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## Governor Kelly Proclaims April “Safe Digging Month” in Kansas

Topeka, KS - Today, Governor Laura Kelly issued a proclamation declaring the month of April as “Safe Digging Month” in Kansas. The proclamation, in concurrence with National Safe Digging Month, reminds Kansans to call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects.

The Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas One-Call, the Kansas Pipeline Association, the Common Ground Alliance, and Governor Kelly are encouraging excavators and homeowners to call 811 before they begin digging projects to prevent injuries, property damage, and inconvenient outages. A utility line is damaged by digging once every six minutes nationwide, and one-third of those incidents are caused by failure of the professional excavator or homeowner to call 811 before digging.

When dialing 811, callers are connected to Kansas One-Call which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Calls are taken 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Requests can also be entered at [www.kansasonecall.com](http://www.kansasonecall.com). Excavators and homeowners are required to make a request at least two working days in advance of beginning a digging project. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags or spray paint. Once lines have been accurately marked, digging can begin.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires a call to 811. There is no charge to have utility lines marked. The depth of utility lines vary and there may be multiple lines in a common area. Some utility lines are buried only a few inches below the surface, making them easy to strike during shallow digging projects. Installing a mailbox, landscaping, putting in a fence, and building a deck are all examples of digging projects that necessitate a call to 811 before starting.

Learn more about 811 and Safe Digging Month by visiting: [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com). More information about Kansas One-Call is available at: [www.kansasonecall.com](http://www.kansasonecall.com).

## Cunningham Spring Clean-Up begins

April 16<sup>th</sup>

Spring Clean-Up in Cunningham is set to begin Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Nisly Brothers will have a 40 cu. yd. dumpster placed on the south end of the city lot northwest of the intersection of Atchison and Elliott streets. When this dumpster is full, they will bring another. The dumpsters are for use by residents of the City of Cunningham only. Items permitted in the dumpster include household trash, bulky items such as mattresses and furniture, lumber, and other trash.

Do Not put paint, oil, grease, or other hazardous household waste in the dumpster. These items should be taken to a hazardous household waste collection site to be disposed of properly. Contact the Kingman County Noxious Weed Dept. (620) 532-5187, to dispose of some paint and chemicals.

Do Not put tree limbs or brush in the dumpster. These should be taken to the city burn site southeast of town. The burn site is locked. For a key, contact Tim Strickland at (620) 770-9889. If you need help, place the limbs curbside near the street or alley near your home. The City will make arrangements to pick them up and take them to the burn site. Call 298-3077 for more information.

Do Not put tires in the dumpster. Tires stored outside are in violation of the city code and provide habitat for mosquitos, rodents, etc. Used tires should be taken to either the Pratt or Reno County landfills. There will be a charge per tire for disposal.

Scrap Metal – If possible, bring your scrap metal and appliances to the area east of the dumpsters.

There are currently numerous properties within the city limits that are in violation of the City’s Health, Welfare, and Environmental codes. To avoid legal action by the City, these properties need to be brought into compliance with the code. A copy of the City Code is available on the city website at [cunninghamks.net](http://cunninghamks.net) or at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

For more information, contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077.

## U.S. District Court Rejects Third-Party Claims on Northern Natural's Cunningham Facility

submitted by Mike Loeffler

On March 29, 2019, the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas entered a final order, subject to appeal, in the matter of the condemnation awards for the expansion of the underground storage field located in Pratt, Kingman and Reno counties, and owned and operated by Northern Natural Gas.

The U.S. District Court decision rejected the claims of the third-party producers and the landowners who had sought \$100 million in condemnation damages. Instead, the U.S. District Court reduced condemnation damages owed by Northern to the producers and landowners to approximately \$1.14 million. The reduction stems from the District Court’s ruling that the third-party producers were not entitled to compensation for the storage gas that they had drawn into an area northwest of the Cunningham field, an area, known as the Extension Area, which federal regulators in June 2010 had authorized Northern to include within their storage facility boundary.

The March 29, 2019 Order rejected the Producer and Landowner defendants’ arguments and agreed with Northern’s geochemical experts that the Extension Area contained primarily storage gas. The District Court affirmed that the evidence offered by the third-party producers’ expert was “riddled with fatal flaws” and “unworthy of belief.”

The District Court further found that Northern was entitled to a set off from the condemnation award for the value of storage gas produced after the June 2010 Order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; as a result, the award was reduced for several tracts, and no compensation at all was awarded for nine tracts in the Expansion Area.

The next legal step is Northern’s pending lawsuit against the third-party producers, set for trial in October 2019 in the Federal District Court in Wichita. In that action, Northern

claims the third-party producers unlawfully interfered with the Cunningham storage field and created a legal nuisance by pulling storage gas from the Cunningham storage field. Northern also claims the interest owners in the third-party production wells were unjustly enriched by the Producers’ unlawful behavior.

Comments of Northern Natural Gas

- The condemnation panel, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeal, the Federal District Court, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have all agreed with Northern and its experts, rejecting and discrediting the positions of the third-party producers, as well as their experts, regarding the taking of Northern’s storage gas from the Cunningham field

- Rejecting the claims of the third-party producers that they are entitled to the value of the storage gas in the Cunningham expansion acreage granted to Northern by FERC in 2010

- Rejecting the third-party producers’ expert witnesses, affirming that the experts claims are “unworthy of belief” and “riddled with fatal flaws”

- One consequence from the decision to allow Northern a set-off (credit) for storage gas produced after the June 2010 FERC decision authorizing Northern to expand the field to protect its assets, is that some landowners who expected a substantial payment for storage and land rights will receive no payment at all.

- With the complete rejection of the third-party positions and their expert testimony, Northern stands in a strong position entering the next legal phase, which is the trial in federal district court in October on Northern’s claim that the third-party producers unlawfully interfered with Northern’s operation of the Cunningham storage field, and were unjustly enriched.

For additional information, please contact Mike Loeffler, Northern Natural Gas, (402) 398-7103, [mike.loeffler@nngco.com](mailto:mike.loeffler@nngco.com).



## Reducing Food Waste in the Home With Andrea Wood, 4-H, K-State Research and Extension

Monday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Cunningham Public Library

You probably have been told at least once in your life to “clean your plate” during a meal. The fact of the matter is that the United State is one of the largest food wasters in the world with nearly 70 billion pounds of food thrown away annually. Reducing the amount of food wasted can not only save you money, it is also good for the environment. What can be done to combat the issue of food waste? Explore the topic of food waste with Andrea Wood, Family & Consumer Science/4-H, K-State Research and Extension, Kingman County on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Cunningham Public Library, 105 N. Main St., Cunningham.

