

Friday, January 29th

HS Girls 54 Classic

at Skyline

Saturday,

January 30th

HS Girls 54 Classic

at Skyline

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W.A. Bradley, Editor

1916

(Clipper editor and owner was J. Milton Banie)

Leaving Cunningham

Noble Warner and

family left the first of

the week for De Witt,

Mo., and Strahan, Iowa,

where they will visit for

three weeks or more

with friends and especially

with D. A. Dilly of the last named town.

Mr. Dilly is foster-father

to Mr. Warner, having raised him to manhood.

After their visit is completed at the above

named cities they will go to New Mexico to make their home. Mr. Warner has been employed by

J. P. Ratcliff for several years on his farm and has

proved to be a splendid tenant.

The best wish of their man friends go with them. The Clipper will

visit them weekly.

he will be turned over to Wetherall Brothers

who will prosecute him for issuing checks without a bank account. Mr.

C. E. Wetherall made a trip to Colorado and together with a lot of other expense thinks that he

should be given the full extent of the law. The Cannonball Garage is

also loser on the deal by selling the fellow two

tires for the stolen car which he was driving and taking a check in payment. Bricker is in bad with the government for stealing some

money-order blanks and filing them out and getting money on them and the chances are that the

government will handle him pretty rough, and by the time he serves a sentence for this second offense he will know when to write checks and money orders.

his subscription to the Clipper for another year for which he has our thanks.

MAUD DOIN'S

John Vermillion missed school on Thursday and Friday.

Nic Hilbert butchered a hog Wednesday.

Louis Hellar and family and Bertha Hilbert spent Saturday evening at the T. A. Kelley home.

1966

January 20-Mrs.

Waldo Graves was hostess to the Past Noble Grand Club in her home, Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, at their regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Delmer Huffman conducted a short business meeting, after which the group played games, with Mrs. George McClellan and Mrs. Paul Fitzsimmons winning high and low prizes.

Mrs. Graves served raspberry delight, tea and coffee to 10 members, Miss Cozette Taylor, Mrs. Amy McClellan,

Mrs. Evan Thornhill, Mrs. Frances Nossaman,

Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. George McClellan,

Mrs. Chet Davidson,

Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Harold Schreck, and Mrs.

Dean Cooley.

Mrs. Sherman Kincheloe was hostess to the Better Homes and gardens Club in her home last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. George McClellan presented the lesson, and gave a very interesting and informative talk about Rochester, Minn., where she and Mr. McClellan spent six weeks last summer following his operation at the Mayo Bros. Clinic and hospitalization at St. Mary's Hospital.

The hostess presented each member with a hot pad mitten, after which she served refreshments of a salad course, banana bread, and coffee to

Mrs. O. R. Benningfield of Kingman, Mrs. Lee DeWeese, Mrs. Francis Dafforn, Mrs. Loren Cooley, Mrs. Alva Hellar,

Mrs. Rufus Leiter, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Charles Ratcliff, Mrs. Iona Shafer,

Mrs. D. E. Thompson, Mrs. Bedford Taylor,

Mrs. Evan Thornhill, Mrs. Pearl Walker, Mrs. Vera Watkins, and Mrs.

Roy Wetherall.

Mrs. Zola Pearson was hostess to the Past Matrons Club in her home, Monday evening, at the club's regular

monthly dinner party.

All members were present, and each place setting was marked with a paper bag containing very useful and unusual gifts.

Following the dinner, the ladies held a business meeting at which new officers were elected for the coming year. The new officers are Mrs.

Glenn Patton, President;

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YEARS AGO

Mrs. LaVerna Bradley, Vice-President, and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Secretary and Treasurer.

The guests enjoyed visiting, watching television, and playing Samba.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hauser, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mrs. Pearl Walker, Mrs. LaVerna Bradley, Mrs. Frances Nossaman, Mrs. Vera Watkins, and Miss Betty Amick.

1971

January 21- Dean Mantooth of Cunningham has filed for the office of School Board Position No. 1 of Unified School District No. 332.

This position is now held by Wm. E. Thornhill, whose term will expire June 30, 1971.

Mr. Thornhill, a veteran of 13 years on the school board, has indicated he will not be a candidate for another four-year term.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met in the United Methodist Church undercroft, Thursday afternoon, January 7.

The meeting was opened by Vice-President Mrs. Frank Cain Jr. During the business meeting it was voted to have an activity day for Church World Concern, Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Mrs. Pauline Leiter reported that members were to continue saving Betty Crocker coupons.

The Pledge Service was conducted by Mrs. Dale Sheldon, assisted by Mrs. Albert McGovney, and Mrs. Iona Shafer, using the article, "Feed My Sheep."

