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Kingman County Commission Minutes August 16, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 16th, 2021. Those present:

Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse.

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch sec-

onded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.
No Comments.

The County Clerk submitted the August 9th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the August 9th, 2021, Commission minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the Law Enforcement Center contractor The Law Company and keeping the retainage until the project is completed.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the contract submitted by Witt O'Briens LLC in the amount of \$95,000.00 to cover through 2024.

Mr. Schott submitted a preliminary agenda for the August 25th, 2021, Initial American Rescue Plan Act Community Meeting.

Commissioners discussed the talking points, intent and goals for this meeting.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

Haviland Telephone to lay cable and install pedestals in Section 33, Township 30, Range 5 (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the July financial reports to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Onyx Seal Coat funding for SE 20 St. with the County Commissioners.

Commissioners agreed to have Hall Brothers Inc look at SE 20th St and see if they can help the road.

Chairman Henning discussed the dilapidated program and the cost of the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the cost of the county landfill is reasonable.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update on COVID for the Commissioners. The vaccine update is 43.16 % of eligible residents (12yrs and up) have completed vaccination series.

Currently 18 active cases, no hospitalizations and 14 total deaths.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a quote from SESAPHONE in the amount of \$1649.12 for wireless monitor for the Refrigerator/Freezer.

Commissioners agreed that the monitor should be ordered for the Refrigerator/Freezer for the vaccines.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the letter received from the Friesen's and decided it was a civil matter and should be handled as such.

Mr. Goetz discussed a property in Belmont and the property has been cleaned up except for a pile of metal.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he sent a letter to David Harbert about joining the Planning/Zoning Commission.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the Sheriff's Department is down two employees.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

Stacey Theis for a solar roof mount in Section 7, Township 28, Range 7.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming Labor Day holiday on September 6th, 2021.

Commissioners agreed to take the meeting on September 6th, 2021 off due to the holiday.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

City Council to Meet August 30 Trash/Water Service on Agenda

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2021 meeting

Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2021 special meeting
Public comments, concerns, & communications

Discussion of ordinance regarding disconnection of trash/water

Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's Report

Cunningham Recreation – lights on the ball field

Estimates for sidewalk access to south shelter house in park

Football field terms of lease

Hands of Hope lease termination Reports

Property Officer

Planning & Zoning

Maintenance

PFAS

Swimming Pool

Animal Control

Financial Report & payment of bills

Adjourn

cunninghamcourier.news Hits 12,000 Viewers Mark

The on-line version of the Cunningham Courier has been active now for over 2 years. Two years and 3 months to be exact. It is a pretty basic website. The newspaper and those from the end of May 2019, are simply put out there for anyone to read. It is a free access site as it doesn't cost much to maintain it. It doesn't cost much time-wise or money-wise.

How successful is the on-line version?

This past week, we hit the 12,000 viewers' mark. I am pretty pleased with the number. I have an on-line subscribers list e-mail that I send out every week. I recently had to begin a second list because the first group hit the maximum number of individuals the program would allow me to send to. It is shared on Facebook every week, and re-shared and re-posted.

I know I have folks around the world who look at it each week. The Cunningham Courier has been viewed on 6 continents (not Antarctica), 20 countries, and 45 states. We do have someone from Germany and the Philippines who have checked in every week just about from the inception of the on-line version. I don't know who they are, I just have a general idea of where they are located. Other countries on the map of viewers who had someone take a look at least once: Canada, Argentina, Kenya, Egypt, Georgia, Ireland, India, France, Russia, Poland,

Ukraine, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Australia, China, Serbia, and Finland.

I believe our community is well-represented. We have a few local businesses advertising, as well as some from out of town. We have the county commission minutes from two counties. We have a lot of news about our youth and schools. We have many photos showing off the best in our area.

I try to keep my paper diverse. I can't include only pictures. I can't include only written articles. I can't just report on school activities. It needs to be a balance. I try to put in information about agriculture and farming, health and safety, and a myriad of other interesting topics.

I am old-school, like many readers, and I prefer to read a print edition paper. Which, I am worried, will eventually go the way of magazines and catalogs. It causes me some worry and many sighs. It seems for every new person who subscribes, I lose two, usually because they have passed away. The paper is a vital part of our community, and I know it is a nice little bit of Cunningham that has been around for decades.

Please consider advertising more, gifting subscriptions, and supporting the paper in anyway possible. Forty-two dollars (\$47,000 out of state) isn't too big a price to pay to keep the paper here in our community.

Special Board of Education Meeting to Discuss Bond Project August 26, 2021 7 p.m.

Call to Order
Approval of Agenda
Guest Recognition
Bond Project Discussion
Executive Session (if needed)
Other
Adjournment



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Provider. They know you and your health history.**

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Friday, August 27th
5th graders band show

HS Football game cancelled

Saturday, August 28th
Robotics Team Kickoff

9:00 a.m.
Inman Volleyball Tournament at Inman

Monday, August 30th
HS Play Auditions

Main Street Singers Audition

Tuesday, August 31st
HS VB vs. Otis-Bison/Stafford at HOME

Thursday, Sept. 2nd
Mentor luncheon in library

JH VB at Central Christian
JH FB at Central Christian

Friday, September 3rd
HS FB vs Rolla at HOME

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day
Federal Holiday
Schools, Banks and Library Closed

Tuesday, September 7th
HS VB with Pretty Prairie & Caldwell at Caldwell



Meanderings

Zenda Public Library is starting a book club. Check out the details on the back page, give serious thought to joining. I love book clubs. I have been a member almost as long as I've been an adult. I wish I had been in one in my youth. I guess Karen and I had a book club of sorts. I remember her recommending books and me recommending books and sharing about the ones we'd read.

I belonged to a book club when I lived in Wichita and Belle Plaine and Derby. I belong to the book club here in town. I have joined to a handful of book clubs

on-line. Lots of different folks on those. It's great. Unfortunately, belonging to book clubs just makes my life's reading list longer. For every book I read, it seems three more pop up that I WANT to read. Life is hard when one is a reading addict.

Get yourself signed up!

Where were you last Wednesday? WE had a very good speaker here in town. The library sponsored Ron Wilson to speak to our community members about growing our community. The audience certainly should have had community leaders and others there to listen to him speak about entrepreneurs living and inventing and business-ing in rural Kansas.

Dave and Kerri have an article in the paper about the event. It was well worth the time we spent there. Please be sure to keep September 11 in mind as that is the

next available presentation on making our small town a thriving community.

I received email today: "Be informed that you have been appointed as the next of kin to your deceased relative estate. Indicate your acceptance by provide your current home or office address and telephone number. Best regards, Dave Morrison T-4 Consultant"

I copied it right from the message. I know everyone noticed the poor grammar; which in turn leads you to the conclusion "SCAM!"

Because I am a curious sort, I googled "T-4 Consultants". I got 63,000,000 hits. I picked the first one on the lengthy list. There is much to learn out there, and this is one way to do some learning.

The first hit read: "T4 Consultants, LLC was founded to help the United States Strategic Weapons Enterprise with

seasoned consultants having broad experience in the Nuclear Security Enterprise. We address challenges that are difficult, complex, and sometimes arcane."

I am pretty sure these folks didn't send the email, unless their nuclear work killed my "deceased relative". I checked through a few more, but nothing showed up with such glaringly obvious grammar errors. They need to use their grammar check or subscriber to 'Grammarly'.

