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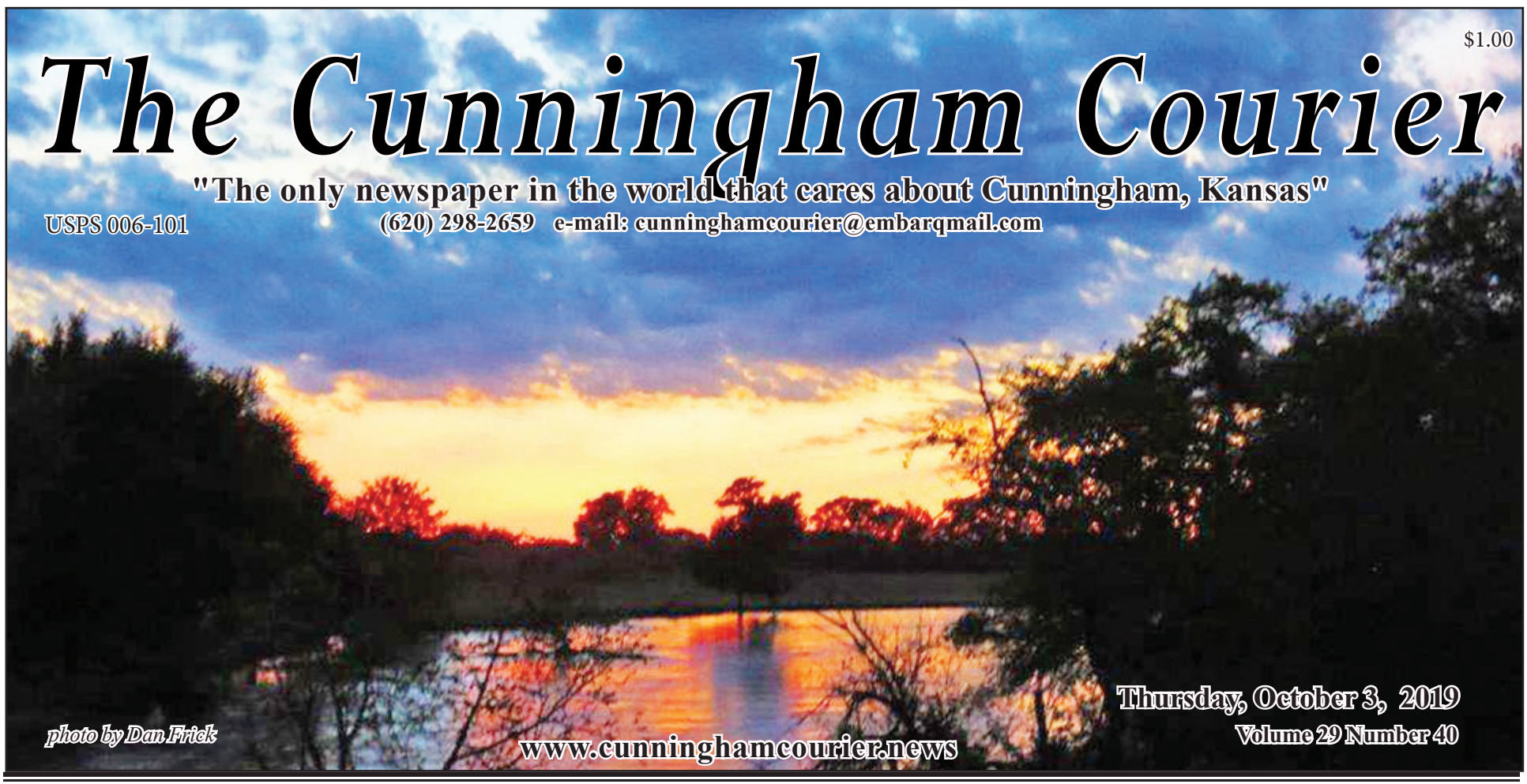

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Minutes from the County Commission Meeting September 23rd, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 23rd, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; John Caton, County Counselor; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Carrie Nation, Horizons Mental Health Center; Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Director; Scott Sparks;

Staff: Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

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

Commissioner Foley would like to discuss the Expo Center Drainage.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Expo Center Drainage discussion. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk had a question about the purchase of the lots and if a title search is required. Also, Ms. Noblit wanted to know if the deeds would be available.

John Caton, County Counselor let the Commissioners know that he had the deeds ready for the sale of the property. Also, Mr. Caton let them know that a title search is not needed.

The County Clerk submitted the September 16th, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the September 16th, 2019 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health Director was in with his Statement of Revenue and Expenses report to review with the County Commissioners. Mr. Garrett also discussed survey results with the Commissioners.

Carrie Nation discussed that they have increased their school services and Kingman/Norwich Schools are interested in the program.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Commissioner Henning as the KWORCC delegate for the Annual Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Commissioner Foley as the KWORCC alternate delegate for the Annual Meeting. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser was in at the County Commissioners request to let her know that they received a letter from the State Department letting them know that the County Appraiser's office is in compliance. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Hartley for her work.