Mrs. McGovney presented the lesson, "Risk and Reality," with the use of film slides.

The hostesses, Mrs. Vera Watkins and Mrs. Zola Pearson, served refreshments of Chicken sandwiches, relishes, and coffee at the close of the meeting.

The Homemakers EHU met at the home of

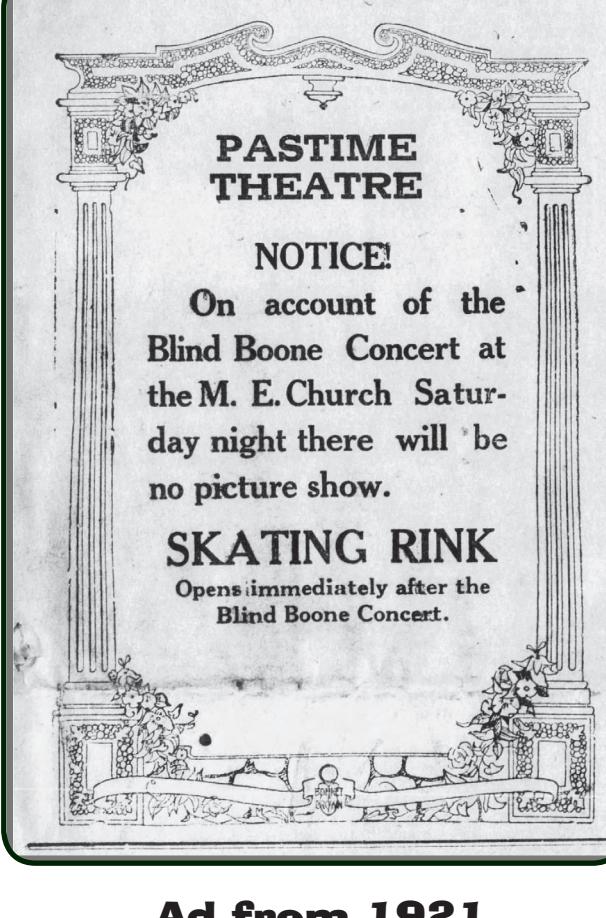
Mrs. Orville Shelman, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 13.

Eleven members and two visitors answered roll call with a New Year's Resolution. Different members will take a birthday cake to the Hilltop House care Home on the first Wednesday of each month for a birthday party for the residents whose birthdays occur in that month.

Mrs. Albert McGovney gave a very interesting lesson, "Destined or Doomed."

Mrs. Shelman served refreshments of salad, tea and coffee.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irene Schnittker, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 11, at 1:30 o'clock.—Mrs. Irene Schnittker, Public Relations Chairman.



Ad from 1921



Kansas 4-H adapts Citizenship in Action to online format

Teens will discuss political system, policing during Feb. 14-15 event

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Youth from across Kansas will be encouraged to share their views about the country's political system and policing issues during the annual Citizenship in Action event hosted by Kansas 4-H.

The event is normally held at the Kansas Capitol in Topeka each year, with several hundred teenagers attending, but with ongoing restrictions for mass gatherings, Citizenship in Action will be held online only this year. The event is scheduled for Feb. 14-15.

"Youth do not need to be a member of a 4-H club to participate in Citizenship in Action," said Beth Hinshaw, one of the event's organizers and a youth development specialist in southeast Kansas.

Citizenship in Action is for youth ages 13-18 as of Jan. 1. Online registration is required by Feb. 1, and the cost to participate is \$35, which includes a Citizenship in Action t-shirt. Adult volunteers can register for free, unless they want a t-shirt.

"Last year, we shifted from a debate format — which is a win or lose centered model — to one of dialogue and deliberation in which we support different truths and claims, and take into consideration everyone's point of view," said Aliah Mestrovich Seay, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist for community vitality.

The Kansas 4-H Youth Council selected the topics for Citizenship in Action based on a list of items on the National Issues Forum.

"Our youth voted and decided that they want to talk more about what we as a society would have to give up to get the political system that would benefit all of us," Mestrovich Seay said. "This is always discussed on a spectrum, understanding that there are many options available. They deliberate and weigh those options.

"On the second topic,

policing, the discussion will be around what we should do to ensure justice and fair treatment in our communities."

Mestrovich Seay is one of the leaders in the Kansas 4-H program series, Community Conversations, in which youth are trained to facilitate discussions in their communities around hard-to-address topics. Some of those youth will help to lead the discussions during Citizenship in Action.

"As we're talking and deliberating on societal issues that matter, we actually agree to disagree and find a way to come to a consensus for the common good," Mestrovich Seay said.