## State Treasurer's Tax Day Giveaway

As you know, the State Treasurer’s office is always trying to find ways to connect people, businesses, and towns across the state with the \$350-million in unclaimed property we have in our vault. This is money that belongs to Kansans but somehow never got claimed. It can be anything from an unclaimed utility deposit, an uncashed payroll check, and even the contents of safety deposit boxes like grandpa’s war medals, or grandma’s pearls.

On Monday, April 15th from 6am-6pm, we will be broadcasting live on WIBW and KWCH trying to return as much money to the people of Kansas as possible that day. We are calling it our Tax Day Giveaway, and we would love the opportunity to also promote this to the folks in your community.

Visit our website [kansascash.ks.gov](http://kansascash.ks.gov) to search for cash or property sitting in our vault that may be yours. All one needs to do to search is enter their name and address, or the name and address of anyone they know. If they have unclaimed property, it will show up in the search, and they can submit their claim online or give us a call. Claims can also be paid to them electronically, so the process is very streamlined.

We thought it would be fun to do it again at tax time, in case it helps folks find some extra cash, when Uncle Sam might be taking a bit from their pocket, we are trying to put it back in.

## CJH Students Place in League Tournament



The Junior High Scholars’ Bowl ended their season with two students earning individual honors at the league tournament. Trey DeWeese earned 5th place in the league for varsity scoring, and Ava Bock earned 3rd place scorer in the junior varsity division.

**CATHOLIC Masses**

**St. Leo**  
Sunday, April 14, 2019  
8:30 a.m.

**St. John's, Zenda**  
Sunday, April 14, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart, Cunningham**  
Saturday, April 13, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

**St. Peter's, Willowdale**  
Saturday, April 13, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Penalosa**

Sunday Bible Class  
10:00 a.m.

Worship  
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship  
1:30 at Penalosa  
Community Center

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

**CHRISTIAN**

**Cunningham**

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Worship  
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

**LUTHERAN**

**St. John's**  
**Nashville**

Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

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

**Trinity**  
**Medicine Lodge**

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

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

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

**UNITED METHODIST**

**Penalosa**

Worship  
9:15 a.m.

**Cunningham**

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

**UNITED METHODIST**

**CHURCH**

**Zenda**

101 N. Main  
Sunday Worship  
9 a.m.

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

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

**Community Bulletin Board**

Thursday, April 11  
1:00 p.m.  
JH Track at South Barber

April 16th  
3:00 p.m.  
HS Track at Kingman

Saturday, April 12th  
Regional Forensics

Thursday, April 18th  
3:00 p.m.  
HS TRack at Norwich

Saturday, April 12th  
CHS Prom

Friday, April 19th  
2:00 p.m.  
Hilltop Easter Egg Hunt  
Kids through 10  
years or 5th grade.  
Cookies and punch  
served after

Monday, April 15th  
1:00 p.m.  
JH Track at Burrton

Monday, April 15  
7:00 p.m. at CPL  
Reducing Wasted Food  
in the Home  
K-State Extension,  
Kingman County

Monday, April 22nd  
Mother/Daughter Banquet

April 12th  
Blood Drive  
1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Cunningham School  
Cafeteria

Wednesday, May 1st  
7:00 p.m. at CPL  
Poetry Reading by  
Poet Laureate Emerita  
Wyatt Townley

Story Walk in Lions'  
Park Coming Soon!

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*The Courier on*  
*April 22nd*  
*May 6th*  
*May 20th*



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**Museum Winter Hours**

The museum will NOT have regular hours in the winter.

If you wish to tour the facility, please contact Donna Glenn at 620-388-5602



**Fundraisers and Charitable Contributions in our Community**

**Cunningham Public Libaray**

**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)

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



**April 17, 2014** – One hundred and thirty-nine people enjoyed the annual Cunningham High School Athletic Banquet at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Tuesday evening.

The banquet, sponsored by the Cunningham Lions Club, honored 45 boys, members of the football, basketball, and track squads, and their coaches, Jim Webster and Larry Nolte.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Brooks of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce, to Lowell Gridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gridley of Penalosa.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Cunningham High School, and is now a sophomore at Hutchinson Community Junior College. Her fiancé, a 1964 graduate of Cunningham High School, has recently returned from active duty with the United States Navy, and is planning to farm.

A wedding date has been set for July 18, 1969.

**April 16, 1964** – The community was shocked Sunday night when word was received by relatives here of the tragic death of Gary Lynn Raney, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Raney of Cunningham, who drowned that afternoon while swimming in a lake near Phoenix, Ariz.

Gary graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan in January, and had accepted a position soon after with Sperry-Phoenix as an electrical engineer.

He was married June 3, 1961, to Anita Millsap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Millsap of Pratt, former Cunningham residents. Survivors in addition to his wife include a two-year-old son, Michael Allen.

Judy Huffman, who teaches at Dodge City, will be commissioned as a short-term missionary, at a service to be conducted during the Sunday morning worship services at the Cunningham Methodist Church. During this three-year term, Judy expects to serve her church in Japan or Korea. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Huffman of

To Donate or Loan items to the Cunningham Museum, please contact Donna Glenn

Cunningham.

The south front of the former Fee Hardware Company building was virtually demolished when smashed by a truck, Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred when Bill Freund of Pratt, driving a Steffen's Ice Cream Company truck, pulled into the curb off Highway 54. The truck's brakes failed, and the vehicle jumped the curb and smashed into the vacant building front.

All the large plate glass windows were broken out; the recessed door was "recessed" several more feet; a large metal awning was badly smashed, and the brick and stone ledge supporting the windows was broken up.

The truck received considerable damage, including a broken windshield and numerous dents. The driver was unhurt.

**April 16, 1959** – Notice – A regular bi-monthly meeting of the Cunningham Lions Club will be held next Tuesday evening, April 21, at 6:30 o'clock in the Lodge Hall. Vice-President Everett Hauser, in charge of the evening's program, says he has a fine fishing film from the State Fish and Game Commission which will be enjoyed by the members.

Saxophone soloist Keith Welch won first place in the first annual Cunningham Lions Club Talent Show held in the High School Gym last Saturday evening.

Keith won \$10.00 as a cash prize and possession of a beautiful "traveling trophy" until next year's talent show. He was sponsored by the Sunshine Club.

Second place and a \$5.00 prize went to a vocal trio composed of LaDeen Cooley, Sharon Duncan, and Mary Leiter. They were sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club.

Third place and \$3.00 went to a trumpet duo composed of Merline Fluke and Karen Branscom of Turon. They were sponsored by the Turon Lions Club.