Commissioner Foley discussed the drainage at the Expo Center with the Board.

The County Commissioners opened the following bid:

Parcel #1: Scott Mueller $5,050.00

Parcel #2: No bids received.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bid for Parcel #1 from Scott Mueller in the amount of $5,050.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director was in to give a department update on current operations.

Mr. Schott was in to request appointing Kallie Turner to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Kallie Turner to the LEPC board. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott discussed with the Commissioners that a Resolution is needed for the adoption of the Mitigation Plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve **Resolution 2019-R17, Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan**. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott discussed the following pending operations:

TXX-ONEOAK (HazMat) @ Cunningham 9 Oct 2019

KM-TXX-Multi-Jurisdictional Ex 14 Nov 2019

Draft Active Shooter TXX EX for Wheatland's

Submit annual LEPC Membership update

Mr. Schott discussed Kingman County Safety/Risk Management with the County Commissioners.

Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer was in to discuss the cost share program that the state has started. Mr. Bachenberg drafted up an application for the program to be submitted for 4 ½ miles on 21st street for a 2.5 inch overlay.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed his consultation he had with Ninnescah Township.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that Dorothy Isonbran will be the Project Manager for the FLAP and they will handle all the process. The county will only be responsible for the cost share of the project.

Mr. Bachenberg is submitting an application for funding on bridge FF.4.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that King Construction has won the bid for the burnt bridge and would like for the Commissioners to approve the award for 48C491501.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the authority to award contract commitment of county funds with King Construction Company Inc and Subsidiaries for 0.5 miles S & 2.2 miles W of Murdock and the County Share will be $370,000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to discuss that she will need to get four key licenses for the new computers in the tag office at $299.00 each for a total of $1,196.00 from Choose Networks. The old computers had key licenses that were purchased by the state and the new computers are purchased by the County so they will need to be purchased separately.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve four key licenses for $1196.00 from Choose Networks. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know that the old State owned Computers were not wanted back by the State and she would like to give them to the employees that have used them. Ms. Luntsford said she will have them cleaned before they are taken out.

Commissioners let Ms. Luntsford know she can dispose of the Computers as she sees fit.

Ms. Luntsford discussed that she would like for her office to be closed on the 31st of December, 2019 for public business.

MOTION: Meeting adjourned 10:43 a.m.

Community is Invited

Opioid addiction and vaping are two of the biggest medical crises to hit our nation in recent years. These two addictions hit every community and many families in ways that can and should be dealt with. They have caused numerous deaths and serious harm to many people, young and old. They know no social class, they do not limit themselves by age, profession, or career. Lawsuits are ongoing in the pursuit of controlling or eliminating them.

Joy Schwartz, Pratt County Prevention specialist will be giving a presentation for our community on vaping and opioid addiction.

The presentation will be held at the Cunningham Community Center on October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

The presentation is sponsored by the Cunningham Women's Club.

Changes for Courier

What are the adages, the clichés, the platitudes about change?

"If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans" (a Woody Allen quote)

Robert Burns' 'To a Mouse':

"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men

Gang aft a-gley, [often go awry]

An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,

For promised joy."

And then there is The Butterfly Effect: When a butterfly flaps its wings in Mexico, it can create a hurricane in China.

That being said, there is also the newspaper effect: When a newspaper in Pratt, Kansas, changes its printing day, so must the newspaper in Cunningham, Kansas.

Due to changes beyond my control and expense account, the Courier will now be printed on Tuesday evenings. Your stories and items and ads need to be with me by about 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. (if it rolls past 2, give me a shout, I am sure we can work something out).

Because the cost to deliver the papers to my office is more than I can afford, I will be going to Hutchinson on Wednesdays and picking up the papers. They will still be mailed out on Thursday mornings.

This doesn't mean much to you except for the deadline change. I do hope this is the last change for a while (this and the newspaper stand going the way of the scrap-metal pile). If this doesn't work, we'll change things again until we find something that does work.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but once we get into the "groove" of Tuesday deadlines, it will be all hunky-dory. Right?

It's Homecoming Week!

This fall's homecoming royalty are: Holly DeWeese, Dylan Hensley, Macy Huhman, Mekhi Mattal, Rebekka McDonald, Hunter MGuire, Matt Mercer. (A picture of the season's Homecoming candidates was not available at the time The Courier went to press.)

Friday afternoon schedule includes lunch at the park for high school students, followed by a powder puff footall game (will somone be able to send me photos? I will be at Hilltop Manor during this time)

At 2:30, all students will be led to the football field by the pep band.

The evening game begins at 5:00 p.m. against Weskin. The Coronation of the King and Queen will take place during half-time of the game.

Following the game, there will be a 5th quarter and dance until 10:00 for students.

Homecoming is Friday, October 4th!