Darn scammers. They need to get real jobs.

Always reading and currently reading, "Dreamhunter" by Elizabeth Knox, Roberta

"The basis of any scam is telling people what they want to hear. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

— Lee Child, Jack Reacher's Rules

"How did it get so late so soon?"
— Dr. Seuss

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

Zenda Public Library
Monday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791

Kingman Carnegie Library
620-532-3061
Mon.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Satu.: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041



The Old Yellow School Bus

Saturday morning after Steve Schreck's memorial service three former bus mates and I gathered for a short chat. Even though we didn't talk about riding the school bus together all those years ago, it was certainly on my mind! Terri (Simonson) Simon and her sister, Jane (Simonson) Adelhardt were first cousins of Steve's. Paula (Parks) and Terri, as well as my husband Russ, Greg Kerschen, and Darrel Mertens, were all classmates of Steve's who attended the service to pay tribute to Steve and his family members.

The gathering of old friends and bus mates brought back memories of school days gone by! Riding a school bus was certainly an adventure in its own right. There was a "bus culture" that is a little hard to put into words! Oh, sure there were ornery older boys, sweet and innocent kindergartners, classmates, neighbors, and friends. Throughout our school days, there were many, many ordinary mornings and evenings. The older kids looked after the younger ones, and we all respected Mr. Rohr, our bus driver. Mixed in with ordinary events were the extraordinary, like the bus almost getting stuck, or having to drive through a pasture because the bridge was out, or an occasional glimpse of a deer or 10, a fox, or coyote, or bald

eagle (yes there was and currently are sightings close to Cairo!)

Or for us "country kids", who can remember having that last 15 or 20 minutes of cramming for a test on the way to school? I remember having a writing assignment due one morning in the sixth grade. I hadn't even started it until I got on the bus one particular morning. After crossing the bumpy railroad tracks, I was inspired to write a short essay on the train that chugged down the tracks in our neck of the woods. My teacher, Mrs. Cross, told me that that was my best writing to date! I didn't tell her that it was written on the bus that very morning! I am a self-avowed procrastinator and probably always will be! Or as someone once told me, "I'm not a procrastinator, I just work

best under pressure!"

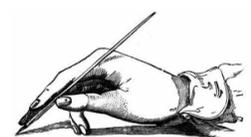
From the bus window we not only watched the seasons change, but younger siblings grow up and join us, while older students graduated or got their own cars to drive themselves to school. Monday mornings were always a challenge to get up and eat, get dressed, gather everything needed for school and get out the door promptly; the bus was nearly silent. Friday afternoons were much more relaxed! The bus was buzzing with conversations of plans for the weekend and a whole two days off from school! There were episodes of The Brady Bunch and The Partridge Family to watch when I was in grade school, ballgames to watch and cheer for in high school!

Through the years I rode the bus with so

many children from so many families! Students with the last name of Hageman, Elliott, Parks, Shelman, Fitzsimmons, Osner, Simonson, Cantwell, Kudiss, Dupee, Spade, and Parsons come to mind. They all became like family, we spent so much time together! In my mind I can still hear the bus door open and Mr. Rohr's, "good mornings" and "goodbyes." The last day of school before Christmas vacation the bus would stop at Mr. Thornhill's Fina station and Mr. Rohr would treat us all to a bottle of pop, flavor of our choice!

With school starting, I hope some of you "country kids" young and old are reminiscing about riding that old yellow school bus of our youth!

Blessings to all,
Karen Cornelius Eck



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 2

By Beth Blasi 2021
Well, we survived 2019 – now on to 2020! 2020 – Ductal Papilloma, Pandemic
Ductal Papilloma
Once again, it was time for my annual checkups. Scary thing happened, though. My nipple discharge had turned from creamy colored to brownish/bloody color which really had

me concerned. I had my Primary Care visit which was pretty much routine but we covered a few things: labs were all good, doc decided I could do the Cologuard (poop-in-a-box) instead of a colonoscopy (hur- ray!), and thought I should do a home sleep test since my husband was tired of my snoring and that would be a first step to determine if we needed to check out anything else. When asked about my nipple discharge, the doc explained that sometimes breast ducts can get clogged and that the mammograms should sort that all out. Cardiologist checkup also all okay – no changes in medications. However, once at my normal mammogram place, they said that with the discharge, they couldn't do the mammogram there and that I needed to go to a different location where they could do more specialized mammograms. So, another mammogram was scheduled. I just love making multiple trips to Wichita – ha ha! Talk about an ex-

perience! They did a little different type of mammogram but that still involved the typical squishing. Of course, a lump/mass of some type was found and they followed up with a sonogram. Since there was some discharge apparently caused by this lump, they wanted to inject some dye into the duct that had the discharge so they could better follow/see what was going on. Since it was late in the day, they asked if I could come back the next day. So, home and back. This dye injection process was inserting a needle into the duct in the nipple (that's a pretty teeny, tiny place to be inserting anything!!). I believe I fainted during that process but at least they could finish the procedure without me gritting my teeth or screaming. Another couple mammogram pictures and sonogram, and then a fun biopsy. They explained that sometimes a duct gets clogged and causes this discharge but we needed to take a biopsy to determine if we were

dealing with cancer.

I tried not to watch what they were doing but I think the biopsy tool had to look like a gun – at least it acted like one which I'll explain in a bit. They deadened a small area of my breast where they planned to insert the biopsy tool. Then, they used the sonogram to help to guide the tool (I was able to watch the sonogram screen while this went on). Once they found the lump, they "shot" through the lump 3 times to get the samples (thus the "gun"). Then they inserted a "clip" to make it easier for the surgeon to locate the lump. My breast had a lovely bruise for a while. Now, a wait for the pathology which took a day or two. Fortunately, the biopsy results were benign and it was diagnosed as a ductal papilloma which needed to be surgically removed. I met with a breast surgeon and a late March date was set for the surgery (basically a lumpectomy).

Vacation and Pandemic

We returned from our "fun-and-sun" trip to Jamaica in February with my brothers and cousins just before Covid-19 travel restrictions were put in place. We were able to sneak to Missouri for our grand-daughter's first birthday as Covid-19 implications and restrictions were becoming more real around the country. I completed my home sleep test and it was determined I had a slight apnea worth a CPAP machine. My CPAP was finally delivered and set up in late April and my husband was glad for the extra sleep he was now getting even though it took a bit for me to get used to it. I also completed my "poop-in-a-box" which came back that all was well. With medical supplies and procedures being an issue and the spread of Covid a concern, my surgeon gave me the option of delaying my breast surgery. We set a late May surgery date.

Next Week – Surgery and more of 2020!

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Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX

50 For 50
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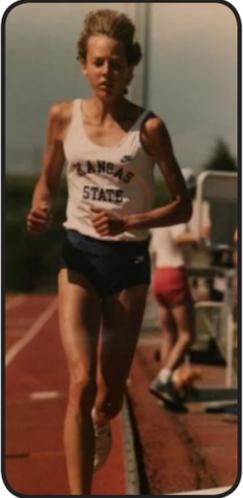
“Jacque was extremely talented, but she was also extremely motivated. And she was just a fantastic person. She worked so hard to do her best, and because everyone looked up to her, that brought out the best in all the kids around her.”