Those discussions will highlight the Feb. 14 portion of Citizenship in Action. On Feb. 15, Hinshaw said youth will hear from several speakers — including state legislators and 4-H alumni who are making a positive impact in their community.

"Part of our charge when we leave on Monday is to have everybody thinking how they, too, can make a positive difference in their community," Hinshaw said.

"We know that leadership happens at all

levels and this is a good opportunity to focus on that," she added.

Hinshaw urges youth and families to learn more about Citizenship in Action by contacting their local 4-H club leader, or their local K-State Research and Extension agent.

Links used in this story:

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, www.kansas4-h.org

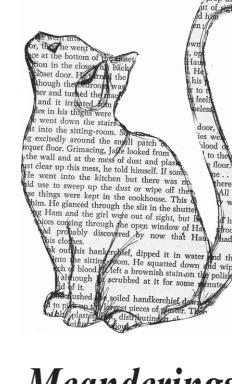
Citizenship in Action online registration, www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action
National Issues Forum, <https://www.nifi.org>

Community Conversations, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/Stories-matter.html>

K-State Research and Extension local offices, <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/stateand-dreamaps.html>

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Meanderings

I was working on the Ninnescab Valley Bank's Community Calendar on Monday. Adding and deleting, rearranging it so it is easier for me add and delete items, and something seemed 'wrong'. I looked at it, I studied it. I checked the school calendar. I checked my calendar. No, everything SEEMED right.; BUT....

It just seems wrong that we are already more than $\frac{1}{2}$ way through January. By the time the paper gets mailed, we will only have 10 days left. When most of you receive it in your mailboxes, check your calendars to verify this: we will have fewer than 10 days left of this first month of the year 2021.

Time is an elusive element. We wake up one morning and realize weeks have passed without realization. What have I gone and done? AHH! I have too much to do. Books to read. More books to read. Friends to call. Friends to email. House to clean... maybe not. Walks to take. Dogs to walk. What happened to my time? It seemed to stretch before me at one point in my life.

Remember being a kid and thinking time moved slowly? You couldn't wait for Christmas and you couldn't wait for that first day of school, and then it was forever before you were allowed to drive, and then you couldn't wait to graduate, you couldn't wait to be 'out on your own'. Time dragged so slowly.

And then next thing you know, we will be waking up in 2025, and getting a new president and new vice-president, and new cabinet, and some new senators and some new representatives and new vaccines, and....

Wednesday, January 2021, these United States of America will be trying out a new president and new vice-president, and new cabinet, and some new senators and some new representatives and new vaccines, and....

You all know what I mean. Zip. Gone.

I suppose if our lives weren't full and happy and purposeful, they wouldn't speed by so quickly.

Speaking of full and happy and purposeful. My back surgery has been scheduled for February 4th. A Thursday! I was so pleased I am sure the woman on the other end of the phone line could hear me smiling. I will be able to mail out the paper that morning, go and have a little cutting done on the old back, and start recuperating.

I hope to be back at this desk putting together some semblance of paper on Monday, February 8th. Now, I know I am not as young as I once was, but I'm pretty sure I can make it from the bedroom to this desk for a bit of computer time. It is all mind over matter. Or mind over old age.

I am not sure what the paper is going to 'look' like as I might still be on pain meds. We shall see.

Always reading,

And currently reading for the second time,

"Midnight Magic"

By Avi

Roberta

"So many books, so little time."

— Frank Zappa

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

boy, if only I'd known... I'd have thought more about meeting Peter Pan to learn his secrets.

In her book, "This Time Next Year We'll Be Laughing: A Memoir" by Jacqueline Winspear, she begins with a quote from "Manhood for Amateurs" by Michael Chabon: "Childhood is, or has been, or ought to be, the great original adventure, a tale of privation, courage, constant vigilance, danger, and sometimes calamity."

And I'd like to add 'patience'. I want to tell children, slow down! Take your time! Adulting is not all it is cracked up to be. Do you really want to have to decide what to eat every night for the next 80 years? Do you really want to vacuum your front room every week for the next... 80 years? Ugh!

Driving a car is okay. BUT just when you think you have a bit of money saved for something fun, the car needs new tires, or a water pump replaced, or some other bit that needs fixing or replacing. And the price of gas. And... and... and. Yeah, vehicles are the bane of adult living; at least mine anyway, and after talking to my friend, Martha, this week, I'd say it is hers at this point in her life.

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Wildcats Win in Overtime at South Barber

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Kiowa on January 15, 2021 to take on the Chieftains of South Barber. Cunningham left town with a hard fought overtime win 54 to 49.