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturday, October 5, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturday, October 5, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday, October 6, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sunday, October 6, 2019
8:30 a.m.
Fr. Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

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

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN
St. John's Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Zenda
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.
Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.
(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, October 3rd
PM Pre-K to
Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, October 3
4:00 p.m.
HS Cross Country
at Pratt

Friday, October 4
5:00 p.m. HS
FB vs. Weskan
HOMECOMING

Saturday, Oct. 12th
Garage Sale at
Cunningham
Public Library

Saturday October 5th
9:00 a.m. HS VB at
Burrton Tournament

Tuesday, October 8th
AM Pre-K to
Pumpkin patch

Tuesday, October 8th
HS VB at Central
Christian with Fairfield

Wednesday, October 9th
4th Grade Field Trip
to Great Salt Plains

Thursday, October 10th
4:00 p.m. JH VB vs
Norwich HOME

Thursday, October 10th
4:00 p.m. HS Cross-
country at Burrton

Thursday, October 10th
6:00 p.m. JH FB vs
Norwich HOME

Friday, October 11th
5:00 p.m. HS FB at
Bird City-Cheylin

Saturday, October 12th
9:00 a.m. HS VB HOPL
Tournament at Fairfield

Saturday, Oct. 12th
Garage Sale at
Cunningham
Public Library

Monday, October 14th
Cunningham Women's
Club meets

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To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman,

(620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

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KAYS Club: Pennies for Patients Sept 5 - Oct. 18th
benefits Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com
(Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774)
West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)
Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education
Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
Community Center (leave donation at the bank)
Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)
Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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Flu Season is Almost Here!

Mary Schwartz, RN/ Director Kingman County Health Department

The Kingman County Health Department now has flu vaccine and will be available to the public starting Monday, October 7.

Just about anyone who is 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine. Even though flu symptoms are generally not seen until around January to March, it is important to start thinking about prevention now, so your body is ready to combat flu symptoms when Flu Season is in full swing.

Symptoms of the flu usually come on quickly and pack a more powerful punch than the common cold:

Sneezing, stuffy nose, and sore throat
Body aches, headache
Fever and chills
Chest discomfort, shortness of breath, and cough
Death is also possible

Flu can lead to long-term health problems or make already-existing health conditions worse. Vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu. Of course, in addition to the vaccine, handwashing and avoiding sick people helps prevent spread of flu. Also, it is important to stay home if you are sick. You are not only not helping yourself get well, but everyone around you is at risk of getting sick-there may be someone nearby who may become seriously ill or perhaps die from the flu!

Many people are concerned that the flu vaccine makes them sick and refuse to get it. Some people do develop a low-grade fever and might not feel well after getting vaccinated-this is an immune response to the vaccine-it's working to prevent true flu! Our bodies develop full immunity within 2 weeks after getting the vaccine. Some people do have more of an immune response to the vaccine than others. Tylenol or Ibuprofen help with these concerns. The antibody response typically doesn't come near to the severity of real flu illness!

Kingman County Health Department can be reached at 620-532-2221 to answer any questions regarding the flu and the vaccines to prevent it.

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USDA Invests $4.99 Million in Kingman Community Hospital

Topeka, Kan., – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director in Kansas, Lynne Hinrichsen, announced that the agency will be providing a $4.99 million loan to Ninnescah Valley Health Systems Inc. in Kingman, Kan., to renovate the Kingman Community Hospital.

"Kansans across the state want access to quality health care close to home," said Hinrichsen. "USDA Rural Development is committed to assisting rural communities in finding innovation solutions for quality health care in the region."

USDA financing will be used to renovate the 50-year-old Kingman Community Hospital and a medical arts building. A specialty clinic will be expanded, and the oncology department, admissions area and business office will be upgraded. This project will improve functionality for staff and patients of the hospital.

USDA is making the investment through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. More than 100 types of projects are eligible for Community Facilities program funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less.

Nationally, USDA announced $139 million in 56 projects that were funded today to improve community facilities and provide essential services for 3.3 million rural residents in 23 states.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America.

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ALL OUT ALL GAME ALL SEASON

PART 4

by Coach Nadine Hope

It was another beautiful, "cool" Tuesday afternoon as the Lady Cats headed west for a meeting of the Bulldogs, T-Birds and Wildcats. As the afternoon rolled on, the rain, hail and wind rolled in! Amid the thunder, rain, hail and leaking roof, and rain delay, the teams played the game. Cunningham was slated for the last two matches (of course they were scheduled to play the late matches as they were also awaiting the arrival of their German guests!)

First on the Lady Cats' schedule were the Bulldogs from Attica. All out is the way CHS met the Bulldogs. 25-14 was the ending for set one with pretty solid serving from Panek, H. McGuire and DeWeese. Defense was down and ready; Meyers was tough to beat in the back row, and all the Cats on the front line were pounding hard. Alexa Fischer had some fantastic blocks in that middle position. Set two was a bit slower, but we finally finished 25-22. We must learn to play All Out All Match!