**April 15, 1954** – Ralph Miller, head basketball coach at the University of Wichita, will be the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Cunningham Community Men's Club next Tuesday evening in the High School Auditorium honoring members of this year's high school bas-

ketball squad and their coach, Nelson Hartman.

A banquet will be served at seven o'clock, preceding the meeting.

The Easter Cantata, "The Promise of Easter," by Fred Holton, will be presented Sunday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the Methodist Church.

Construction was started Monday on the new building to house Cunningham's new fire truck. The new building will be thirty by forty feet in size and will adjoin the west side of the present City Building. The overhead doors will be installed on the north side of the addition, giving easy accessibility to the fire-fighting equipment. The building is being erected by the Dodson Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Wichita, and the construction superintendent is Charles Voran of Pretty Prairie. Charles Cooley, former Cunningham boy, is the company's engineer.

Ramblings from the Editor's Desk – We all know that a fool and his money are soon parted, but we would like to know how they got together in the first place... The hand that lifts the cup that cheers, should not be the used to shift the gears... Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite as satisfying as an income tax refund...

**April 15, 1949** – Frances Wetherall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall of Cunningham, and Roy Halderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halderson of Glasco, were married last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church with pastor, Rev. J. L. Renner, officiating.

Loren Cooley was elected as Director of the High School Board of Education at the annual school board meeting last Thursday afternoon. James Luce and Verne Stanley were elected to the Grade School Board of Education at the annual meeting Friday afternoon.

**April 14, 1939** – Everett Hauser was re-elected Clerk of the Board of Education of Cunningham Rural High School at the annual school board meeting Thursday afternoon.

A fire, originating, it is thought, from a defective flue, did considerable damage to the interior of the Ratcliff Hotel building

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

**Kingman Historic Theatre**

237 N. Main in Kingman  
(620) 532-1253  
http://www.kingmantheatre.org/  
**APRIL 12TH - 14TH, 2019**

**SHAZAM!**  
RATED PG -13  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 7:30 P.M.  
SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.  
ALL SEATS \$6.00

YEARS AGO

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Wednesday afternoon.

The local high school Hi-Y Club was host to about one hundred and fifty boys last Wednesday afternoon at a District Hi-Y Club Meeting.

**April 13, 1934** – Concrete paving on Highway 54 was started three miles west of Kingman this week by the Harrison Construction Company of Salina. Paving will be laid east from that point for eight miles. Governor Clyde Reed and the State Highway Department announced plans for additional road work on the highway through western Kingman County this week, stating that the “Cannonball Highway” is becoming one of the most important cross-state traffic arteries, and serves a large territory of motorists.

Nearly six hundred Kingman County farmers have signed corn-hog contracts for the coming

year and these contracts reveal that the county will produce 24,052 hogs during the next year.

**April 12, 1929** – George Thimmesch and Nick Weber, local agents for the Minneapolis Farm Machinery line, have received several combines and tractors and have them on display on the lots south of the Clipper office.

Frank Allbritten was re-elected by acclamation to the position as Treasurer of the Board of Education of Cunningham Rural High School at the annual meeting, Thursday afternoon.

Kingman High School edged out Cunningham High School in a dual track meet here last Friday afternoon. Boys scoring firsts for Cunningham were Wilbur Slattery in the 220-yard Dash, Joe Pelzl in the 440-yard Dash, Caywood in the Mile Run, and Darrell Kelly in the Shot Pu and Discus Throw.

What About History?

I've spoken in the past about Kathy and my trips to Kinsley to take part in the Kansas Indians seminar at the Kinsley Library. The knowledge gained has been excellent. The presentation on the last day of March were equally informative. Three speakers told of present and near-past situations for the indigenous people of the Americas including Kansas. The three presenters were Dr. Wildcat and Dr. Rains Native teachers at Haskell Indian School in Lawrence and Dr. Lynn-Sherow of Kansas St. University.

Kathy and I are somewhat familiar with some of this History as we volunteered for years at the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The Assimilation Programs of 1889 which was part of this effort to change the Native People into white people. The Assimilation Programs basically spoke of taking the children away from the parents and reservation and teach them in White run schools far from their homes. It also forbade the children to speak their native tongue or practice their Native Religion. The Indian Reorganization Act also was discussed. This Act started to take away from the Indigenous People parts of their Reservations that were coveted by their White neighbors.

Will Rogers and Jim Thorpe are two examples of Native students who were taken away from their parents and sent to white run boarding schools. Most of these schools were run by church groups who brought into the area idea, that they had to teach or discipline the Indian out of them. The Mission School that Kathy and I worked at was kind of a half step towards this end. Chief Red Cloud asked the Jesuits if they would build and run a school for his people on the Reservation.

The first year I was there I was one of two adults who was responsible for the Grade School dorm. We had students living there from second grade to eighth. They closed the grade school dorm after my first year but kept the High School one for several more years. I will compliment the Jesuit's for their tolerance toward the Lakota people as they started a Native Language teaching program and were tolerant of all religions including the Native one.

Our own experience reinforces some of what the speakers told us. The present day conditions on the Pine Ridge Reservation are still sub-par. The life expectancy on the Pine Ridge Reservation is 20 years lower than the national average. Health care is very poor, jobs are non-existent and depression and suicide are rampant.

The Dakota pipeline was brought up as a present day example of how poor treatment of the Native People is still continuing today. This pipeline was originally scheduled to go through a different part of North Dakota and South Dakota but would have passed near a large city. So it was rerouted to go through Reservation space and go under the river which is the main water source for the whole Reservation. They also mentioned that another pipeline is being planned to cross the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota.

I like to think of myself as a Patriot and a lover of my country but our country hasn't ever treated minorities well. Slavery is one of the greatest examples. The treatment of the Native People who inhabited our country were basically killed or evicted from their homes is also an example. My knowledge of this fact about the Natives and the fact that as a farmer I benefited from this atrocity, was part of the reason that I volunteered at the Mission. Some of the organized religions who were part of this mistreatment are trying to do things about their past bad decisions. The Mennonite Church seems to be the best example of this change in behavior. One of the presentations “Lose of Turtle Island” explained the reduction of lands that the American Tribes were put through. A Mennonite lady from Newton recently donated part of the income from her family estate to one of the Tribes of Kansas. In that vane Kathy and I still donate to the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge.

One of my students asked me early on in my History Teaching career, “I know why we learn reading and math but why do we learn history?” The stock answer was delivered by another 6th grader. The old quote “Those Who Refuse to Learn From History are Doomed to Relive It”. I think that is still a good lesson to learn today.

