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City Council Meeting of July 29th

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 29, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. Present were Council Members Jason Ruckle, Karl Vierthaler, Bart Ricke, and Matt Westerhaus; City Attorney Greg Graffman; and City Clerk David Steffen. Mayor Aaron Murphy arrived at 6:59 p.m. Councilman Tim Schultz arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Guests: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Randy Shelman, Maintenance; Jackie Ruckle, City Property Officer; Robin Waddle; Russell Rohlman; Cheryl Slupski; Tim Slupski; Shanna Henry; Carol Voran; Alan Albers; and Zac Laws.

Mr. Ruckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Following approval of the agenda and of the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting, Mr. Ruckle stated that several items early on the agenda would be discussed after a full council was present since both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Schultz had stated that they would arrive shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Kingman County Economic Development Council – Carol Voran and Shanna Henry, representing the KCEDC, spoke to the Council regarding the economic development's need for support – financially and verbally. Alan Albers, a former KCEDC president, also spoke in favor of the organization and its efforts in the county.

Cunningham Community Center – The City Council discussed the need to support the Community Center, which operates on donations supplemented by a modest rental income. Mayor Murphy arrived during the discussion. The Council approved a motion to make a donation to the Cunningham Community Center to cover the center's upcoming insurance premium.

Fire Department – Chief Stark gave the Fire Department report. A couple of the fire fighters attended an 800 radio training class. Truck #332 is finished, but still waiting on two nozzles, one of which will be operable from inside the truck cab. The Clerk gave an update on the expenses incurred to date in transforming the truck from surplus military to fire-fighting use. The pump on the truck and some of the other parts were purchased last year with a Kansas Forestry Service grant. The light bar and siren were donated by the Kingman County Sheriff.

Public Comments, concerns, and communications:

Robin Waddle, 317 N. Lincoln, visited with the Council regarding the City's code preventing the keeping of chickens within the city limits. At the June meeting, Ms. Waddle requested the Council consider changing the City Code to allow residents to have a small number of chickens on their property within the city limits.

After discussion, Motion by Vierthaler, second by Ruckle to deny the request to change the City Code to allow chickens within the city limits. Yes: Vierthaler, Ruckle. No: Ricke, Schultz, Westerhaus. Motion failed, 2/3.

Motion was then made by Westerhaus, to approve the request to change the City Code to allow chickens within the city limits. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Tim and Cheryl Slupski, met with the Council regarding their property at 421 N. Douglas. Mr. Slupski stated that he had no argument with the need to remove the barn on the property and requested more time to demolish the structure in order to salvage some of the lumber. He requested the Council give him until the end of September.

Motion by Ruckle, second by

Westerhaus, to continue the hearing to September 30, 2019. Motion carried, 5/0.

Christine Cannon met with the Council on behalf of her mother, Elaine Mauldin, regarding vehicles parked in the yard at 230 N. Main. Ms. Cannon stated that the vehicles are not "junk" just not insured or currently tagged, that she had cleaned them and moved them under their own power. City Code states that the absence of a current registration plate upon a vehicle is one for the conditions that "raise the presumption that a vehicle is junked, wrecked, or inoperable." 8-303(a). After further discussion relating to the enforcement of the City Code, Ms. Cannon encouraged the Council to enforce other areas of the code.

Written communications included a thank-you card from the West Kingman County Educational Foundation for the city's donation of food and supplies for the foundation's annual fundraiser.

Property Officer Report – Jackie Ruckle gave the property officer report. She is working on notices for several more properties.

The governing body met in two executive sessions for a total of 60 minutes to conduct interviews for the City Superintendent position. The justification of the executive session is for the non-elected personnel matter exception [K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)]

The governing body met in an executive session to review applications for the City Superintendent position for ten minutes.

The meeting resumed in open session at 8:49 p.m.

Bank Accounts under the City's EIN – The Clerk and City Council discussed several bank accounts currently using the City's EIN (Employer Identification Number) that may or may not be accountable to the City. The Council approved a motion adding city the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and President of the Council as authorized signatures to three of the accounts.