50 For 50:

Jacque Struckhoff - Grinnell

By Diane Gasper-O'Brien

The mid- to late-1970s were a prime time for young female athletes who had yearned for years to participate competitively for their high schools. Girls were starting to benefit greatly from Title IX – a federal law that provided equal athletic opportunities for boys and girls - and it was a great time to be a Grinnell Warrior.



Led by a strong group of multi-sport competitors, Grinnell High School excelled in girls' athletics for several years. And most folks in this small northwest town of about 300 can point to one name that stood out

among all the rest.

By the time she was a sophomore, Jacque (Struckhoff) Stedman had become a household name for local and area competitors, and it would soon spread across the state as she helped lead Warrior volleyball, basketball and track teams to state titles.

Struckhoff, who is now married and goes by Stedman, also excelled in other activities and was the epitome of a student-athlete from 1979-83. A straight-A student, she was valedictorian of her senior class of 26. She was a member of the school's Scholars Bowl team, the pep club and student council.

“Jacque was good at everything she did, but she also worked hard at everything she did,” classmate Bev (Heier) Birney said. “She was a great role model.”

Birney, a standout multi-sport athlete in her own right, remembered Jacque playing the trap set in the pep band at a time when most bands featured male drummers.

“She was phenomenal at the drums, and she was an incredible artist, too,” Birney said. “I can't think of anything she ever failed at.”

Stedman admits there were times she might not have been as confident as

it seemed.

The quiet, unassuming farm girl – the second of six siblings – well remembers the angst of having to make a decision where to attend college. What's a small-town girl from rural Kansas to do when Division I Kansas State University comes calling?

K-State wanted Stedman to bring her talents across the state and run cross country and track for the

Wildcats. Thing is, Stedman loved team sports –specifically volleyball and basketball - and she had the chance to play both at the junior college level.

Stedman ultimately chose K-State, went on to earn All-America honors four times in cross country and track, and even qualified for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 10,000-meter run.

In reminiscing about her storied career, Stedman credits her teammates, coaches, family and community – and all those athletes who went before her back home – for contributing to her success.

“Grinnell had great volleyball teams as long as I can remember,” Stedman said. “There were always a lot of talented girls who had great work ethic. We cer-

tainly looked up to the high school girls when we were in seventh and eighth grade.”

Once Stedman and her friends reached high school, they knew it was their turn to represent Grinnell to the best of their abilities, and they took that responsibility seriously.

The early '80s rank as the best in a highly successful history for Grinnell girls' athletics.

After finishing third in 1980, Warrior volleyball teams won back-to-back titles Jacque's junior and senior years. GHS basketball teams claimed second- and third-place state finishes those same two years when Stedman played key roles for the Warriors.

“Jacque was extremely talented, but she was also extremely motivated,” said Peggy Moore, head volleyball coach and assistant track coach during Stedman's GHS career. “And she was just a fantastic person. She worked so hard to do her best, and because everyone looked up to her, that brought out the best in all the kids around her.”

Stedman might have saved her best for the spring seasons. She qualified for state in track as a sophomore in 1981, when Grinnell placed second in team standings. But the best was yet to come.

Stedman's junior year, a new coach for the Warriors – distance guru Larry Morel – talked her into trying distance racing in track. (Morel had guided the girls' cross country team to its fourth straight state title in the fall.) Up to that point, Stedman's longest race was the 400 meters.

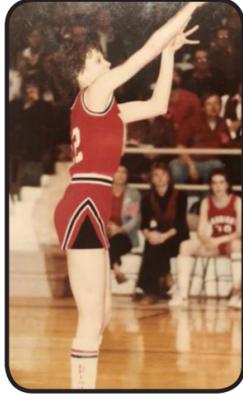
The switch proved golden for Jacque - several times over.

“I was up for the longer distances because I liked to run, to put in the

miles,” Stedman said. “It's a gift I guess. But it was a lot of hard work, too. Nothing comes easily without working hard.”

Stedman took advantage of that gift of athleticism. She went on to set Class 1A state track meet records in the 800 and 1,600 her junior year.

As a senior, she set another state meet record in the 3,200. Her



times of 5:02.8 in the 1,600 and 10:57.3 in the 3,200 are marks that still stand today. She also ran on winning relay teams to lead the Warriors to team titles both years, then took off for Kansas State.

Now a mother of three, Stedman makes her home in Oklahoma with her husband, Scott. She still returns to the Kansas state track and field meet occasionally. After standing atop the awards stand so many times as an athlete, Stedman was front and center again at this year's Class 2A and 1A state meet in Wichita – as an inductee into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

“That was a real honor; there have been so many great performances and athletes in the state over the years,” she said. “I owe an awful lot to a

lot of people for encouraging and supporting me.”

Moore, for one, wasn't surprised at Stedman's reaction to being named a Hall of Famer. “She was successful in a lot of things, but she was very humble,” Moore said. “She was one of those who don't come along very often.”

Birney said she feels blessed to have gotten to compete with Stedman, a childhood friend who she still keeps in touch with today.

“All the things that Jacque accomplished, you would never know it talking to her,” Birney said. “She was a very quiet leader, and she made us all better in her own quiet way.”



We are grateful to partner with WIN for KC, an organization with the mission to empower the lives of girls and women by advocating and promoting the lifetime value of sports through opportunities for participation and leadership development. WIN for KC and the KSHSAA believe involvement in activities

and sports lay the ground work for supporting well-rounded citizens in our communities and beyond. For more on WIN for KC visit: <https://www.sportkc.org/win-for-kc>

Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural: Shannon Martin, Burford Theatre

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

“Welcome to my imagination.”

That sign is displayed on the desk of a creative person who manages a theater in small town Kansas, as she imagines how to engage more people in the arts.

Shannon Martin is the director of the Burford Theatre and Ark City Area Arts Council in Arkansas City. Her desk sports the sign, “Welcome to my imagination.”

Shannon went to high school in Iola and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Pittsburg State. She is the mother to four sons: Micah, Riley, Wyatt, and Wade.

Shannon Martin, Burford Theatre Shannon and her husband Grady now live in eastern Cowley County. Grady works for General Electric and runs a cow-



operation. Their historic farm home, stone barn and rental cabins are near the rural community of Dexter, population 278 people. Now, that's rural.

At right: Shannon Martin

In 2017, Shannon took the position as director of the Ark City Area Arts Council and director of the historic Burford Theatre in downtown Arkansas City.

The Burford Theatre was built in 1924. It is named for J. R. Burford, who joined other leading citizens of Ark City in deciding that the community needed a theater. The theater was designed by a Kansas City-based architectural firm

called the Boller Brothers that specialized in theatrical buildings and is said to have designed or consulted on the design of more than 300 theaters in the Midwest and west coast.

“There are two trademarks of a Boller Brothers theater,” Shannon said. “One is stained glass medallions in the ceiling, and the other is that the balconies are built with huge steel beams underneath so that there are no columns in the balcony to block the view.” In the case of the Burford, the medallions are in a beautiful sunflower design. The interior of the Burford Theatre itself was designed with

a Spanish renaissance theme.

The Burford opened on September 15, 1924 with a silent movie called “The Perfect Flapper.” The silent movies were succeeded by the “talkies,” along with vaudeville shows in the early years. One live performer was Ginger Rogers, for example.

The Burford continued as a movie theater until the early 2000s, when a new multiplex movie theater was built north of town. At that time, the owners donated the Burford to the Ark City Area Arts Council. Local citizens had the dream of restoring the Burford to its original elegant design.