The Cats were aggressive on offense in the first quarter forcing many fouls by South Barber. Cunningham shot 13 or their 32 total free throws in the first quarter. Unfortunately, only three were made. The Chieftains scored 15 points in the quarter as the Cats were able to score from the perimeter and trailed by only four points, 15 to 11. Halderson led the scoring with five points.

Cunningham gained those four points back plus six to take a 35 to 29-point lead to the locker room at halftime. Isaiah Reed, Nathan Lohrke and Halderson each scored six points. Erik Paris added four points with Luke McGuire scoring two points.

South Barber erased the Cat lead in the fourth quarter and score was tied at the end of the third quarter. McGuire,

Halderson and Reed each scored two points and Lohrke added a free throw.

The fourth quarter was a nail biter with Cunningham leading most of the way. The Chieftains did manage to take the lead by one point toward the end of the game. The Cats were forced to foul and the South Barber player missed the free throw. A fast break opportunity resulted with a layup attempt that was missed but Halderson was there for the offensive rebound. They fouled him on the put back which sent him to the line with seconds on the clock. Lane calmly made the first free throw to tie the game. The second rimmed out and the Chieftains had one last chance to win the game but missed the long jumper.

Cunningham forced a tie up and the arrow pointed Cunningham's way with 1.8 seconds on the clock. Cunningham got the ball in bounds and time expired to send the game to overtime.

In overtime the free throw woes that the Cats experienced in the first half made a 180 degree turn as McGuire and Paris both went two for two from the line and Paris added a field goal



to give the Cats six points in overtime. The defense stepped up and South Barber shot one for four from the line for just one point in overtime. The final score was Cunningham 54, South Barber 49. Cunningham has a 2-0 league recorded as they take time out of league play to compete in the 54 Classic.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		7/9	9	7	4	3	
Halderson	7		2/8	16	8	1	5	
Lohrke	1	1	3/6	8	9		3	
Ruckle					1			
Paris	4	1	2/2	13	11	1	1	
Reed	3		2/7	8	9	5	2	

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	OT/Final
Cunningham	11	24	7	6	6/54
Kinsley	15	14	13		6/49



Above left: Nathan Lohrke
Above right: Lane Halderson
Lower: Isaiah Reed

JH Wildcats Return From Break

The Junior High boys finally got to hit the hardwood for a game after a three-week extended Christmas break. The break seemed extremely long partly because it was and partly because these boys miss competing badly. Attica bullpups were the opponent. Fresh in our memory was the game we played at Attica a year ago when we were upset in a league contest where we scored only 15 points and lost by 1. The boys were determined to NEVER let that happen again. The first quarter was ok by our standards, but it was a little slow paced for our style. We had two of our top seven each pick up two quick fouls. Nate and Trent had to sit and watch most of the first half on the bench. The five on the court found their rhythm after a modest 4 point lead in the first quarter and lengthened it to an

11 point lead by half.

The second half, we got

Nate and Trent back fresh and overwhelmed the Bullpups. The defense stepped up even more by only allowing 3 baskets and a free throw.

Offensively, the Wildcats shared the ball well and attacked inside and out. Will knocked down a few threes, and we pounded the paint with shots and rebounds on both ends. The final stats tally showed that we had more steals than turnovers, but we also had more ASSISTS than turnovers! The boys are improving each week and are already looking forward to our next opponent.

Dagim Reed led the team in rebounds with 8 and Wylan Betzen tallied 6. Dagim also led the team in steals with 4 and assists with 4. Several teammates chipped in on both.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Dagim Reed



A destruction of Wildcats



"All at once, I couldn't figure out why I was methodically tossing a spherical object through a toroidal object. It seemed like the stupidest thing I could possibly be doing."

— John Green

Wildcat Scorers				
Wylan Betzen	13			
Will Wegerer	13			
Dagim Reed	10			
Trent Schnittker	6			
Dylan Halderson	2			

TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	9	13	9	14	44
Attica	5	4	3	4	16

"Basketball is an intricate, high-speed game filled with split-second, spontaneous decisions. But that spontaneity is possible only when everyone first engages in hours of highly repetitive and structured practice—perfecting their shooting, dribbling, and passing and running plays over and over again—and agrees to play a carefully defined role on the court... spontaneity isn't random."

— Malcolm Gladwell

Lady Cats Unplug the Chargers

The Lady Cats delivered a knock-out punch early with multiple offensive sets and ever-changing defenses. Once the first quarter was complete, Cunningham held a 17-4 lead, and after the first bucket of the second quarter, all starters had contributed. A 35-6 halftime lead reflects the domination over a young Burtron team as we eventually closed the books with a 60-18 victory. Scoring at a clip of 1.13 points per possession will carry a team, and coupled with a significant rebounding advantage produces predictable outcomes.