Nick has a great deal of irreverence for the law and for the dead. He has difficulty relating to the “human species” and frequently cites the positives of HIS “species” i.e. bugs and insects and arachnids. The good doctor is a wealth of knowledge about insects. Now, I will admit, many of the descriptions of insects invading the body are gruesome, but, thus far, I've not had weird dreams about them. (I've only finished one book and am currently half way through the second. Possibly by the time I've finished that sixth and final Bug Man case, insects will have invaded my subconscious, and I'll be swatting bugs in my sleep.)

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Alan Albers

*Editor's note: The above quote is attributed to writer/philosopher George Santayana: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."*



Meanderings

I am not a huge fan of dystopian literature and even less of a fan of the movies. The whole “the world as we know it is gone” scenarios are all rather gloomy and depressing. Something (90% of the time caused by the human race) has happened to Earth... nuclear holocaust, devastating war, etc. Then power-hungry dictator takes over and chaos and doom reign for the rest of the civilization.... Not my cup of tea. This said, I just finished a book titled “Age of Miracles” by Karen Thompson Walker.

In this coming-of-age novel, the reader meets Julia, a twelve-year-old who is describing the changes in our world when the Earth's rotation slows. This was not an uplifting or feel-good story; but it was interesting. I am not sure of the research Ms. Walker used to set up the scenario.

In the beginning of the book the day lengthened by an hour or so, as the story moves on, the slowing of the Earth cause the days and nights to last more than 48 hours each. This phenomenon caused a shift in gravity: Birds started falling from the sky; tides were skewed, plants and trees died. It was very interesting reading. But not pleasant.

A series that is turning out to be much more fun is one by Tim Downs. The overall series' title is “The Bug Man”. The first book is “Shoofly Pie” titled so because, as far as Dr. Nick Polchak is concerned, when we die, that is what we all become—shoofly pie. Dr. Polchak is a forensic entomologist. He studies bugs that land and nest and invade dead people. The man is a quirky and delightful anomaly.

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“The mantel above the fireplace was barren, and every print and photograph had been removed except for one framed medical diploma that stood out on the empty wall like a beetle on a windshield.” I love that description.

I am not a scientist and have never had any interest in the field and especially not in the field of little crawlies, BUT I am finding the reading of these books somewhat addictive.

I am definitely going to be cremated. That should keep those bugs away.

If you are in the mood for a psychological thriller, I will recommend “The Wife Between Us” by Greer Hendrick and Sarah Pekkanen. (available at CPL) I know I've mentioned that I disliked “Gone Girl” -- What a waste of my time. A couple of the reviews indicated this was in the same vein. No. This was much, much better. I thought "Gone Girl" was evil and hateful and vile.

In "The Wife Between Us" I really thought I had the story figured out; how it was going to end... Then comes that page that smacks you upside the head “haven't you been paying attention? GOTCHA! HA” I read that page three or four times trying to figure out what was going on and what had I missed.

I did manage to get it all straightened out in my mind, readjust my misconceptions, kept reading and WHAP! Another smack upside the head. By then I was close to the ending of the book, I just rolled with the punch. Every character is not who they seem to be and every character keeps the reader guessing.

Oh! I finished the Harlan Coben books for young adults. He didn't disappoint! If your young reader enjoys mysteries, steer them to these books: "Shelter", "Seconds Away" and "Found".

Read "Through the Heart" by Kate Morgenroth. That book is yet another "What just happened here??" book. You know there's a murder, the police report is one of the first things you read; but that darn police report doesn't tell you the gender of victim. There is the wealthy man from New York who falls for the poor girl from Kansas... and everything seems to play out just right; except one of the characters in the book is lying. And it wasn't the butler.

For those readers who read some of the books I write about. Enjoy!

Remember-- I am always up for suggestions.

Always reading, And currently reading “Chop Shop” By Tim Downs Roberta

“Books are the ultimate Dumpees: put them down and they'll wait for you forever; pay attention to them and they always love you back.”

— John Green, An Abundance of Katherines

USDA Ready to Help Kansas Farmers and Ranchers Recover from Recent Blizzards, Floods

Manhattan, Kansas, April 1, 2019 – Severe flooding caused by the recent extreme weather event “bomb cyclone” impacted farmers and ranchers in northeast Kansas. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has disaster assistance programs available to help agricultural producers recover after natural disasters, including blizzards and floods.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Risk Management Agency (RMA) all offer programs that can help producers recover losses, rehabilitate farms and ranches, and manage risk.

**Recovering Losses**  
FSA offers many programs to help producers recover from losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Forest Restoration Program and the Tree Assistance Program. Producers located in counties receiving a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who has suffered loss from the flood devastation. FSA is always here to support our farmers and ranchers through these times of adversity,” said David Schemm, State Executive Director for the FSA in Kansas. “Once the waters have receded and you are able to evaluate your losses, contact your local FSA office to report all

damages and losses and learn more about how we can assist.”

**Rehabilitating Farms and Ranches**

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs to help producers recover and build resilience to better weather future disasters.

“NRCS can be a very valuable partner to help landowners with their recovery effort,” said Karen A. Woodrich, State Conservationist for the NRCS in Kansas. “Our staff will work one-on-one with landowners to make assessments of the damages and develop approaches that focus on effective recovery of the land.”

Meanwhile, the FSA Emergency Conservation Program provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters.

**Managing Risk**

Producers with coverage through federal crop insurance should contact their agent for issues regarding filing claims. Those who purchased crop insurance will be paid for covered losses.

“Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of damage discovery and follow up in writing within 15 days,” RMA Regional Director Collin Olsen said. “The Approved Insurance Providers, loss adjusters and agents are experienced and well-trained in handling these types of events.”

Compensation also is available to producers who purchased coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting. Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for 2019 crops.

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## Results of the HOPL Junior High Music Festival

Concert Band	I, I, I
Brass Choir	I-
Clarinet Ensemble	I
Percussion Ensemble	I-
Saxophone Quartet	I-
Woodwind Ensemble	I
Instrumental Solos:	
Trey DeWeese – Alto Saxophone	I
Hannah Ellis – Trumpet	I
Lane Halderson – Trombone	I
Alice Huelskamp – Piano	I
Maranda Lohrke – Clarinet	I
Luke McGuire – Alto Saxophone	I
Elizabeth Paris – Flute	II+
Dagim Reed – Alto Saxophone	I
Mixed Chorus	II+, II, II
Ladies Ensemble	I-
Men's Ensemble	I-
Vocal Solos:	
Hannah Ellis –	II+
Joanna Hansen	I
Ellie McGuire	I
Cameron McClendon	I
Ellie McGuire	I
Luke McGuire	I
Elizabeth Paris	I
Emily Paris	I

submitted by Mr. Gregory Johnson



Percussion Ensemble: Emily Paris, Nate Sterneker, and Cameron McClendon earned a I-



Woodwind Ensemble: Alice Huelskamp, Taylor Schultz, Maranda Lohrke, Kaitlyn Hennessee and Hannah Gonzer.