The City Attorney left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

The Clerk gave an update on the engineer's progress on PWS Well No. 3.

KDOL Inspection Report – The report of actions taken regarding the Kansas Department of Labor Safety Inspection Report has been completed and emailed to KDOL.

Swimming Pool – A new seat and umbrella have been purchased for the east lifeguard stand.

Maintenance Report – Todd Shelman gave the maintenance report. There were several delays in this year's sewer maintenance due to the contractor's equipment problems. The location of a fence to prevent traffic in the area of Well No. 3 was discussed. Consensus of the Council was to wait until KDHE's approval of the well before installing fencing.

The governing body met in three executive sessions totaling 13 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel.

The Council approved motions giving Todd Shelman and Sam Theis a raise in pay and a seasonal bonus.

Planning & Zoning: No report.

Animal Control: No report.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills - Steffen presented the financial report and reviewed the month's bills with the governing body. Motion by Ruckle, second by Westerhaus, to approve the financial report, including transfers, and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.



Yard of the Week



Cecilia and Joe Sterneker's home at 320 North Main selected as Pride's yard of the week.

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School Board will meet Monday, August 12th

AGENDA

Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
Presentation by Sid Wiens
Reports
Superintendent report – Robert Reed
Special Ed report – Joyce Gridley
Old Business (AI)
Executive Session Personnel
New Business (AI)
Budget review and hearing date.
Approve Superintendent Contract
Approve Teaching Contract
Adjournment

City Council Special Meeting on August 12th

AGENDA

6:30 p.m. – Meet at City Hall, 119 N. Main
1) Opening
2) Approval of Agenda
3) 2020 Budget Hearing
4) Discuss City Superintendent position
5) Executive Session - Discuss a matter pertaining to non-elected personnel
6) Consider action on open position
7) Adjourn



Cunningham Child Care Center Receives Donation



The Cunningham Child Care Center (4C) recently received a donation from Nextera Energy. Pictured above with the Center's current crew of cherubs is Paul Baird, Kingman Wind Energy Manager, Adrian Harrel, Pratt Wind Energy Manager, 4C board members, Marilyn Mavity and Kathy Albers, and the saintly staff in charge of the cherubs, Megan, Paige, and Naomi.

Courier photo

Fall Sports Parent Meetings—Tuesday, August 13th

The fall sport athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th in the Cunningham High School cafeteria. The high school cross country meeting begins at 6:00pm, junior high volleyball at 6:20pm, high school volleyball at 6:40pm, junior high football at 7:00pm and high school football at 7:20pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend. Fall sport practices will begin on Monday, August 19, 2019. Athletes must have their physicals completed by the beginning of practice. Call the high school office if you have any questions.

It's not too late to get your name or business listed in the spotlight pages coming in this school year's Courier editions.

Business owners, please contact me if you have not received any information and you are interested in getting an ad placed on the pages as well as on the Courier's website.

\$20.00 will buy you a signature line for an individual, couple or family sponsor. Send check to
P.O. Box 38 Cunningham KS 67035



CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, August 10, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, August 10, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, August 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, August 11, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

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

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Trinity
Medicine Lodge

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

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

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

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

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

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

Community Bulletin Board

Monday, August 12th
6:30 p.m.
City Budget Meeting

Tuesday and Wednesday,
August 20th and 21st
All teachers back to school

Monday, August 12th
7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, August 13th
6:00 p.m.
Parents' Sports Meeting

Friday, August 23rd
Band Instrument Display

Monday, August 19th
Fall Sports practices begin

Friday August 23rd
Booster Club Kickoff

Monday August 19th
New Teacher Orientation

Monday August 26th
City Council Meeting

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AUGUST 9TH - 11TH, 2019

SPIDERMAN: FAR FROM HOME

RATED PG--13

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

ALL SEATS ARE \$6.00

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

Museum Hours

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

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

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

Fundraisers & Charitable
Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library

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

West Kingman County Education Foundation

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

August 14, 1969 – The Cunningham Merchants won second place in the District Men’s Slo-Pitch Tournament at Anthony last week, winning five games and losing two, including a four-game Saturday night marathon.