The second match was a case of overlooking the opponent and it caught up with us with a 25-27 loss. Sets two and three were better than the first, but still not as good as they should have been. We have to play hard and practice hard and not overlook anyone. We have tons of talent, but we must play each ball during the entire match. Alayna McGuire was on fire in set two with seven consecutive points. Mackenzie Wright drilled six in a row in set three. Holly DeWeese pounded ball after ball in this match.

It was good to see the team regroup and catch the set, but we will be practicing on defense and not letting any more balls hit the floor without leaving some skin on the court. The Lady Cats are sitting at 10-3 as they head into back to back tournament weekends where they will have to play ALL OUT ALL GAME in order to come home with some hardware.

Wildcats Contine 6 Man's Learning Curve

by Coach Lance McGuire

The Cunningham Wildcats faced the Ashland Blue Jays in Week 3 of the 2019 football season. The teams could not have been more opposite. Our youth was countered by their experience. Our small size was countered by a combination of size and speed. They were 2-0 we were 0-2. Both teams had starters out with nicks was the only thing they had in common. However, the competitive nature of our boys really came through. We won some plays even though we lost the game. When we see our boys blocking or defeating a block against someone twice as big as them it makes us proud. We just need to build in more winning plays and then a series then a quarter. Stringing together good plays where all 6 guys do the right thing is the main focus after fundamentals right now. You could see glimpses of what we can become in winning plays vs a very good opponent. Our confidence is growing and it is fun to be a part of it!

	Solo	Assist	
Lane Halderson	5	6	1 Fum Rec
Erik Paris	2	7	1 Int
Evan Paris	1	3	
Jake Fischer	1	5	
Trey DeWeese		8	
Isaiah Reed		3	
Rushing			
Evan Paris	7 Attempts	46 yds	1 TD
Passing			
Trey DeWeese	6/12	58 yds	
Receiving			
Lane Halderson	2 Rec	31 yds	
Isaiah Reed	1 Rec	16 yds	
Erik Paris	3 Rec	11 yds	

Cunningham Edges Skyline

by Coach Bart Ricke

The Cunningham Jr. High football Wildcats traveled to HOPL rival Skyline on Thursday, September 26, 2019 to take on the undefeated Thunderbirds.

Skyline took the opening kick-off and methodically marched down the field and scored the game's first touchdown, all while chewing up all but 1:36 of the first quarter. On the ensuing kick-off the T-birds succeeded on an onside kick and the defense was sent back on the field. This possession took the remainder of the quarter, but the Wildcats were able to get a stop and took over possession of the ball for the first time of the game early in the second quarter.

With score still 8-0 in favor of Skyline, Luke McGuire was able to break loose of a Skyline tackler and scramble 55 yards for the Wildcats first TD, McGuire would then hook up with Jack Ruckle on a pass for the two-point conversion and the score stood at 8-8.

CJH was able to force a fumble on the kick-off but were unable to score before half-time leaving the score tied going into the locker room.

In the third quarter the Wildcats took their first lead of the game at the 3:09 mark on a 6 yard run by McGuire, the Wildcats however failed on the all-important PAT, but led 14-8. Just over two minutes later after getting the ball back, McGuire scampered 39 yards to extend the lead to 20-8, again Cunningham failed the two-point conversion.

Midway through the fourth quarter Skyline would answer with a long run of their own and cut into the Cunningham lead, after the two-point PAT Skyline trailed by just four points 20-16. Cunningham got the ball back hoping to score and put the game away, but was unable to muster enough offense to do so eventually giving it back to Skyline for one last attempt to take the lead.

After a holding penalty Skyline faced a fourth and ten just past midfield, the Wildcat defense rose to the occasion and got a stop.

With just over two minutes left in the game Cunningham looked to ice the game away, but to do so they would need to get a least one first down and they did just that and took a knee on the game's final two plays to come away with a 20-16 win.

The win marked the second straight year when the game vs. Skyline came down to the last possession with the Wildcats winning both. The win gave Skyline their first loss of the season and moved the Wildcat record to 4-0.

Cunningham Defeats the A&A Titans

by Coach Bart Ricke

The Cunningham Wildcat Jr. high football team got a taste of Monday night football on September 30, 2019 when they played host to the Attica/Argonia Titans and came away with a 32-8 win.

The Wildcats led 14-0 after the first quarter on two touchdown runs by Luke McGuire, the first on a 1 yard plunge and the second on a 34 yard run, Dagim Reed ran in the PAT of the first TD, but the Wildcats failed on the second.

The second quarter was a little sluggish for the Wildcat offense, so the defense would step up as Will Wegerer would get an interception and the Wildcats overall continued to hold the Titans scoreless. However with 16 seconds left in the half, McGuire would throw a long pass downfield to Reed and he was able to make a move and get into the end-zone for a 33 yard TD pass/reception to extend the half time lead to 20-0.