Woodwind Ensemble: Dagim Reed, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, and Luke McGuire received a I rating.



Brass Choir: Hannah Ellis, Wylan Betzen, Trent Schnittker, Kory Morgan, Gage Elliott, Jack Ruckle Lane Halderson.

photos by Molly Morgan

## JH Kingman Track Results

The season started for the junior high track team at Kingman. The kids competed well. I was really proud of how everyone did against some tough competition. The 7th Grade boys team finished in second place with 105 points and our girls' relay teams ran well.

8th Grade Boys 7th Place  
 4th Lane Halderson: Discus 93'11"  
 7th Jake Fischer: 75m Hurdles, 15.23  
 1st Jake Fischer: Pole Vault, 8'0"  
 3rd Trey DeWeese: Pole Vault 7'0"  
 8th Caleb Panek: Shot Put, 32'2"  
 4x100m Relay:  
 5th Caleb Panek, Jake Fischer, Trey DeWeese, Lane Halderson 59.41  
 7th Trey DeWeese: 800m Run 2:46  
 6th Jake Fischer 200mh, 33.92  
 6th Trey DeWeese: Triple Jump 29'6"

7th Grade Boys 2nd Place  
 2nd Will Wegerer: Triple Jump 30'2.5"  
 2nd Dagim Reed: Long Jump 15'3"  
 1st Luke McGuire: 400m Dash, 1:02.52  
 2nd Dagim Reed: 400m Dash 1:03.79  
 1st Luke McGuire: Discus 111'2.75"  
 4th Wylan Betzen: Discus 88'8"  
 1st Luke McGuire: 100m Dash 13.37  
 1st Will Wegerer: Pole Vault 8'6"  
 5th Will Wegerer 200mh 33.43  
 1st Dagim Reed 800m Run 2:29.03  
 5th Will Wegerer 75mh 14.32  
 4x400m Relay:  
 7th Carlos Hurtado, Gage Elliott, Wylan Betzen, Nate Sterneker 4:53  
 4x200m Relay:  
 6th Carlos Hurtado, Wylan Betzen, Nate Sterneker, Jack Ruckle 2:15.47

7th Grade Girls 9th Place  
 4th Taylor Schultz: Triple Jump 26'8"  
 5th Maranda Lohrke Triple Jump 24'11.5"  
 6th Ada Adams: 400m Dash 1:17.31  
 4x400m Relay:  
 4th Kaitlyn Hennessee, Elizabeth Paris, Maranda Lohrke, Taylor Schultz 5:31  
 8th Ada Adams: Long Jump 11'7"  
 4x100m:  
 6th Ada Adams, Taylor Schultz, Ellie McGuire, Elizabeth Paris 1:05.46  
 4x200m:  
 6th Maranda Lohrke, Elizabeth Paris, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Taylor Schultz 2:20.37  
 4x400m:  
 4th Kaitlyn Hennessee, Elizabeth Paris, Maranda Lohrke, Taylor Schultz, Ada Adams 5:31.72



Left: Lane Halderson on discus

Right: Taylor Schultz in a relay.

Below left: Kory Morgan at the long jump



Brianna Dittmer had a strong start in the 100m dash.



Left: Will Wegerer sails over a hurdle.  
 Below: Maranda Lohrke at the long jump.  
 Below left: Taylor Schultz readies her long jump landing.



Above: Ellie McGuire throws the shot put.  
 Above right: Jake Fischer on the pole vault.



photos by Molly Morgan and Barb Schultz



## JH Pretty Prairie Track Results

The grades were combined in all events as the junior high track squad competed at Pretty Prairie. The boys team won the meet and the girls team showed to be competitive.

Boys 1st Place  
 1st Will Wegerer: Pole Vault 9'0"  
 2nd Jake Fischer: Pole Vault 8'6"  
 4th Trey DeWeese: Pole Vault 7'6"  
 5th Dagim Reed: Long Jump 14'10.5"  
 2nd Trey DeWeese: Triple Jump 30'2.5"  
 3rd Will Wegerer: Triple Jump 29'3.5"  
 3rd Lane Halderson: Shot Put 32'3"  
 4th Caleb Panek: Shot Put 31'11"  
 3rd Luke McGuire: Discus 106'4"  
 4th Lane Halderson: Discus 93'5"  
 5th Wylan Betzen: Discus 91'6"  
 4th Luke McGuire: 100m Dash 12.97  
 6th Luke McGuire: 200m Dash 27.00  
 1st Luke McGuire: 400m Dash 1:00.06  
 4th Dagim Reed: 400m Dash 1:01.6  
 1st Dagim Reed: 200m Run 2:28.0  
 Trey DeWeese: 200m Run 2:40.64  
 1st Will Wegerer: 200m Hurdles 32.20  
 3rd Jake Fischer: 200m Hurdles 33.23  
 3rd Jake Fischer: 100m Hurdles 19.56  
 4x100m Relay:  
 4th Caleb Panek, Nate Sterneker, Carlos Hurtado, Wylan Betzen 1:04.29  
 4x200m Relay:  
 4th Jack Ruckle, Nate Sterneker, Carlos Hurtado, Wylan Betzen 2:20.22  
 800m SMR:  
 3rd Carlos Hurtado, Wylan Betzen, Lane Halderson, Jake Fischer 3rd, 2:14.61  
 1st 4x400m Relay: DeWeese, Wegerer, Halderson, Reed 1st place

Girls  
 4th Taylor Schultz: Triple Jump 27'8.5"  
 5th Ada Adams: 400m Dash 1:19.07  
 3rd Shanelle Romine: 100m Hurdles 20.08  
 5th Emily Paris: 200m Hurdles 39.52  
 4x100m Relay:  
 5th Kaitlyn Hennessee, Elizabeth Paris, Emily Paris, Maranda Lohrke 1:03  
 4x200m Relay:  
 4th Ada Adams, Shanelle Romine, Maranda Lohrke, Taylor Schultz 2:15.43  
 800SMR:  
 4th Elizabeth Paris, Taylor Schultz, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Maranda Lohrke 5:16.85  
 4x400m Relay:  
 1st Ada Adams, Shanelle Romine, Taylor Schultz, Emily Paris 5:16.85