Beginning Saturday, a special offer will be made each week for the next 12 weeks at the St. Leo Grocery and Supply in St. Leo, according to owner Tim Danahy.

Six items of beautiful Lancet Stainless Tableware are offered through purchases at the store.

August 21, 1969 – About 750 people were at the big snake hunt near the Kingman County State Lake, a week ago Sunday. Almost a third of them took part in the actual hunt for a very large black snake reportedly seen in the area several times by several people during the past several years.

The hunt failed to turn up the large black snake, but a Pratt youth won a trophy for catching the largest snake – a 40-inch water snake.

Zenda’s Jack Smith pitched a no-hitter as he team downed Turon, 9-0, in the finals to win the championship of the Cunningham Pee-Wee Baseball Tournament, Saturday night.

Cunningham defeated Nashville, 9-3, for third place.

The tournament, under the direction of Don Becker, assisted by members of the Cunningham Lions Club, enjoyed good crowds who saw some excellent playing by boys between the ages of eight and 11 years.

August 13, 1964 – Judith Ann Huffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Huffman of Cunningham, will sail from San Francisco, Calif., next Thursday, for Seoul, Korea, where she will be an instructor of English at Ewka Women’s University in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stucky of Pretty Prairie, are new residents of Cunningham, living in the Everett Hauser property on west Highway 54. He is the new high school industrial arts instructor.

Cunningham’s slo-pitch softball team won seventh place in the State Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament played at Garden City last weekend.

Cunningham’s team wore fancy new red, white, and blue uniforms in the state tournament, compliments of Cunningham business firms, and assumed the new name, “Cunningham Merchants.” Firms donating suits included the First National Bank, the Cunningham Clipper, Hauser’s AG Market, Scripsick Standard Service, Cunningham IGA, Houston Lumber Company, Cozy Cafe, DeWeese Variety and Hardware, B & H Electric, Hilltop House Nursing Home, Dafforn Appliances, Harold’s Place, Vern’s Mobil Station, Western Light and Telephone Company, and Kincheloe Implement Company.

August 20, 1964 – Cunningham residents used a record amount of water during July, according to figures released Wednesday by City Clerk Jack Meyers.

Six million, six hundred thousand gallons trickled through all the water meters – emptying the 50,000-gallon tank 3,300 times or almost 10 times a day.

Mrs. Virginia Hamlett entertained the Cunningham Yankees Little League baseball team and Manager Dean Mantooth at a hamburger and French fries feed in the cafe last Saturday evening.

Team members were Mark Dafforn, Marvin Oller, Curtis Kitson, Brad Mantooth, Earl Stark, Marc Miles, Gary Rohlman, Billy Ogden, Wesley Woodson, and John McCune.

August 13, 1959 – The largest crowd in the 25-year history of the St. Leo Picnic attended this year’s affair.

Over 600 dance tickets were sold, and 875 people enjoyed a sumptuous and delicious fried chicken and country sausage dinner.

The ground behind the school building has been leveled and about four acres of bermuda and buffalo grass is growing nicely. One hundred and twenty red cedar trees have been planted on the west and north sides of the school grounds for windbreaks.

August 20, 1959 – Wesley (Sonny) Hendricks, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hendricks of Cunningham, was killed in a tragic accident Saturday afternoon, when the car in which he was riding with friends,

collided with a fast Santa Fe Railroad mail train at a crossing southwest of Newton.

Norman G. Blasi, 23, of Pratt, and Julius A. Richardson, 38, of Greensburg, lost their lives as the result of a holocaust caused by a traffic accident, three and a quarter miles east of Cunningham Monday afternoon.

Eight other persons, including the driver of the Blasi car, were passengers in the two cars and transport truck involved in the accident. The seven other people were not injured.