We shot pretty well as a team by making good on 18 of 41 from the field (44%), but finally earned an "A" at the three throw line where we



Lady Wildcats

*Far left: Maddi Panek
Left: Reese McGuire
Below: Alayna McGuire*



Lady Cats Defeat South Barber On The Road

Beating South Barber "on the road" is significant to me. When South Barber fell on Friday night, so did the monkey from my shoulder. I thought this could be the year, but I didn't want to count any unhatched chickens! We've had some battles with the Lady Chieftains in my 12 years of coaching, won some and lost some, but never have I taken a team in to their building and left with a smile on my face. I think I know how Cubs fans felt in 2016!

The gap between their talent and ours has never been wider, and that can shift drastically year-to-year, but while we were superior, I didn't feel like we played nearly to our ability, defensively or offensively. Yes, they had only 4 points at halftime, all on free throws, but it was as much their ineptitude as our effort. And offensively, our 23 points at halftime sure felt like a failure. We did get into a better groove offensively in the second half, nearly reaching the team goal of 55 points that I set as we left the locker room,

but shots came too easy for South Barber and we need to correct that. The final score was 53-25 in a game that will not be used in any "how to" videos.

Game stats revealed that we shot a surprising 44% from the field, the third game in a row for that exact percentage. That's not a bad percentage to be stuck on but it didn't feel that good. We only went to the free throw line 8 times and made only 4. Making such few appearances at the free throw line can be indicative that perhaps we settled too much for perimeter shots, yet we scored 34 of our 53 points in the paint. Another factor is I thought the officials were passing on some contact around the rim that only our girls had to play through because the game was in hand.

Morgan tallied 17 points to lead the way but two others were in double digits, Madie McGuire with 11 and Maddi Panek with 10. The remaining 15 points were spread out quite evenly as follows: Alayna McGuire 5, Abby Hansen 4, Reese McGuire 3, and Taylor Schultz 3.

Maddi Panek had a double-double as she muscled her way to 13



*Above left: Morgan Meyers and Maddi Panek on defense
Above right: Madie McGuire
Above: Reese McGuire (no photographer was injured in the taking of the photo)*

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Our Young Lady Wildcats Played Attica



Rylee Miller

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Budget (cont)

economic growth and increasing the transparency and accessibility of Kansas' public services. The Governor's budget makes substantial investments to improve the state's IT systems, including leveraging \$37.5 million in federal funds

to begin to modernize and improve the state's unemployment insurance systems. It also makes a number of other critical IT investments, including \$2 million for Electronic Health Records support to the Kansas Department for

Aging and Disability Services, \$3.1 million for replacing the state's Juvenile and Offender Management Information Systems, and \$4.1 million in funding for the Office of Informational Technology Services to make capital improvements in IT security and

underlying systems. Protecting State Retirees by Stabilizing K P E R S : The Governor's Budget Recommendation also proposes the reamortization of the legacy unfunded actuarial liability of KPERS for 25 years. This is an inevitable, fiscally responsible step

that will both stabilize the state's KPERS system and create \$158.7 million in savings to the State General Fund. Reamortization is a frequently used tool to manage pension systems in other states and better positions Kansas to make full, timely KPERS payments now and into the

future. Stabilizing the KPERS system through reamortization is especially critical in FY 2022 to continue the important investments in economic development, infrastructure, and healthcare that will help the state recover.

Joint Statement in Support of Governor Kelly's K-12 Budget Proposal**Joint Statement in Support of Governor Kelly's K-12 Budget Proposal**

Gov. Laura Kelly's new budget proposal fully funds the school finance act passed by the Kansas Legislature and approved by the Kansas Supreme Court as constitutional. Education organizations across the state strongly support that plan.

Here is why.

Like all states, Kansas can expect that student learning to be affected negatively by the COVID pandemic.

The investments made possible by the bipartisan school finance act will help Kansas students recover and restore our state position as an edu-

cational leader. In the first three years of the school finance plan, beginning in the 2017-18 school year through last year, 2019-20, the Legislature restored nearly \$400 million in base state aid per pupil and higher pupil weightings, \$62 million in special education state aid and allowed districts to increase their local option budgets by \$76 million.

With these dollars and additional resources, districts were able to increase instructional spending on teachers, paraprofessional and classroom aides and other direct teaching costs by \$536 million, and restore other student and teacher supports services like counselors, nurses and mental health, libraries, and expand technology by \$188 million.