“The restoration took ten years and \$10 million,” Shannon said. Today, the theater is beautiful and meticulously restored.

An interesting tradition is found in the dressing room where early performers signed the wall panels. Among the preserved signatures are the Allard Sisters, identified as NY, NY 1928. Another signature is from a dancer who wrote that

she danced in the Follies of 1929.

These historic panels have been preserved, and new panels added where modern day performers can sign. Those include many artists such as Ned LeDoux, Jim Stafford, and Joe Diffie, who performed on this stage one month before he passed away in 2020.

The theater is kept extremely busy with live performances, school plays, community theater, kids camps and special events such as weddings, reunions, and holiday parties.

“The Burford is for everyone, for all ages,” Shannon said. “We offer diversity and a wide variety of events, from country music to jazz to gospel. My goal is that the theater would be clean and comfortable with great sound, and that the staff is friendly and professional.”

“It's a hidden gem. I want people to come in and see what's behind the marquee.”

“I'm always thinking about ways to engage more people and get them into the theater and ex-

pose them to the arts,” Shannon said. This led a friend to get her the desk sign saying “Welcome to my imagination.”

For more information, see www.burfordtheatre.com.

We commend Shannon Martin and the donors and volunteers of the Burford Theatre who are making a difference with their commitment to community and to the arts. The Burford is using the performing arts to revitalize the downtown community. Imagine that.

The mission of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development is to enhance rural development by helping rural people help themselves. The Kansas Profile radio series and columns are produced with assistance from the K-State Research and Extension Department of Communications News Media Services unit. A photo of Ron Wilson is available at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/sty/RonWilson.htm>. Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at <http://www.kansasprofile.com>. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit <http://www.huckboydinstitute.org>.

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



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in the rear of the bank will be converted into two offices.

The re-modeling project is expected to start in about six weeks. Hankammer Bank Designers and Equipment Company of Pittsburg, is the architect.

A projected picture of the project is on display in the bank lobby.

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August 26- The Cunningham Merchants men's slo-pitch softball team and their wives and-or girl friends, enjoyed a steak dinner at Mary's Café, Monday evening, compliments of The First National Bank of Cunningham.

The Merchants had a most successful season, winning 34 games and losing 12, and collecting

six trophies.

Cunningham's surfaced streets received a new coat of oil seal and chat by the Kingman County Highway Department, Monday, and it really improved the appearance and condition of the streets.

City Clerk Jack Meyers says he expects the "tab" to be between \$1,700 and \$2,000.

A deletion in the legal publications of Cunningham's bond election to build and equip a swimming pool has caused a postponement of the bond election almost a month.

The bond election was originally scheduled to be held next Tuesday, Aug. 31, but has been postponed until Tuesday,

Sept. 28.

Cunningham City Attorney Robert Wunsch, who is also Kingman County Attorney, explained that a recent Kansas Supreme Court decision now makes it necessary to add the total cost of a bond election, and from where the matching federal funds come from, to the bond election notice.

Cunningham citizens are voting on a proposed bond issue not to exceed \$36,000, with matching federal funds, not exceeding a total of \$72,000. The federal money, \$36,000, will come from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

The Kansas Supreme Court decision stemmed from a recent hospital bond election at Kinsley. The issue passed but the election was declared void because the legal publications failed to include all the legal wordage. City officials here decided to postpone the bond election, and do it right from "scratch," rather than risk a similar court decision.

The notice, published in the last three issues of The Clipper, along with Ordinance No. 203, failed to have the complete legal data.

Ordinance No. 204, published in this week's issue of The Clipper, repeals Ordinance No. 203, and includes all the legal wordage.



Kingman County Health Update

August 19, 2021
We now have under 10 active COVID-19 cases with no hospitalizations or additional deaths.

There has been much media coverage about additional mRNA COVID-19 (Moderna and Pfizer) vaccines needed, first for the moderately/severely immunocompromised, then just yesterday for booster doses for anyone else available after September 20.

There are still many details to be clarified before a 3rd mRNA vaccine dose is generally available. Until we receive formal guidance, there is NO SET DATE when booster vaccines will be available to anyone not moderately or severely

immunocompromised.

Until then, 3rd doses will be available for those who have diagnosed immunosuppression:

Active treatment for solid tumor or hematologic malignancies

Receipt of solid-organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive therapy

Receipt of CAR-T-cell or hematopoietic stem cell transplant (within 2 years of transplantation or taking immunosuppression therapy)

Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (for example: DiGeorge, Wiskott-Aldrich syndromes)

Advanced or untreated HIV infection

Active treatment with high-dose cortico-

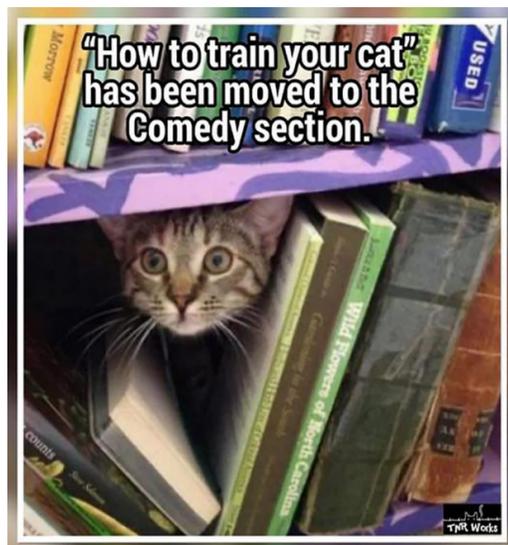
steroids (i.e., > 20mg prednisone or equivalent per day), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, TNF blockers, and other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory.

No additional doses are recommended for people initially receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at this time.

We are available to help get people updated on all vaccines needed.

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"I meant," said Ipslore bitterly, "what is there in this world that truly makes living worthwhile?" Death thought about it. CATS, he said eventually. CATS ARE NICE."
— Terry Pratchett, *Sourcery*

I saw this cute little meme on Facebook a week or so ago. It tickled me. Some cats are such intelligent little creatures... and some aren't.

I had a kitty once (found in a park in Derby) who fetched. I don't know who trained Gracie, or if it was just a knack she had.

If I threw a little kitty-sized orb, she'd give a chirp and fetch it. I would even toss them behind the bed or a dresser, and she always knew how to get to it, and she always returned it.

It really was adorable and fun to watch her try to figure out how to get behind the dresser.



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“The Power of One” Kay Leadership Camp 2021

158 student leaders from across the state of Kansas gathered at Rock Springs 4-H Center, Junction City, July 26-30, for a ‘Superfantastic’ session of KAY (Kansas Association for Youth) Leadership Camp. The KAY program is a character-building, leadership-training, service organization direct by the Kansas State High School Activities Association and is designed for all students in grades 6 – 12.

KAY is a nationally acclaimed organization unique to Kansas which provides Kansas students an opportunity to as-

sume their citizenship responsibilities and enrich their personalities through well-organized programs. These programs educate and inspire the members into carefully planned service projects which emphasize four areas: school, community, nation and world.

At KAY leadership Camp (DLC) student leaders representing their KAY organizations, receive organizational and leadership training and learn about new and exciting service projects. They are given the opportunity to meet and share ideas with hundreds of KAY members from all over the state. Activities during the week include team and mascot meetings, leadership labs,

special interest options, creative projects, house service projects, and recreational activities. Each evening includes a special activity for campers and staff. In addition, special sessions were conducted to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the KAY program.