Cunningham HS Track & Field  
 Results from Pretty Prairie 4/4/2019  
 Girls 70 pts. 3rd Place (7 teams)  
 2nd Alexa Fischer: Shot Put 33' 3"  
 1st Alexa Fischer: Discus 96' 7"  
 3rd Hunter McGuire: Javelin 84' 8"  
 1st Alayna McGuire: Pole Vault 9' 0"  
 3rd (tie) Madie McGuire: Pole Vault 5' 6"  
 1st Madie McGuire: Long Jump 13' 10.5"  
 4th (tie) Madie McGuire: 100m 14.9  
 4th Alayna McGuire: 100m Hurdles 18.45  
 4th Alayna McGuire: 300m Hurdles 4.20  
 1st Madie McGuire: 400m 1:09.5

Boys 78 pts. 3rd (7 teams)  
 3rd Zach Osner: Shot put 37' 4"  
 5th Zach Osner: Discus 81' 2"  
 2nd Daylen Schnittker: 100m 11.82  
 5th Evan Paris: 100m 12.35  
 2nd Daylen Schnittker: 200m 24.23  
 6th Evan Paris: 200m 25.43  
 1st Daylen Schnittker: 400m 54.25  
 3rd Evan Paris: 400m 57.34  
 4th Misha Donskoy: 800m 2:30.24  
 4th Henry Huelskamp: 1600m 6:00.03  
 3rd Skylar Hennessee: 3200m 12:54  
 6th Henry Huelskamp: 3200m 13:23  
 2nd 4 x 400m Relay  
 Misha Donskoy, Isaiah Reed  
 Vitor Abreu, Evan Paris 4:11:62  
 4 x 800m Relay  
 1st Henry Huelskamp, Isaiah Reed  
 Skylar Hennessee, Misha Donskoy 10:32.58



Clockwise from left: Alayna McGuire on the pole vault.  
 Daylen Schnittker and Evan Paris.  
 Skylar Hennessee on the long jump.  
 Hunter McGuire runs 400m race.



Norbert Visits 2nd Grade

Story/photos by Ingrid Ricke

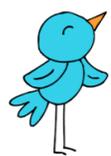
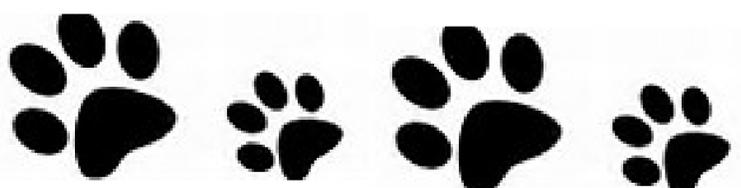
On Thursday, April 2nd Ashley Burdick and her intern, Sara, presented to the 2nd and 3rd grade. Ashley is a Zoo Keeper and Vet assistant at the Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo. Sara is one of the interns. Ashley taught us all about the zoo animals, her responsibilities, and about how much Science, Math, Writing, and Speaking she does at work. We learned what the animals ate, how they feed them, where the food comes from, and about the care and cleaning at the zoo. We learned how they acquire their animals and how the zoo is funded. Ashley brought Norbert, a 3 branded armadillo with her. The students asked many wonderful questions and we learned a lot. We appreciate Ashley, Sara, and the Great Bend Zoo and the time donated to our class. Thank you!!



Miss Cindy Visits Second Grade

Story/photos by Ingrid Ricke

The 2nd graders had a wonderful Service Worker visit today from Cindy Houtwed, Preschool teacher. She taught us all about her job. Cindy showed the kids some activities and skills she teaches to her 3 and 4 year old classes. We learned that she uses all subject areas in her job, especially Reading, Math, Grammar, and Oral Language. We learned the specific skills they work to master and how you need a college degree to do her job. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Thank you Miss Cindy for devoting your time to our class. We appreciate you!



## County Commission Meeting

April 1st, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner, Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Deanna Gerhardt; Greg Ellis and Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Becky Birkenbaugh, Strong's Insurance; Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know that Economic Development Council met last week and he gave an update.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that they went over the survey and that 70% said Kingman needs job opportunities and the next thing was Economic Development. Ms. Voran encouraged the County Commissioners to come to the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk would like to submit a correction to the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. I worded the information on Norwich Fire District incorrectly. Carol Voran said that the Norwich Fire District does a great job with the distance they have to

drive for Fire calls. The distance is what affects the landowners insurance and if the distance could be re-aligned could help with the landowners insurance.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the County Commissioner meeting minutes of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting to public discussion of the Law Enforcement Center and felt that a few people left the meeting last week upset and wanted to give them time to talk.

Carol Voran asked why the existing Law Enforcement Center could not be used for storage because some departments have storage at the salt mines in Hutchinson and they could use the old cells for storage; could be used as a tornado shelter. Ms. Voran then said a Center could be built somewhere that could be added on to in the future if needed and not build it on the smallest lot they own.

Ms. Voran asked if the 5 million dollar concept they chose include the furnishings also.

Ms. Voran wanted to know why a needs analysis was not done like it was done for the last facility; why build a kitchen if you don't have a cook and why not have the people that will be using it have a say so?

Ms. Voran asked if they only have 5 million, can we build it somewhere else and do it in phases. Also, Ms. Voran asked if they were building a 10 year building or a 40 year building.

Ms. Voran said "What good does it do me to bring anything up if your minds are closed".

Commissioner Henning let Ms. Voran know that the money set aside is pilot money from the Wind farms and if the people

start challenging it at the state level then pilot payments will stop and we cannot rely on the pilot payments to help fund an LEC.

Commissioner Foley let Ms. Voran know that when he first got on the Board that the LEC was talked about. The Board submitted to the voter's twice options for a Law Enforcement Center and a way to fund it and it was voted down. Commissioner Foley went out and talked to two people who were heads of opposing groups and asked them if they can't support a 12million dollar facility could they support a 6 million dollar facility. They both told him yes and now we have come up with a 5million dollar facility.

Commissioner Henning said that he had people that knew what the plan was to build on to the West of the current facility. Also, current taxes are high enough and we are looking at a 24million school bond issue.

Chairman Steffen let the people attendance know that we have looked at other things and this is what they have come up with. The Company that was selected is a good Company. He asked other Counties who have used the Law Company and they are please with their work.

Chairman Steffen said safety needs to be the priority for the employees that work there; the prisoners and the public. The drawing is just a conceptual drawing and it can be changed. Steffen felt like they had enough information to select this Company and they will do a good job for Kingman County.

Commissioner Henning said that both Companies that submitted concepts were pretty much the same concepts.

Greg Ellis asked the County Commissioners what do we want to be able to expand for because he don't understand why they need so many jail cells. Mr. Ellis said why not use the old jail for the prisoners and move all the offices to a

facility on the old Fisher Lumber lot.

Mr. Ellis told the Commissioners that he understood that segregation is a problem with the current facility.

Chairman Steffen said that Sheriff Hill has talked to the builders and we have an unsafe jail. Sheriff has done a lot of work.