Included in these dollars, \$275 million was spent exclusively on high needs students in special

education, at-risk and bilingual programs. Other funding supported general education and services to all students.

The new funding allowed districts to hire over 3,600 FTE positions since 2017 (including the current school, 2021). Many of these positions were restored from cuts made from 2009 to 2017. The vast majority (over 80 percent) are for instruction (teachers, special education para and classroom aides) or positions supporting students and teachers, including building administrators (principals and staff). Less than 5 percent were in general administration and central services.

The school finance plan has also helped districts increase teacher salaries more than inflation for the first time in eight years, to keep competitive with other states and other employers.

Over \$250 million in

KPERS-related funding to school districts since 2017 does not provide any new programs or positions or current salaries. This higher state contribution for the KPERS retirement system is to make up for decades of past underfunding. Gov. Kelly has proposed the Legislature reduce this amount by re-amortizing the KPERS system. This step would reduce the current cost of school funding, but the state would have to pay more into the system in the long run.

From 2009 to 2017, school district general funds, local option budget funds and special education state aid had fallen \$577 million behind inflation. The school finance plan has begun to make up that gap, with a goal of reaching 2009 inflation-adjusted levels by 2023.

Not only did Kansas school funding fall be-

hind inflation, but also other states. From 2009 to 2017, Kansas per pupil funding dropped from 97.5 to 89.1 percent of the U.S average and from 9.3 percent above the regional average to 2.0 percent below, making it more difficult for Kansas schools to offer competitive salaries and comparable programs to other states. Over 2,000 school positions were cut, even as enrollment rose, especially among students with special needs.

As result, inflation-adjusted funding declined, important measures of student progress in Kansas, including reading and math tests, ACT scores and graduation rates began to either decline compared to other states or did not improve as fast. Kansas school leaders believe that as funding is restored, over time, those results will improve.

We applaud Gov. Kelly and those legislators who in the past have ensured that the Gannon funding has been implemented. The Governor deserves praise for proposing the continuation of this funding in her budget and we urge the Legislature to approve that.

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Game on For Kansas Schools

Poison Ivy or Virginia Creeper? K-State Horticulture Expert Explains the Difference

Knowing how to identify poison ivy is key to avoiding contact

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Most gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts have heard at least some version of the popular refrain to help them stay clear of poison ivy.

'Leaves of three, let them be.'

The saying points out the defining feature of poison ivy; that is, three leaflets per leaf protruding from a vine and containing urushiol, an oil that causes a rash in most people.

During the growing season – typically spring and summer – poison ivy is easy to distinguish from the Virginia creeper, a vine with five leaflets. Virginia creeper does not contain urushiol and typically does not cause a rash.

"However, during the winter, distinguishing between the two vines can be more difficult because the leaves have dropped," said Ward Upham, a horticulture expert at Kansas State University.

Poison ivy can still cause a negative reaction during the winter, so it's important to be able to identify the vine without its' three-leaflet clue.

"This is actually easy to identify once you know what to check," Upham said. "Look at the aerial roots. On poison ivy, they are hair-like, but on the vine of the Virginia creeper they are more

plump and about the size of a pencil lead."

Upham noted that urushiol can cause a rash 1 to 5 years after a plant has died. The amount of urushiol that covers the head of a pin can cause a rash in 500 people, he said.

"Poison ivy can grow as ground cover, a shrub or a vine," he said. "Using a chainsaw on poison ivy in the winter can release sap which makes a rash more likely. This is worse on warm days where there is more sap rise."

Upahm and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Links used in this story

K-State Horticulture Newsletter, <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/newsletters/index.html>

K-State Research and Extension local offices, www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/stateandareamaps.html

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**K-State Rodeo Cancelled****Facilities not available due to COVID-19 restrictions**

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Officials with Kansas State University's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry have announced the 2021 K-State rodeo, scheduled for mid-February, has been canceled.

5 Tips to Protect Seniors from Financial Scams Right Now

(StatePoint) Social isolation among seniors is not only linked to numerous negative health consequences like depression and cardiovascular disease, but it's also a primary contributing factor in financial exploitation and scams. Estimated to affect one in 10 older adults and cost billions annually, the threat of elder financial fraud is pervasive, and especially so right now.

With seniors more isolated than ever due to the pandemic and stimulus checks being sent to millions of Americans nationwide, experts suggest that seniors and their families be extra vigilant.

"Scammers look for key time periods where money and private financial information are in motion. Not only is IRS fraud one of the most common and successful types of scams that exists, as a general rule, additional money equates to additional fraud," says Ron Long, head of Aging

Due to K-State, Riley County and Manhattan city restrictions, the department and K-State Rodeo Club are not able to host the rodeo in Weber Arena.