The camp theme this summer was “The Power of One.” At KLC, campers were provided a memorable time as they discovered their potential to make a difference as well as the rewards in serving others. Student campers had the opportunity to develop lifetime leadership skills, make lasting friendships across the state, experience a sense of responsibility and pride as they serve and develop an attitude of

doing for others because this the right thing to do.

A great deal of spirit, motivation, and enthusiasm was generated from this time together. Campers return to their clubs with a better understanding of their individual potential the KAY organization. They realize that as an active leader in their club, “Yes I Can” truly make a difference with their “I Get To” attitude.

Kay student leader from Cunningham High School attending KAY Leadership Camp this summer was Taylor Schultz. The CHS KAY Club sponsor is Mrs. Rebecca Huelskamp.



Taylor Schultz displays her Cunningham pride at KAYS camp.

Successful BC Kickoff

Despite the 100 degree temps, our Booster Club back-to-school event and membership drive was well attended last Friday, 8/20. All children, all Booster Club members, and all USD 332 employees/spouses enjoyed a free hamburger/hot dog feed. An estimated 210 people were served! Families were spread out all over the park participating in the cake walk, watching or playing sand volleyball, ultimate frisbee, basketball, or using the playground equipment. Our community is so fortunate to have a top-notch, beautiful park with awesome facilities.

Several of our new faculty members spoke and our high school fall sports coaches discussed their bright seasons ahead! The evening wrapped up with free swimming donated by the City of Cunningham. Probably the highlight for the night was the pie-in-the-face

contest! Attendees voted and the “winners” were two fun-loving coaches –Eric Kerschen and Ariel Haskin! Our kids are so fortunate that these coaches were willing to sacrifice themselves as the entertainment.

Booster Club members received free raffle tickets during the sign-up process. Three lucky individuals won insulated Booster Club cups – Aimee Ogg, Savannah Thimesch, and Katie Hellman. Two of our members received \$40 towards our new line-up of spirit gear, which is coming soon – Monte Rose and Phil Hellman. Lastly, the coveted parking spot was won by Tosha King.

If you were not able to sign up for Booster Club at the Kickoff, we still hope to have you join. Dues are \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a couple. My most frequently asked question regarding Booster Club is, “What do I have to do if I join?” The answer is

– NOTHING! Honestly, we use our membership dues to attempt to benefit as many school kids as possible and we cover all ages and all clubs with some means of support. There will be opportunities to additionally volunteer within Booster Club. For example, we will probably be asking for cookie donations for the “5th Quarters”, which are high school student gatherings after the home football games. But when those requests are made, they are filled quickly by those that have the time to help.

Besides the tremendous benefit of knowing you are supporting Cunningham youth, all Booster Club members will have free admittance to the last home game for high school sports. These dates are October 5 for volleyball, October 14 for football, and February 22 for basketball. Booster Club members are listed in the programs at these games. If you have any questions about Booster

Club, you may contact me at 620-491-0997. Membership dues can be mailed to me at 2655 SW 120 Ave, Cunningham, KS, 67035 or can be simply dropped off at the school office if you would still like to join.

By Judy DeWeese

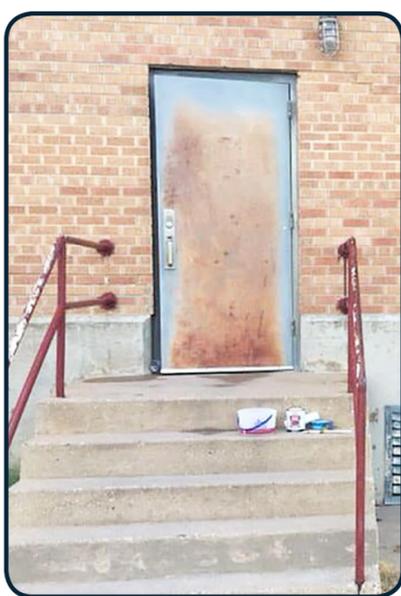
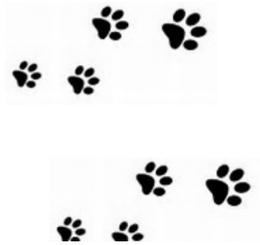
photo by Nicole Kerschen



Isaiah Reed pied-in-the-face Coach Eric Kerschen.



HS Volleyball Coach Ariel Haskin was a good sport and participated in the pie-in-the face event. Ms. Haskin is a new teacher at CHS.



The Door Again!

I received this correction from Judy DeWeese this week. I knew there was something of the information that may not be accurate. I was right! The door does look wonderful! the editor

Last week you put a photo of the newly-painted east gym door in the paper. You obtained your photo from the post I made for the Booster Club Facebook page. RENEE Ruckle is responsible, not Jackie Ruckle. Renee has an eye for finding small ways to make a big impact. She is super talented with vinyl art and has devoted countless hours every year making vinyl signs used in the school and to decorating the school windows with each year’s theme. This year, they have a nautical theme and Renee has adorned the office windows with a “school” of fish numbering around 150! It is so cute!!



Teams Gathered to Celebrate New Sports Season



The Cunningham High School Volleyball Team and the Junior High Football recently gathered at the home of Barb and Tim Schultz for a back school movie nights. The girls viewed “Miracle Season” The boys watched “Facing the Giants.”



photos by Barb Schultz

Cunningham Students are Off and Learning! Open House 2021



Pratt County Commission Meeting

August 16th 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Thomas W. Jones III was absent but there is a quorum. Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune, Chase Galle, Ryan Lunt and Doug Reh by phone, public building commission board members.

Tyson Eisenhauer,

county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over Zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Chase Galle, president, public building commission called their meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Ryan Lunt, secretary, read the minutes from June 7, 2021. Minutes approved.

Kevin Cowan, Gilmore and Bell, is on Zoom presenting documents for signatures and explaining the procedure for the refinancing of bonds for PRMC through the public building commission. Explained the resolution and closing documents being presented and signed. This will amount to a savings of \$1.3 million over the

course of the bonds.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor stated the parcel of the PRRC property was removed from this refinancing bond. Commissioner Adams verifying the parcels, lots 1-4 block 4, north of PRRC is not included. Kevin verified it is excluded. Commissioner Adams questioned the original agreement that sales tax would pay county share and PRMC would pay their own share. 2012 new improvement at PRMC paid with sales tax.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated the public building commission will need to approve their resolution. He read the public building commissioner resolution 08-16-21 to be approved. Chase made a motion to approve resolution 08-

16-21 authorizing the refinancing bonds series 2021 b bonds. Ryan seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The county resolution 08-16-21 was read by Tyson Eisenhauer. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution 08-16-21 authorizing the refinancing bonds series 2021 B. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Documents presented for signatures.

Chase, public building commission, made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm Ryan seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Tiffany Ailstock, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve minutes from August 9, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion car-

ried 2-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Varney & Associates \$16,100.00 for the audit, and \$4,500.00 for budget assistance for a total of \$20,600.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded.

Change order #2, from Farha Construction commissioner Adams made a motion to approve \$7,779.56 to add Lexan to the jail windows for payment. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman in the amount of \$347,820.30. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn

into executive session for fifteen minutes for attorney/client matter at 3:35 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 pm with nothing to report. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment vouchers for August 16, 2021. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned.