The Wildcats would extend their lead to 26-0 in the third quarter on a 46 yard run by Reed. A&A was able to get on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when a receiver got behind the Wildcat defense and raced to the end-zone to reduce the lead to 26-8. The lead however was quickly extended back to 26 points when Reed once again found the end-zone after a 42 yard scamper bringing the final score to 32-8.

The win extended the Wildcats record to 5-0 on the season. The Wildcats will face an undefeated Norwich team at home on Thursday, October 10.

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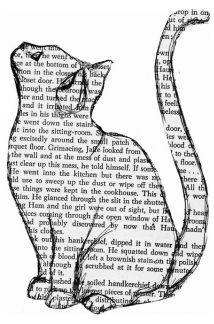

Meanderings

Have you all noticed the mistakes on the pages of the Courier these last two or three weeks? Good grief! I read over the pages, looking for grammatical errors (especially in the headlines), I look for missing credit lines, I look to make sure the photos have a black edge, I check the dates and make sure the ads that are paying to be in the paper are actually in the paper. I must look at each page 50 plus times in the course of finishing a weekly paper.

I usually feel good about the paper after it's done and sent off. Mistakes, I tell myself, are at a minimum. Thursday morn, early and sometimes not so bright, I come to the office, open that first bundle of papers, pull out a paper, and AAAUGHHH! Error here, Error there. Here an error, there an error, everywhere an error, error… or maybe just one or two.

Sigh. Maybe the next paper will be better.

I put the paper together on a computer program called "InDesign". The program has blue lines to indicate columns. There are rulers to the side. There are many handy tools for fonts and sizing and colors and fixing photos…it's a great program.

I use all these tools to make a presentable paper, and when a page is done, I click on a little icon and all the extraneous lines disappear, and I proofread the page. Then I save that page and export it to a file to be emailed to Hutch News for printing. After I've exported a page, it comes up in a PDF file (portable document format) and I proofread it again. And usually make several changes.

Then I let it be until I am ready to email (usually late Wednesday evenings). After I've attached all the pages to an email, I open each page and proof it again; make any changes (which means I have to go back in the newspaper program, fix the mistakes, save, export, reattach.) After all is proofread AGAIN, I send it through cyberspace and in just a few minutes it arrives at the Hutchinson News printing press.

Sometimes they call and tell me I have the wrong dates on some pages (AUGH!); they have called me to tell me I forgot to attach the pages (double AUGH!); and a couple of times they called to tell me an ad didn't come out correctly. When I don't hear anything, I breathe a sigh of relief, measure all the ads, enter the information into the mail report, print up the mail reports and the mailing labels. Then I put the paper on the website, send a quick note out to my on-line subscribers, post to Facebook, download it to the Kansas Press Association website, and go home….where I lay awake and worry about mistakes. After over a year of this, I have finally, FINALLY, learned that if mistakes are made, there is nothing I can do about it while I am in bed worrying about them. The paper is being printed at the time, and it is what it is, and my readers have come to understand that I am me, and I make mistakes.

I have thought about purposely making a mistake on the front page to see if my readers can find it. Wait, though, I thought, if I do that, and don't catch a mistake that's already on the page, that will mean I'll have TWO mistakes on the page. Okay. Then I should make two mistakes and see if the readers catch them… but what happens if there is actually a mistake on the page? Then there will three mistakes on the page. Nevermind!

I have decided to just let it be. When I was working for Jeff on the paper he told me, "When we put out a perfect paper, it's probably time to quit." You can tell from all the mistakes I make, this paper is not going to be folding anytime soon.

Now, on to noteworthy events. Last Tuesday evening, Teri Orth, Mary Oller, Kay House, Darlene Schreck, and I ventured to Pratt for the first season's concert of the Pratt Concert series.

We arrived in plenty of time. We arrived in time to sit in the car for almost a half hour waiting for the typhoon to let up so we could make a dash for the building. Thankfully, the show was delayed until the majority of the folks in the parking were able to make it in.

We were treated to a delightful program. Brooke and Jonathan East entertained the audience with the story of how they met. Actually, the story of how two people from different backgrounds, from different parts of the country, managed to meet, fall in love, get married, and take their show on the road.

They told stories, sang songs, played musical instruments, engage the audience, and really seemed to enjoy themselves.

At the point in the story when the two actually meet, Brooke mentioned Jonathan was rather short. And Jonathan mentioned Brooke was rather tall, and I half-expected them to start singing "I Got You Babe". But they didn't.

Towards the end of the show, the power went out, but they continued with the show sans microphone and stage lights. They did have emergency lights to work with.

After the show the two performers hung out in the lobby (for close to an hour) with the concert goers; all waiting for an opportunity to race to our cars when the smallest break in the pounding, blowing wind came.

What a nice evening.