"We had planned to move the rodeo to Domer Arena in Topeka," said K-State Rodeo Club coach Casy Winn. "Then in December, Domer Arena became part of hospital overflow and the facility canceled all events."

Client Services at Wells Fargo.

"Scammers are banking on the fact that many seniors are apart from families and friends due to COVID-19. When someone is alone, physically or socially, they often miss out on the added benefit of a second pair of eyes and ears."

Compounding the risks associated with isolation is the number of seniors who feel their chances of falling victim to a financial scam is unlikely. According to a recent Wells Fargo study conducted by The Harris Poll, 69 percent of all seniors age 60 and above believe they're not likely to be susceptible to a financial scam, despite nearly all seniors (97 percent) acknowledging that older people are very or somewhat susceptible to becoming a victim.

When asked about their peers, the poll found that 47 percent of all seniors knew someone who had already fallen victim to a scam.

"The results indicate what most of us want -- the ability to age relatively unaffected from the realities associated with

Winn and the K-State Rodeo Club looked at several other indoor facilities in Kansas, but just couldn't find the right fit.

"With more than 400 contestants, there are only a few places that have enough parking and seating to accommodate the rodeo," he said.

This year would have been the 65th annual K-State rodeo. K-State is part of the Central Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo

Association. Annually the rodeo brings more than 10,000 fans into Weber Arena to watch more than 400 contestants from 18 colleges and universities spanning Kansas and Oklahoma.

For more information about the K-State Rodeo Club visit <https://www.facebook.com/ksurodeo>. Story by:

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They should also carefully review credit reports, account statements and bills for unusual activity or charges.

5. Be aware. Families can help seniors stay aware of the latest and most common scams, as well as help them identify potential red flags, including:

- Alleged emergency situations involving family members, often grandchildren, requiring immediate payment.
- Lottery winnings requiring upfront cash payment for taxes and other fees.
- Phone calls from alleged government agencies, such as Social Security, threatening arrest or penalties.

For more information on fraud prevention, visit wellsfargo.com.

3. Automate. Seniors should consider signing up for direct deposit, automatic bill pay and large transaction alerts.

4. Prioritize security. Seniors should keep checks and credit cards locked away, and update passwords when information is compromised.

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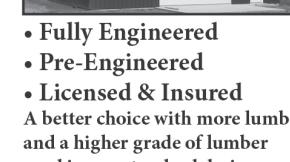
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We apologize in advance to anyone who becomes inconvenienced during this difficult time. We have chosen to work from home and close our office to the public for the safety of our customers.

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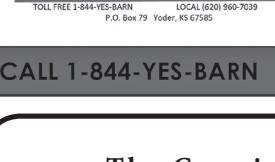
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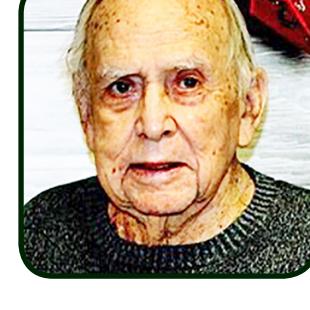
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Celebrations of Life Coe Darling

Coe V. Darling, 91, died Jan. 12, 2021 at Pretty Prairie.



He was born June 26, 1929, at Abilene, Kansas the son of Vernon and Dora Sexton Darling. A longtime Kingman resident, he was a retired AT&T lineman and phone technician.

Coe was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; the Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies and the Midian Shrine.

On Nov. 5, 1948, he married Barbara Bowser; she died June 28, 2002. On June 26, 2009, he married Merlynn Boyer; she died Feb. 26, 2013. Survivors include sons Steve, Robert, and Ron; daughters Joyce Hess and Melody Ortiz; brother Ray Darling; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a sister Rowena Hanback; and two grandsons Noe Ortiz and Scott Hess.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Co. Humane Society or the Kingman Area Ministerial Alliance Food Bank both in care of the funeral home.

Millie Drees

Mildred F. "Millie" Drees, 79, died Jan. 14, 2021, at the Kingman Community Hospital.



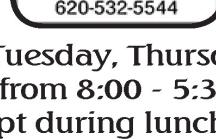
She was born April 3, 1941, at Pernell, Oklahoma the daughter of Bennie and Mary Marshall Witcher. A longtime Kingman resident, she was a retired custodian at the Kingman Law Enforcement Center.

Mary was a member of the Kingman Church of Christ.

On Dec. 24, 1975, she married Leo Drees; he died Jan. 1, 1995. Survivors include sons Richard Lane, Thomas Lane, James Lane, Guy Hooker and David Hooker; daughter Mary Hooker; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Bennie and James.