Money Tip for Students

Online security can help protect you from cyber thieves

Students should be aware of the financial risks that accompany their social media activity, according to KHEAA. Each new social media

platform — Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and whatever else is on the way — unfortunately presents criminals with the opportunity to steal from unsuspecting people. Students should be especially cautious of any unsolicited messages asking them to open a file or click on a link. Criminals exploit

vulnerabilities in social media software and hope that users won't realize that they're being phished. One of the most common ways is to send a link to what appears to be a legitimate website. Never click on a link without first ensuring it's real by checking with the company that is the supposed sender.

KHEAA also advises social media users to be wary of any kind of online survey that asks them to fill out a long list of information, such as their favorite car or where they were born. The answers can give scam artists all they need to steal someone's identity.

KHEAA is a public,

non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

The agency also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA.

For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit www.advantageeducation-loan.com.

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Why Now is the Time to Schedule That Check-Up or Screening

(StatePoint) If you haven't visited your phy-

sician since the start of the pandemic, medical experts say that the time is now to book check-ups and screenings for the entire family.

"The pandemic has had wide-scale negative health consequences beyond COVID-19. Many Americans have de-

layed important routine health services critical to keeping them healthy, including vital pediatric immunizations and preventive cancer screenings. Prevention is the best cure, so it's important to get your health back on track today," says Gerald E. Harmon,

M.D., American Medical Association (AMA) president.

With school beginning and the cool weather months ahead, the AMA urges Americans to call their physician's office to learn if they are due for preventive care or screenings.

SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN...

Cancer screenings are still lagging:

725K The estimated combined total of missed breast, colon and cervical cancer screenings from March 2020 - March 2021



Preventive cancer screenings can catch cancer early to keep people healthy.

+10,000 Projected excess deaths in 2021-2022 due to breast and colorectal cancers alone.



While mental health screenings via digital health tools are up, routine care for mental health is down as the impact on mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened.

52% Adults with mental health conditions who delayed/forewent care since pandemic started.

41%

About 4 in 10 adults with one or more chronic health conditions reported delaying or forgoing health care since pandemic started.



Pediatric immunizations decreased, putting our youngest and most vulnerable at risk of health complications. Well-child visits and recommended vaccinations are essential and help make sure children stay healthy and are protected from serious diseases.

14%

The drop in vaccine ordering data in 2020-21 compared to 2019.



1 in 3 adults reporting delayed or forgone health care reported doing so worsened one or more of their health conditions or limited their abilities to work or perform other daily activities.

Adolescent and adult immunizations sharply declined during the pandemic.

An estimated **26M recommended vaccinations were missed** in 2020 compared to 2019.

20%

The drop in Measles vaccine ordering data 2020-21 compared to 2019.

CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU ARE DUE FOR PREVENTIVE CARE OR SCREENINGS.

Screenings, tests and preventive health measures are designed to keep you healthy and to help your doctor catch certain conditions before they become more serious.



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— Audrey Hepburn

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It Takes a Village to End Human Trafficking

By Mara Vanderslice Kelly

Human trafficking is the act of compelling someone into work or commercial sex through force, fraud, or coercion. It is illegal everywhere but happens every day in big cities and small towns across the United States.

Human trafficking takes many forms: A foster care youth forced into commercial sex work by someone pretending to be her "boyfriend;" a migrant locked in a house, compelled to cook and clean; a man with a mental health disability laboring in a poultry processing plant for no pay. It

occurs across oceans and in our own backyards.

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion a year industry. There are more than 40 million victims worldwide -- including many in the United States. The National Human Trafficking Hotline recorded 11,500 domestic cases in 2019.

And those were just the reported cases. Many more are never brought to light.

Sadly, marginalized communities -- including people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, undocumented immigrants, and survivors of abuse -- are more likely to become victims. Studies estimate that 40% of U.S. sex trafficking victims are Black Americans and over 60% of labor trafficking vic-

tims are Hispanic.

There is no silver bullet to end human trafficking, and it won't happen overnight. However, a concerted effort from all levels of society to combat this evil is our best hope to end it.

When communities come together, we can develop a comprehensive response. United Way is proud to leverage our network of more than 1,000 United Ways in 40 countries to identify and support local stakeholders in the fight against trafficking. By mobilizing individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofit organizations, our Center to Combat Human Trafficking helps coordinate efforts to end this systemic injustice.

This comprehensive

approach is being piloted in cities across the country, from Las Vegas to Atlanta. Each program is designed to address each community's unique challenges, from child abuse to poverty to homelessness.

Companies can work to educate their employees and marshal donations toward projects dedicated to combatting trafficking. Many employees at UPS, for instance, are trained to spot signs of trafficking on their daily routes. UPS employees have given millions of dollars to anti-trafficking efforts led by United Way's Center.

Additionally, business leaders can strive to employ survivors of trafficking. Secure employment and financial sta-

bility help reduce one's risk of being trafficked again. Employing survivors may require more inclusive hiring practices, like not automatically disqualifying those with criminal records. As one advisor at the Human Trafficking Legal Center explains, trafficking victims are often "arrested and prosecuted for their traffickers' crimes."

Individuals can support anti-human trafficking initiatives by considering their purchasing choices. Consumers can look for signs of sex and labor trafficking in stores, salons, hotels, and restaurants. They can research whether brands employ responsible sourcing practices in their supply chains.

Concerned voters

have immense influence to wield, too. Congress will soon reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which was first passed in 2000 to prosecute traffickers and support survivors. Americans can call their representatives and urge them to pass this legislation and fund anti-trafficking efforts.

Every day, our lives intersect with this issue through the products we purchase, the systems we perpetuate, and people we pass on the street. Each of us has the opportunity and ability to combat human trafficking. United, we can end it.

Mara Vanderslice Kelly is the Executive Director of the United Way Center to Combat Human Trafficking.



Wheat Scoop: Kansas Wheat Rx to Provide Farmers With Latest Research For High-Yielding and High-Quality Wheat

Kansas Wheat and K-State Research and Extension have announced Wheat Rx, a new program to disseminate to Kansas wheat farmers the latest research recommendations for producing high-yielding

and high-quality wheat. Wheat Rx is a series of Extension publications and other educational outreach materials designed to address key management areas of hard winter wheat. These publications contain recent data based on novel research funded in part by wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat Commission's two-cent wheat assessment.

"Kansas Wheat Rx is a combination of suggested management practices for economical and sustainable production of high-quality and high-yielding wheat in Kansas," said Aaron Harries, vice president of research and operations for Kansas

Wheat. "Over the past five years, the Kansas Wheat Commission has made it a priority to focus research investments on elevating the overall quality of the Kansas wheat crop. While the extreme weather in Kansas certainly has a major effect on the quality of each wheat crop, there are certain practices and tools that farmers can use to improve quality."

K-State Research and Extension wheat and forages production specialist Romulo Lollato is coordinating the Wheat Rx program through K-State. Lollato has also been the lead researcher on several projects that past few years that have focused on intensive

management practices for wheat. Results from this research will be part of the Wheat Rx series. Lollato has also collected data from hundreds of commercial wheat fields directly from farmers across Kansas to evaluate the management practices common to top-tier wheat producers.

"In the last five years, we have learned a lot about the yield potential of wheat in Kansas as well as how to manage the crop to reach its economical optimum," said Romulo Lollato. "In several projects, we also evaluated how management and variety selection impact the end use properties of wheat. In this series of Extension

materials, we will compile results from the latest research, both on small plots and at the commercial field level, to educate our growers on how to maximize their profitability through management of yield and quality of their wheat crop."