Always reading,
and currently reading
"Wonder Show"
by Hannah Barnaby
Roberta

Courier Spotlight on CJH Fall Sports

Cunningham Junior High Volleyball Team

Left to Right: Emily Ogg, Kyra Morgan, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Julia Hageman, Elizabeth Paris, Joanna Hansen, Taylor Schultz, Coach Nadine Hope, Maranda Lohrke, Brianna Dittmer, Ellie McGuire, Ava Bock, Emma Harden, Ada Adams

Cunningham Junior High Football Team

Back Row: Coach Bart Ricke, Wylan Betzen, Scott Wyatt, Gage Elliott, Luke McGuire, Carlos Hurtado, Dagim Reed, Trenton Schnittker, Assistant Coach Dustin Murphy
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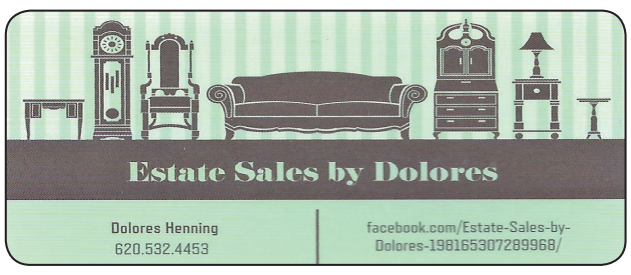

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Courier Spotlight on CHS Fall Sports

Cunningham High School Volleyball Team

Standing: Manager Macy Huhman, Emily Paris, Alice Huelskamp, Abby Hansen, Alexa Fischer, Makenzie Wright, Holly DeWeese, Hunter McGuire, Maddi Panek, Madie McGuire, Bekka McDonald, Shanelle Romine.
Front: Kendra Morgan, Reese McGuire, Morgan Meyers, Hannah Ellis, Alayna McGuire.
Not Pictured: Coach Nadine Hope

Courier photo

Cunningham High School Football Team

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Back row: Assistant Coach Eric Kerschen, Zach Strohl, Lane Halderson, Isaiah Reed, Erik Paris, Daylen Schnittker, Nathan Lohrke, Coach Lance McGuire
Front Row: Skylar Hennessee, Evan Paris, Caleb Panek, Jake Fischer, Leo Hageman, Trey DeWeese.

Cunningham High School Cross Country Team

Henry Huelskamp.
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Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural

Phil and Sharron Knox, AgSun

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

Would you like corn flakes for breakfast? Cows would like corn flakes for breakfast, too. Today we'll learn about an innovative Kansas farm family that is utilizing a steam flaking technology to improve feed quality for their livestock operation and others around Kansas.

Phil and Sharron Knox farm in northwest Kansas. Phil is a native of the Brewster area. He went to Kansas State and majored in agricultural economics. While attending a Farm Bureau scholarship dinner, he met Sharron who was studying dietetics. The two married and began a long life together.

Phil went on to earn a master's and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of California at Berkeley, where Sharron earned her master's in public health nutrition. She worked as a consulting nutritionist and Phil took a position as assistant professor at Colorado State before moving back to his family farm near Brewster.

Today, the family farming operation consists of no-till corn and wheat on 9,000 acres of which 1,800 acres are irrigated. They also have a 200 head cow and calf operation on 2,100 acres of pasture land. The cattle are finished, along with purchased calves, in a 2,500-head feed lot. The fed cattle are marketed through the Knox's membership in U.S. Premium Beef.

"You have to do things a little better, you have to change," Phil said.

"He does research, he has ideas," Sharron said. "I'm a detail person."

One of Phil's ideas was to improve the feed efficiency of his cattle feeding operation. "I talked to a friend who was working in feed technology," Phil said. That led to the creation of a steam flaking enterprise in 2004.

Feed corn is converted into flakes by processing in a steam chamber. This breaks down the cell walls and gelatinizes the starch. The result has proven to be a highly desirable cattle feed. In fact, the feed worked so well that the Knoxes not only feed the flakes to their own cattle, they market the flakes to other feedlots and dairies in western Kansas.

The flaking business is known as AgSun LLC. The company's flakes have been shown to be a better source of energy than rolled or ground corn because cattle digest and utilize the flakes better. For feeder cattle, the flakes allow up to a 15 percent improvement in energy values.

For dairy cattle, starch availability is also improved, giving cows a better source of energy. This produces more energy for more milk production.

AgSun LLC has the capacity to process 2.5 million bushels of corn a year, with one third of that coming from the Knox's own production. Their son Daniel, an industrial engineering graduate of K-State, helped design the automated controls and programming for the equipment. It is a state-of-the-art, computer-operated facility. The production from the plant could feed up to 40,000 to 50,000 head per day.

"The staff at AgSun is hard-working, friendly and always willing to help us," said one customer. "The flakes are the best quality for our cattle."

Another customer commented: "The quality of the product is second to none and is always very consistent. AgSun produces what they advertise and they do things the right way the first time. Our production is always good with AgSun's cornflakes in our ration. We appreciate their service."