Commissioner Henning said "We are doing the best with the dollars we have".

Larry Landwehr said whatever county property that the LEC is built on will be off the tax roll. Will the new jail be able to withstand a Category 5 tornado?

Mr. Landwehr talked about how his wife used to work in dispatch and when the jailer was busy the dispatcher would watch the prisoners on the monitors. The concept drawing is a good drawing; we need to do it now and it will be safer. Mr. Landwehr said it is reasonable, safer and a stronger facility.

Commissioner Henning said by using the pilot payments currently saved will not deplete our funds because our internal auditor Linda Langley will not allow that to happen. The pilot payment has been set aside for this Law Enforcement Center.

Gayle Dye said it is where it should be.

Deanna Gerhardt asked if you build this Law Enforcement Center will you then start to work on lower the County taxes?

Chairman Steffen let Ms. Gerhardt know that the County has eliminated positions to save money.

Jani Arensdorf, Chamber of Commerce Director was in to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Ms. Arensdorf requested if the Commissioners would be willing to donate \$1500.00 for the fireworks like they provided last year.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve giving \$1500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks from the General Fund.

Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Todd Lawson, Field Appraiser was in with an NRP extension request from Ronald & Lynette Warner for a year.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the NRP Extension for Ronald & Lynette Warner for a year. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioner reviewed and discussed the draft of the Unified Management Agreement that was received from the City of Kingman Attorney Cody Smith and suggested changes from John Caton, County Counselor.

Stan Goetz was in and discussed that he has talked to some entrepreneurs about CBD.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that a temporary fix for a septic system repair has been done by Rosenhagen.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting last week for the Commissioners to review. There was not a quorum at the meeting so decisions could not be made for the Norwich Subdivision. The next meeting to be held will be May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goetz submitted a building permit for the following:

Nevin Mark Turner for a house in Section 20, Township 30, Range 05. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:55 a.m. to discuss an employee's performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:02 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance was in to discuss insurance pools. Mr. Strong introduced

Becky Birkenbaugh and that she is our account manager. Mr. Strong let the Commissioners know that Insurance pools are like gambling.

Commissioner Steffen said that they are doing their fiduciary duty by looking at other options. Mr. Strong agreed that is good.

The County Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$41,561.25.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge Vouchers in the amount of \$22,425.02.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk was in with quotes for new voting equipment. The quotes were for 7 tabulators, 30 touch screens and election reporting systems. The quotes received were from the following:

UNISYN \$115,622.00  
Election Source \$143,611.50

Election System & Services \$145,600.00

The Commissioners would like to receive a price for only 7 of each so no decision was made on equipment. County Clerk will bring in next week.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a consultation request from White Township.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning approved the consultation request for White Township. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the County Engineer's/Road Supervisor's Annual Report for 2018 to the County Commissioners for review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that there will be a letting for FAS 1428 Hot Mix Overlay-set for May 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. and a letting for U.7-8.0 bridge repair set for April 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

## View from the Capitol

by Senator Ed Berger  
Kansas 34th District

April 1, 2019

Friday marked the first adjournment for the Kansas Legislature wrapping up several long weeks of business and adjourning until veto session May 1<sup>st</sup>. If this year is like the past, veto session will simply be an extension of the regular session. This week of session was mainly reserved for

the House and Senate to meet in conference committees. This is the process by which differences in bills are discussed and negotiated. Each chamber presents their bill and position along with what they like and don't like about the other chamber's bill. The top three members of each committee represent their respective chamber's position in the negotiations. When both sides believe they have an equitable agreement, they submit their report back to their respective

chambers for ratification. When the conference committee report comes to the body, there is debate but no amendments can be offered to the report. If the report passes both chambers, it is then submitted to the governor for her signature or veto. If either house rejects the agreement, they go back to conference and resume the negotiation process.

There is not always an easy compromise and at times the House and Senate positions are not reconcilable. The conference committee on education is an example of significant differences. The Senate position was fiscal, and the House position was more policy than fiscal. Ultimately after a three-hour final

meeting the House adopted the Senate financial position with the Senate conceding on some of the policy components of the House. When there is such a dichotomy of positions arriving at a mutually acceptable agreement can become somewhat contentious. The House and Senate both approved the plan which many believe will meet constitutional standards of the state Supreme Court.

The confirmation of gubernatorial appointments by the Senate has also been dominating discussion in committees and on the Senate floor. The nominees are submitted to a committee, the committee has a hearing on the nominee and then submits the

nominee to the Senate with either a favorable or unfavorable recommendation. Typically, the nominee is routinely confirmed. An exception was the nomination of David Toland as Secretary of Commerce. The Senate Commerce Committee reported him unfavorable to the Senate floor. There was considerable debate but ultimately Toland was narrowly approved by the Senate. These exceptions that bring spirited debate helps to assure that the nominee can withstand the test of fire.

Another issue that is being discussed but has not yet come to fruition is the override of the Governor's veto of SB22. SB 22 decouples Kansas from the federal tax code, provides a one percent reduction in sales tax, and a tax on internet sales. The Senate was the originating body for this bill so the Senate would vote to override first. It is very difficult to override a gubernatorial veto. Each

chamber will need a two thirds majority. The bill passed with 24 votes in the Senate and to override at least three additional votes will need to be garnered. In the House the bill passed with 76 votes and override in the House requires 84 votes.

Of course, there is the ongoing controversy surrounding Medicaid expansion. The House, through some very difficult parliamentary processes passed a bill expanding Medicaid. The Senate has not yet taken up expansion. However, the Chair of Public Health and Welfare has requested that an interim study be done to evaluate fiscal impact on the State and what guardrails need to be in place for expansion to serve the residents of Kansas and still be fiscally responsible.

It has been a productive session and with the veto session in May, there is still the possibility of significant legislative activity.

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Saturday, April 27, 2019

Contact City Hall at (620) 298-3077 to place your sale on the map (no charge).

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Strong's Insurance in Kingman is seeking a professional, detail-oriented individual to fill the position of Commercial Lines Account Manager. No insurance experience is required, but must be familiar with Windows, as we are a paperless environment. Health insurance and retirement plan available. Please send resume to Strong's Insurance at PO Box 414 in Kingman, KS 67068.

### Cunningham Clinic

Cunningham Clinic will be closed April 11-12. We apologize for any inconvenience. Kingman Medical Arts is happy to assist you with your medical needs during that time. They can be reached at 1-620-532-0295. Thank you

### Help Wanted

#### Truck Driver

Convoy Systems is hiring Class A drivers to run from Kansas City to the west coast. Home Weekly! Great Benefits! [www.convoyssystems.com](http://www.convoyssystems.com) Call Tina ext. 301 or Lori ext. 303 1-800-926-6869.