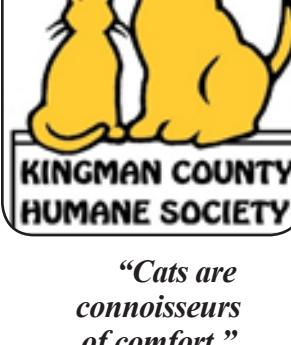
Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Church of Christ in care of the funeral home.



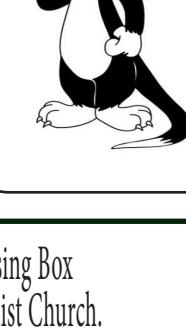
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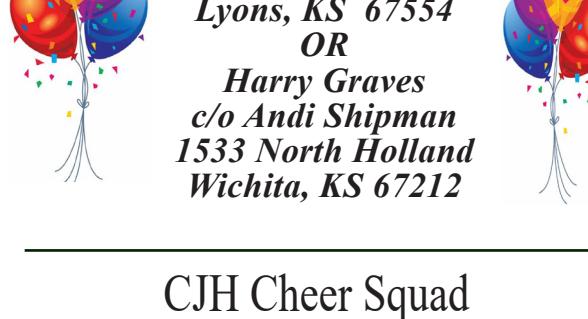


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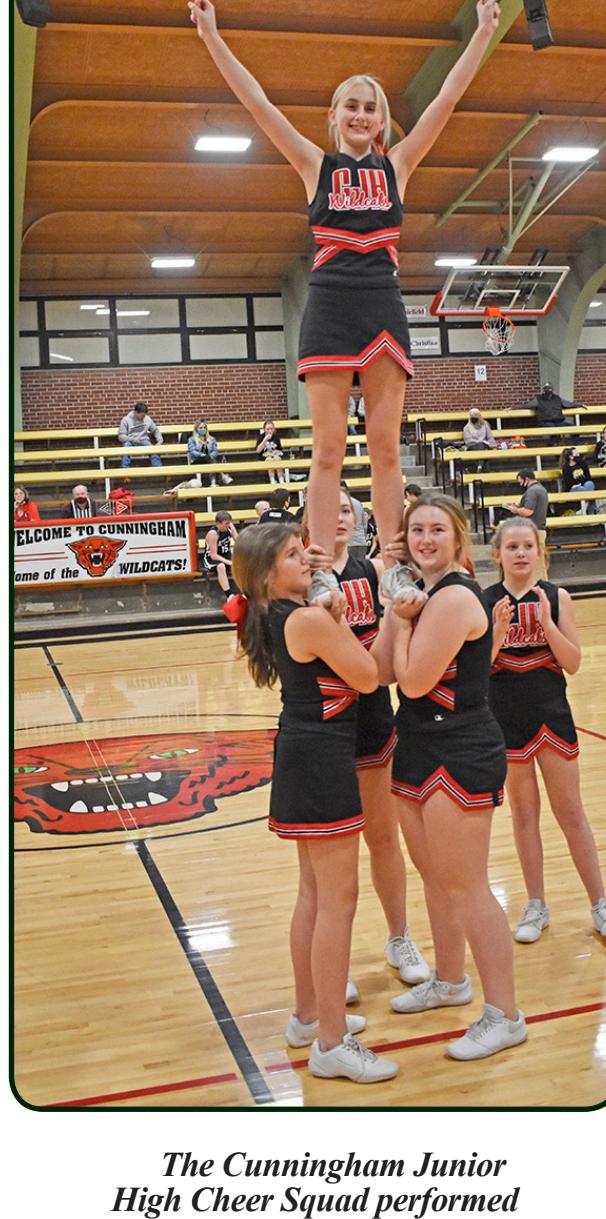
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Boys State of Kansas Taking Registrations for 2021 Session

January 11, 2021 — The American Legion Boys State of Kansas is now taking registrations for its 2021 session. The event is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 6, through Saturday, June 12, at Kansas State University in Manhattan. The program, which was cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, will be in its 83rd year.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for individuals who have completed their junior year of high school.

With last year's cancellation, the ALBSK program is expanding the pool of registrants for this year's session to include those who have completed their senior year of high school (those who missed out on last year's event due to the pandemic), as well as individuals who have completed their sophomore year of high school.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility. Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It's also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

Those wishing to attend the program should visit ksbstate.org to register. In addition, anyone can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys State by going to ksbstate.org and submitting the person's name, mailing address, e-mail address, high school and phone number. You can also submit nominees for future years as well.



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