Sharron is a board member of the Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association. Phil has served on the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management Board. They are members of Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Corn Growers.

"We felt called to do more," Phil said. He also serves as the volunteer pastor at the local Lutheran church.

"We enjoy living here, it's like a big family," Sharron said. Brewster is a rural community with a population of 305 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information about the steam flaking business, see www.agsunllc.com.

Would you like corn flakes for breakfast? So would your cattle. We commend Phil and Sharron Knox for making a difference with agricultural entrepreneurship. Corn flakes can help make a better breakfast, better beef, and better business.

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.

KANSAS WHEAT

Factors to Consider When Planting Wheat

Wheat's potential is affected by soil temperature, moisture, timing, depth and seeding rates

by Mary Marsh, Communications Intern

It's September, so you know what that means: time to break out the drills and air seeders and plant some wheat. As you go out, coffee in hand, lunch (that will end up being more or less 'brunch') in your little cooler, you have quite a few factors to be concerned about in regards to soil conditions and making sure your wheat has the best chances of surviving.

The basics of picking your planting times and how to ensure the best start for your wheat crop revolve around soil temperature, moisture, timing, depth and seeding rates.

Climate

In September we can get a wide variety of weather activities going on. We get some scorching hot and dry days, musty and humid days, chilly days, or sometimes all of the above. With all of this going on, picking the right time to plant is like hitting a moving target. Pair it with the extra whacky weather we have been dealing with, finding a good time to plant will be nothing short of a challenge.

According to Kansas State University's Agronomy eUpdate from October 7, 2016, the ideal soil temperature for germination is between 54 and 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Anything hotter than around 90 degrees, seeds might not germinate until soil temperatures reach the right levels for germination. Since planting and the beginning part of the growing process for wheat are a race against time, it is important to get the seed in with enough time for it to begin root development and grow a couple of tillers.

Thankfully, the latest seed innovations have helped reduce the chances of having winter damage to the wheat, so being a tad bit late is not as big of an issue as it once was. Still, despite these advancements, having the right moisture at planting is key to proper germination and a successful wheat crop.

Moisture content

The point when the wheat seed begins to take in water is called imbibing. According to Michigan State University Extension, soil should have a moisture content of around 35 to 45% in order to supply the seed with enough moisture to imbibe and germinate.

There is some debate and some strategies when it comes to planting so moisture is just right. Some wait for it to rain and then they plant. This way, there is moisture for certain, and you can go for it right away. Unfortunately, there might be some problems with getting equipment in. On the flip side, you can dust it in and hope for rain, but unless you have a tried-and-true rain dance, this is a risky option. Finally, you can plant seeds deeper to reach the moisture zone, but depending on the depth and amount of moisture in that layer, this too might be an issue. The coleoptile might grow to its full potential and still not break through the soil surface.

Timing

Like anything else, timing is key. During planting, you might hear a lot about the "fly-free date" and the different zones that spread out across the state. The "fly-free date" is when the pesky Hessian fly reaches the adult stage and would be unable to lay eggs in the wheat plant. Although waiting a little bit longer can mean avoiding the Hessian fly or aphids that might spread barley yellow dwarf virus, waiting too long may result in a drop in yield.

There are four zones of ideal planting in Kansas. K-State's extension wheat specialist Dr. Romulo Lollato has done research and concluded that sowing date plays a major role in crop yields. Planting after recommended dates can mean a whopping decrease in yields of up to 3.5 bushels an acre per day.

Recommended planting dates by zone are listed below.

Zone 1: September 10-30

Zone 2: September 15-October 20

Zone 3: September 25-October 20

Zone 4: October 5-25

Depth

Depth is another factor to consider. Ideal placement would be around one inch deep. This allows enough seed coverage and access to enough moisture. Shallower than about 0.5 inch might leave your seed wide open to the elements. You run the risk of exposing the crown to potential winterkill. However, if you have your wheat planted too deep, generally over 2 inches deep, the wheat's coleoptile that encases the first true leaf might finish growing before even busting through the soil's surface.

Seeding Rates

To add another layer of complications, seeding rate is another factor to consider. Seeding rates should be increased if the crop is irrigated or planted later. For every week beyond October 10 in western Kansas, increase seeding by 10 to 15 pounds per acre and in eastern Kansas, 15 to 20 pounds an acre. That being said, there should not be more than 1.35 million seeds per acre. Late seeded wheat can require a 30 to 60% increase in seeding rates. Since the window of opportunity to grow tillers has been decreased, planting more seeds means more primary tillers to compensate.

As planting season begins in some parts of Kansas, choosing the right date to plant is way harder than just putting seeds into the ground. It boils down to having the right climate, moisture and depth. Keep these factors in mind as you plant this season.

Public Notice

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GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310 and 25-2311, notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and will remain closed until the day after the General Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 5th day of November 2019. Books will reopen on November 6th, 2019.