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		<p>Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Fri. - Sat. 10:00 - 6:00 Closed on Sundays</p>		

"The noblest motive is the public good."

- Virgil

## Celebrations of Life Doris Lusk

Doris Gertrude Lusk, 80, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. She was born April 24, 1938 in Pratt to John Henry and Ethel Gertrude (Hembree) Pinkston. She married Josef "Joe" Norris Lusk on July 29, 1995 in Pratt. He survives.

Doris attended Pratt Free Methodist Church. She enjoyed embroidery and made several Christmas, Birthday and Wedding gifts.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Ethel Warren of Pratt; son, Terry (Florie) Gould of Lufkin, Texas; stepson, Jeffrey Lusk; sisters, Ida Smalley of Pratt, Louise (Leo) Holmes of Pratt and Phyllis (Don) Smith of Liberal; and granddaughter, Ashley Warren.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John Henry, Jr.; and sisters, Judith Kay Pinkston and Eva Lou Pinkston.

Funeral service was held Monday, April 9, 2019 at Larrison Mortuary. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pass It Forward in care of Larrison Mortuary. Condolences may be left at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).

## Pat Thimesch

Patricia Ann "Pat" Thimesch, 84, died April 6, 2019, at Kingman.

She was born Oct. 4, 1934, at Kingman, the daughter of Robert Fred and Esther Julia Patterson Neal.

A lifetime resident of the Kingman Community, she was the retired co-owner and operator of the Kingman Dairy Queen.

Pat was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Kingman.

On April 14, 1953, she married Alvin Thimesch at Kingman. Other survivors include five sons and their wives, Don and Jana, Larry "Buger", Robert, Tim and Brenda, Tracy and Jessica; two daughters, Becky Hart and husband Mike, and Betty Roberts; sisters Virgie Woods and Elsie Neal; 23 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law Jim Roberts; brothers Bill, Richard and Robert; and sisters Betty Ankerholtz, Frances Dautrich and Bonnie Nichols.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, April 10, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School or Wheatlands Health Care Center both in care of the funeral home.

## Mary Myers

Mary L. Myers, 66, died April 5, 2019, at her home in Zenda.

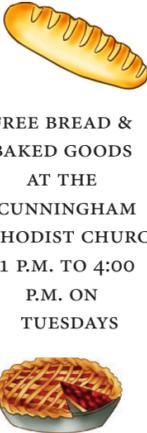
She was born Feb. 1, 1953, at Ft. Scott, Kansas, the daughter of Albert L. and Thelma L. Wiggins Smith.

A longtime Zenda resident, she was an antique dealer.

Mary was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On April 24, 1978, she married Dean Myers at Clayton, New Mexico. Other survivors include sons Ben, Nate and Colum; daughters Heather London and Ginger Culbertson; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Private services are pending.



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**Cunningham Community Center.**

(Refreshments will be served.)

## CHS Blood Drive is April 12th

submitted by Lillian Reed

The Cunningham National Honor Society is putting on a blood drive in two weeks.

Upcoming Blood Drive:

Cunningham High School Cafeteria

Friday, April 12th

1:30pm-6:30pm

To schedule your appointment please contact Lillian Reed at [lillian.reed@usd332.com](mailto:lillian.reed@usd332.com) or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use keyword "Cunningham."

30 donations are needed so that Cunningham High School can earn a scholarship!



The editor thought Courier readers would like to see this picture of former Cunningham band instructor, Mr. Lanny Scholes. He is shown here visiting with the Junior High Brass Choir at the Regional Music Festival where he was judging.

## Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland – Volunteers Needed!

Girl Scouts prepares girls to empower themselves and promotes compassion, courage, confidence, character, leadership, entrepreneurship and active citizenship. Volunteers like you can help girls discover their strengths and develop important life skills to prepare them for a successful life and to make the world a better place. If you are interested in being a mentor and role model, please contact: Girls Scouts of Kansas Heartland at 888-686-MINT (6468) or visit [www.kansasgirlscouts.org/volunteer](http://www.kansasgirlscouts.org/volunteer)



## Love Food Hate Waste

Monday April 15, 2019 7:00 PM  
Cunningham Library  
105 N. Main, Cunningham

Come join K-State Research and Extension Agent Andrea Wood as she discusses the topic of food waste.

Did you know that 94 percent of the food we throw away ends up in landfills or combustion facilities? By managing food sustainably and reducing waste, we can help businesses and consumers save money, provide a bridge in our communities for those who do not have enough to eat, and conserve resources for future generations.

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## Mr. & Mrs. Pagenkopf Celebrating Platinum Anniversary



Happy 70th Anniversary on April 15th



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## Becca Flowers was Guest Speaker at PAARSP Luncheon

submitted by Ruth Menzer

Pratt Area Association of Retired School Personnel (PAARSP) met for a luncheon at the Pratt Public Library on Friday, April 5, 2019. President Debbie Withers welcomed members and guest, Janell Mead. She led the flag salute and Jan Blasi gave the invocation for the lunch provided by the Parish Cafe.

President Debbie Withers introduced Becca Flowers, Skyline Superintendent, who presented Skyline's Gemini 1 Redesign District program which they launched August 15, 2018. The program is designed to prepare students for the future they can expect in this world of constant change in how information is accessed, how we communicate and collaborate as well as how people have changed. New information is constantly created. The new vision by the state is academic and cognitive preparation; technical and employability skills; and civic engagement.

President Debbie Withers opened the business meeting with the reading of the minutes from the November meeting and the treasurer's report.

Applications for scholarships are due by May 1, 2019. Next meeting will be May 3, 2019, "Lunch and Learn" at the Filley Art Museum.

## Tractor Safety Training

Saturday, April 27 – 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
Pratt Community College

If you are 14 or 15 years old, planning to do farm work for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, you must take Tractor Safety Course according to the U.S. Department of Labor requirements. Space is limited so get signed up early by calling 620-672-6121. Sponsored by Pratt Community College, Kincheloe's Inc., BTI Pratt, and the Extension Counsel

## Mother/Daughter Banquet

Monday, April 22, 2019  
6:30 p.m.  
Cunningham Gym

Bring a Covered Dish  
Drinks and Table Service Provided

Featuring a Bridal Fashion Show

We are having a wedding dress fashion show for the entertainment at the banquet. Many area ladies have volunteered to have their wedding dresses worn and a few brave ladies might just wear their own dress! Come enjoy seeing dresses from the last six decades and hearing a little about the very special day on which the dress was originally worn.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact Judy DeWeese at 620-491-0997 if you have any questions about the banquet.



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