The first in the series of Wheat Rx publications, "Wheat Variety Selection," can be found on the Kansas Wheat website at www.kswheat.com/wheatrx. Each publication will be two to four pages in length and will focus on a specific wheat production topic. More publications in the series will be released by K-State on an ongoing basis, including updates to existing pub-

lications as new research data becomes available. Accompanying videos will also be produced for several of the topics.

"Wheat varieties with preferred quality genetic potential, certified seed, advanced agronomics and soil health are all components of a prescription to raise the highest-quality winter wheat in the world," said Harries. "The global marketplace for wheat has become much more competitive in the last decade. Kansas farmers must continue their track record of innovation and technology adoption to lead the world as the Wheat State."

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Traffic stops	4
Traffic complaint	9000 block W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Non-injury accident	100 block W. A Ave, Kingman
Theft	200 block S. Main St. Spivey

Monday, August 16, 2021

Traffic Stops	3
Burglary	400 block S Parkway St. Norwich
Irrigation/watering road	3500 block SE 50 St. Kingman
Non-injury accident	300 block NW 50 Ave. Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	600 block N Spruce St. Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	2000 block N Chariton St. Kingman

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Traffic stops	5
Traffic complaint	SW 170 Ave & SW 20 St. area Cunningham
Traffic complaint	NW 110 Ave & W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	E. Hwy 54 & NE 50 Ave Area Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 170 St & Sw 170 Ave area, Nashville
Traffic - debris in road	SE 170 St. & E Hwy 2 area, Norwich
Traffic Abandoned vehicle	4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Animal	4300 block NE 40 Ave. Kingman
Vehicle disabled	7000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Welfare Check	100 block E Third St. Cunningham

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Traffic stops	2
Traffic complaint	12393 SE 20 St., Murdock
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & S Main St area, Norwich

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Traffic stop	3
Animal	100 block E Sherman Ave. Kingman
Animal	200 block N Sunflower Dr. Kingman
Animal	100 block E Jewell St. Kingman
Burglary	4000 block NE 20 Ave. Kingman
Suspicious person	E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave area, Kingman
Vehicle disabled	E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14 area, Kingman
Welfare check	10000 block E Bluff St. Kingman

Friday, August 20, 2021

Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	8000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St & SW 30 Ave. area, Spivey
911 call acc/hang up	300 block N Main St. Zenda
Non-injury accident	500 block W Third Ave. Kingman
Suspicious Person	1800 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Theft/Larceny	100 block E Broadway Ave, Nashville
Vehicle Disabled	8000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Welfare Check	6000 block SE 60 St. Murdock

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Traffic Stops	3
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 170 Ave area, Norwich
Animal	700 block W. D Ave. Kingman
Animal	200 block W. G Ave. Kingman
Non-injury accident	4000 block SW 100 St. Spivey
Non-injury accident	SW 50 Ave & SW 10 St. area, Kingman
Sign Down	NE 50 St. & N Berry Ave. area Kingman
Welfare Check	6000 block SE 60 St. Murdock



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"Stealing, of course, is a crime, and a very impolite thing to do. But like most impolite things, it is excusable under certain circumstances. Stealing is not excusable if, for instance, you are in a museum and you decide that a certain painting would look better in your house, and you simply grab the painting and take it there. But if you were very, very hungry, and you had no way of obtaining money, it would be excusable to grab the painting, take it to your house, and eat it."
— Lemony Snicket, *The Wide Window*

Questions and Conversations

By Dave and Kerri Steffen

What should we be doing in 2021, so that in thirty years somebody will say “Boy, I sure am thankful that those folks in Cunningham back in 2021 did whatever they did”?

It was a small crowd that gathered at Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham to hear Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, whose presentation – *Entrepreneurs: Tumbleweeds and Talents in Kansas Communities* – was sponsored locally by the Cunningham Public Library through Humanities Kansas. Mr. Wilson is known to many through his weekly feature, *Kansas Profile*, that can be heard on radio stations and read in newspapers across the state.

Something unusual happened last Wednesday following Mr. Wilson’s

presentation. People talked. Audience members joined the discussion. After hearing about local citizens’ efforts and investments over the past fifty years in the community, Mr. Wilson asked the question at the top of this column.

And that question – What could, would, and should we do now to help our community not only in the present but well into the future? – is at the heart of a community conversation that will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Zoom meeting on a computer near you.

The community conversation is sponsored by the Cunningham Public Library through a grant funded by the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries. During the conversation, the local library is looking for answers to the question, “What library resources are needed to support our community’s economic development efforts including support for remote working?”

If the evening is successful, I think the conversation will answer that question and raise many more. And with any luck, the conversation will continue between neighbors, at the coffee shop, in board meetings, and in other community gatherings, and help build community consensus.

The evening starts with a presentation by Jeremy Hill, Director of the Center for Economic and Business Research (CEDBR) at Wichita State University. His presentation will help us understand economic trends, our area’s strengths and comparative advantages, and strategies for growth. What follows is your chance to voice your opinions. What is your priority? What can we do to put our community in a better position for the future?

Drift is a community’s biggest risk. Being complacent and doing nothing but responding to day to day problems subjects us to the “tyranny of the urgent,” as

Ron Wilson reminded us in his presentation.

Join the conversation on September 11.

Since this community conversation is using computers, the internet, and Zoom, there are both opportunities and obstacles involved in participating. For some, the use of the Zoom platform allows participation from anywhere – your home in Cunningham, Denver, Seattle, Kansas City, Cairo (Kansas, Illinois, or Egypt) – anywhere. For others, any internet meeting is difficult at best.

The library has a work-around for the latter. The librarian will set up the Zoom meeting in the library and so can host a small group of participants there. The library’s resource room has a large screen TV which will serve the group well. Those participating from that vantage point will be able to jot down questions and/or comments for the facilitator in the room to collect and present to the online group. All that’s

needed to participate at the library is for you to let the librarian know.

For those who want to participate from home but do not have experience with the Zoom app, the library has a solution for you. There is a “How To Zoom” video on the library’s website. The video was produced and provided by the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS) and should make any Zoom novice ‘feel right at home’ while at home using the app.

During the event, Lisa Sharbaugh, SCKLS Automation and Technology Services Coordinator, will be monitoring the Zoom meeting to help make sure things run smoothly.

The library isn’t promising a seamless event, but they are promising one with support. We understand there are also plans in the works for some live drawings.

Adding you to the discussion is really all that remains to make this a successful event.

To participate, you

must register at the library or visit the library’s website at cunningham.sckslslibrary.info

You will receive Zoom access information after you register.

And as an extra bonus after registering, you may visit the library at 105 N. Main Street in Cunningham for a free copy of *Kansas Economic Review* published in February, 2021 by the CEDBR. This publication provides an in-depth analysis of three key segments of the state economy: households, industries, and governments.

If you need a copy mailed to you, just contact the library at 620-298-3163 or send them a note at cunninghamlibrary@yahoo.com

Deadline for registration is five days prior to the event.

For those of you who missed Ron Wilson’s program, a video is available on the Cunningham library’s website. You can watch it from your home computer or visit the library and watch it there. It’s about the best half hour available on the screen and it is free.

Do Dogs Dream?