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be kept open each day from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. in the County Clerk's Office. At 5:00p.m. on October 15th the books will close and remain closed until November 6th, 2019 which is the day after the General Election.

Persons may also register during the regular office hours at the following places:

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You may register at these places of business during their regular hours of business through the business day of October 15th, 2019. Anyone wishing to register must appear at one of the places listed above with some form of identification or contact the County Election Officer for registration cards to be mailed out to them.

To register you must be a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years before the next election. Registration closes 21 days prior to every election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:

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In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of September, 2019.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

Public Notice

(Published in the Cunningham Courier, the official City newspaper, September 26, 2019)2t

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1-2019

A CHARTER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2-2016 OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY, KANSAS, WHEREBY THE TERM OF OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS IS AMENDED TO COMMENCE ON THE REGULAR MEETING DATE OF DECEMBER.

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

Section 1. The City of Spivey, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 25-313 that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. Section 6 of Charter Ordinance No. 2-2016 shall be amended to read as follows:

"The term of office for newly elected and qualified members of the governing body positions shall commence on the regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body in December following the certification of the November general election. The mayor and council members shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified."

Section 3. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 4. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 20th day of September, 2019.

FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY

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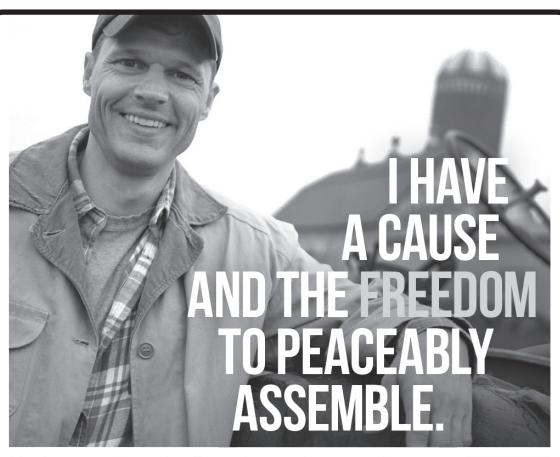

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Celebrations of Life

Dr. Lewis Bloom

WICHITA — Dr. Lewis Theil Bloom, 87, died September 19, 2019, in Wichita. He was born March 1, 1932, at home on a farm northwest of Liberal, to Mildred Catherine (Headrick) and Lewis Alfred Bloom. Theil married Olive Zoe Selfridge on August 23, 1952, at the United Methodist Church in Dighton.

Survivors include his widow, Olive, of the home; three sons, Lamont (Vicki), Wichita; Barry (Alice), Wichita; and Jim (Susan), Longmont, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death, Lewis on May 22, 1987, and Mildred on May 20, 1988, at Liberal, as well as his only brother, Norman Lee Bloom, December 18, 2015, at Kismet.

Theil was graduated from Liberal High School in 1950; Kansas State University, Manhattan, in 1954; and the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas, in 1957. He practiced family medicine for 10 years as a partner of the Truhart Clinic, in Sterling. During his years there, he attended the delivery of more than 400 babies. He returned to KU School of Medicine in 1968 for a residency in general radiology, finishing in 1971. He joined the Wichita Clinic, where he practiced radiology until 1976. He moved to Kingman in 1976 and Pratt in 1986, providing radiology services to rural hospitals in Kingman, Pratt, Harper, Anthony, and Cherryvale, Kansas, as well as Alva and Woodward, Oklahoma. He retired in 2005, and he and Olive moved to Wichita.

Theil was a board-certified general radiologist, a fellow of American College of Radiology, and a member of the American Medical Association. He was a member of the Kansas State University and University of Kansas Alumni Associations; 4-H and the Kansas Farm Bureau; Calvary United Methodist Church, Wichita; and a Rotarian during his years in Sterling and Pratt.

He and Olive were founding members of the South Central Kansas Community Foundation in Pratt. They also supported the Pratt Regional Medical Center Foundation and together they were active participants in Sunday school classes. Theil said one of his most memorable stints of community service came from team-teaching a middle school Sunday School class at Pratt for two years. Outside of work, which he considered "a reward all its own," Theil enjoyed flying, boating, and water skiing.

Memorials to the Dr. Theil Bloom Memorial Fund at the South Central Kansas Community Foundation, Pratt, to provide scholarships for future healthcare providers and administrators from central and western Kansas; Calvary United Methodist Church, Wichita; or the Great Plains United Methodist Camp Lakeside, Scott City.

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Emily Ogg does arm circles for Wellness Wednesday. *photo by Brook Bowman*

Who knew there were so many versions of the "Guess Who" game? It is the 3rd grade board game that goes along with our theme this year. Our teacher's aide, Austin, and his German exchange student, Darius, helped the class with the rules for those who had never played. In this game, players use their deduction and reasoning skills to identify their opponent's mystery person. Thanks to all who loaned us games so everyone could play! *-Cindy Panek*

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