Dr. Nancy Kay, DVM, DACVIM

Whether or not dogs dream isn’t known with scientific certainty, but it sure is difficult to imagine that they don’t. We’ve all watched our dogs demonstrate behaviors in their sleep that resemble what they do in a fully awake state. Paddling legs, whining, growling, wagging tails, chewing jowls, and twitching noses inspire us to wonder what our dogs are dreaming about.

What we know about dogs and dreams

While our knowledge on this topic is very limited, the following known information helps us believe that dogs do indeed experience dreams. According to MIT News, Matthew Wilson, a professor of neuroscience at MIT, and Kenway Louie, a graduate student in 2001, have studied the relationships between memory, sleep and dreams. They found that when rats were trained to run along a circular track for food rewards, their brains created a distinctive firing pattern of neurons (brain cells). The researchers repeated the brain monitoring while the rats were sleeping. Low and behold, they observed the same signature brain activity pattern associated with running whether the rats

were awake or asleep. In fact, the memories played at approximately the same speed during sleep as when the rats were awake.

Can we apply this to dogs?

Can we take what is known about dreaming in rats and humans and apply the information to dogs? Wilson believes that we can. “My guess is — unless there is something special about rats and humans — that cats and dogs are doing exactly the same thing,” he said, according to USA Today’s website.

It is known that the hippocampus, the portion of the brain that collects and stores memories, is wired much the same way in all mammals. According to healthday.com, Professor Wilson says, “If you compared a hippocampus in a rat to a dog; in a cat to a human, they contain all of the same pieces.” He believes that as dogs sleep,

images of past events replay in their minds, much the same way people recall experiences while dreaming.

In people it is known that most dreams occur during REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, according to the National Institutes of Health. Dogs also experience periods of REM sleep. Psychology Today’s website says that during REM their breathing becomes more irregular and shallow. There may be muscle twitching during REM and, when one looks closely, rapid eye movements behind closed eyelids can often be observed. It is during REM sleep that behaviors thought to be associated with dreaming (legs paddling, twitching, vocalizing, etc.) are most commonly observed.

What we want to believe about dog dreams

When we observe our dogs as they sleep, it’s just about impossible to imagine that they are not

dreaming. Just like the rats studied by Wilson and Louie, it is tempting to believe that our four-legged best buddies are reenacting their recent experiences; playing at the dog park, sniffing in the woods, chewing on a treasured bone, and chasing squirrels.

The National Institutes of Health says that Sigmund Freud theorized that dreaming was a “safety valve” for our unconscious desires. Perhaps he is correct, and, when our dogs sleep, they dream about catching the neighbor’s pesky cat, continuous belly rubs in conjunction with unlimited dog treats, and stealing the Thanksgiving turkey from the dining room table.

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

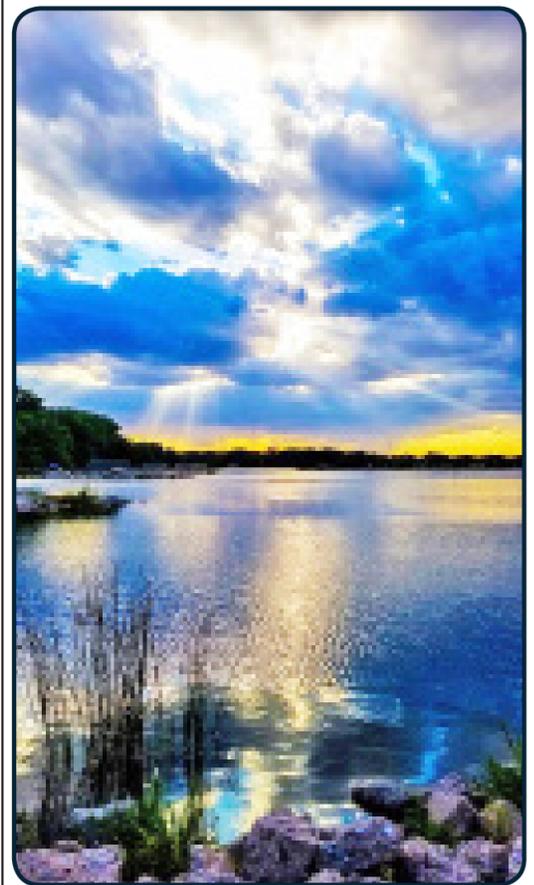


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no longer to carry rain or usher storm,
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Josh Westerman

Joshua William Westerman, 26, died Aug. 14, 2021 in Wichita.

He was born April 13, 1995, in Wichita the son of Orrin and Renee Fairchild Westerman. A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a farm laborer.

Josh was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

Survivors include his mother Renee Westerman; sons Noah with his mother Jessica Webster, and Ezekiel Burkholder with his mother Mackenzie; brothers Michael and Hunter Westerman; sisters Lena and Catie Westerman, Jennifer Sheffield and Barbara Gamble; birth father Mike Sheffield; and grandmother Joelene Fairchild. He was preceded in death by his father Orrin Westerman; grandparents Bob Fairchild, Harold and Ethel Westerman.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Lerado Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Orrin Westerman Scholarship Fund or the St. Patrick Grade School both in care of the funeral home.

Troy Leatherman

Troy Eugene Leatherman passed away unexpectedly Monday, August 16, 2021, at the age of 78.

Troy was born September 26, 1942 in Stafford, Kansas to father Virgil A. Leatherman and mother, Sarah F. (Bogges) Leatherman. He graduated from Preston High School in 1960 and was in the Army National Guard for six years. He worked for the Rock Island and Union Pacific Railroad as a conductor for 33 years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Troy loved fishing and hunting Elk in Colorado. His spare time was spent tinkering with anything that wasn't nailed down. He also collected old tractors and had a fascination with twin engine airplanes.

Troy married Kathleen (Badders) Leatherman on December 31, 1999 in Hutchinson, KS. Eventually they made their home in Abilene, Kansas where together, they shared a love and passion for animals; caring for dogs, miniature horses, mammoth and miniature donkeys, several exotic birds, and Troy's beloved South American mountain lion, Sherry, who he cherished for 17 years.

Troy is survived by his wife Kathleen; stepdaughter Michelle (Larry) Emerson of Beloit; stepsons Mike (Maria) Badders of Salina, and Mark Badders of McPherson; sisters, Sherry (John) Rishidian of Henderson, Kentucky, and Robin Ryan of Kirbyville, Missouri; grandchildren, Alex, Zack, Miranda, Alexis, and Ethan; nieces and nephews, Kathleen, Misty, Reza, Ramin, Raysha, and Rod; five great-grandchildren; and many great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, La Quinta (Badders) Leatherman, and brother-in-law John Ryan.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, with John Hamm presiding. Burial followed in Iuka Cemetery, Iuka.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



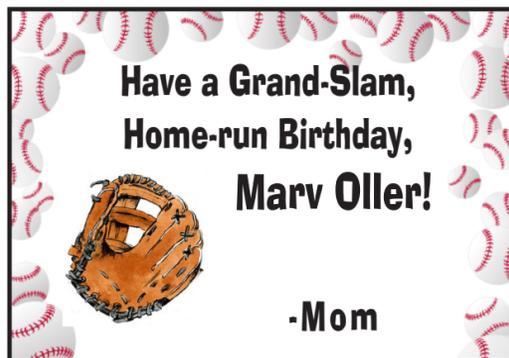
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Monday, Aug 30	CLOSED
Tuesday, Aug 31	CLOSED
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Friday, Sept 3	CLOSED
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