The driver of the Blasi care was driving east on U. S. Highway 54, and her car struck the south abutment to the west end of the Ninnescah River Bridge, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported. The vehicle bounced into the westbound traffic lane where it collided with a Derby Oil Company transport driven by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson’s truck swerved as he tried to avoid the crash, and crashed into the south side of the bridge, and burst into flame as the tractor cab went into the south roadway ditch, the blazing trailer loaded with gasoline blocking the highway.

August 12, 1954 – Cairo News Items

The bridge gang of the Santa Fe Railroad are re-modeling the section house where the section foreman lives, and they will also wire for electricity the section house where the section hands live.

The layette shower for Mrs. Steve England was well-attended last Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church. – White Eagle.

August 19, 1954 – Off the Record

A young husband, arriving home from the office, found his wife in tears.

“I have had a terrible day,” she told him. “Baby cut his first tooth and a little while later he took his first step and fell and knocked out his tooth.”

“Then what?” the husband asked.

“Oh, darling,” she said in a shocked voice, “he said his first word.”

It was so hot last week that even my shadow was perspiring.

Lots of people don’t need a vacation. Their minds wander all year.

Poetry is like a pigeon – all right if it’s not over your head.

How come people with the narrowest minds always seem to have the widest mouths?

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Recycling!

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August 12, 1949 – St. Leo took an easy 11 to 2 decision from Cunningham in a baseball game here last Sunday afternoon. Ollie Adelhardt was the winning pitcher, and Joe Theis was charged with the loss. Gerald Simon hit a home run for St. Leo.

Russell Stanley, student at the University of Kansas, made the Spring Honor Roll at the University. Esther Sheldon and James Renner, students at Southwestern College, have been named on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester.

There are now one hundred and two boys from Kingman County in military service.

August 19, 1949—All masonry work on the new grade school building is expected to be completed this week, according to Superintendent Henry Gross of the English Construction Company.

Some of the improvements made in local business houses recently include a new paint job, inside and out, at the Jones' Cafe; the Ratcliff Building undergoing remodeling from top to bottom; new signs at Burnett's Drug Store and

the Cozy Cafe; and the Dafforn Motor Company has switched from Skelly Oil Company products to Standard Oil Company merchandise.

1944 – Publication suspended during the war.

August 11, 1939—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Steffen and daughter Gussie Mae, moved to Hutchinson this week, where they will make their new home. Mr. Steffen has been employed at the Fee Hardware Company for the past year.

August 18, 1939 – The Dafforn Motor Company repaired one of the largest motors they have ever worked on this week. One of the motors from a drilling rig was brought to the garage. It weighed about twelve tons.

Pupils of Miss Sophie Grier will be presented in a recital at the Methodist Church in Cairo next Wednesday. Those appearing on the program include Kathleen Howell, Edwin Steffen, Jean Howell, Dorothy Steffen, Mary Jeulane Thimmesch, Helen Steffen, Gwendolyn Peterson, Jack Kincheloe, Mary Grace Fisher, Marietta Fitzsimmons, Anita Howell, Mary

Evelyn Walker, Donna Crow, and Florence Steffen.

August 9, 1934 – E. C. Crow, 58, a resident of Cunningham for the past eleven years, was fatally injured in an automobile accident north of Wichita, Wednesday afternoon.

August 17, 1934 – The Cunningham Grade School faculty is complete for the coming year. Members of the faculty include Harve Manahan, Principal; Miss Cozette Tayor, Fifth and Sixth Grades; Miss Virginia Elson, Third and Fourth Grades, and Music; and Miss Edith Lecklider of Kingman, are new teachers on the faculty.

Gasoline has gone up two and one-half cents per gallon in price all over Kansas this week. Local stations are now getting fourteen cents per gallon for regular gasoline.

August 9, 1929—Miss Vera Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dempsey, and Mr. Harold Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins, were married last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church Chapel in Pratt.

Otto Meng is the new owner of the Cannonball Garage and has changed the firm's name to the Meng Motor Company. Harry Nossaman, a recent graduate of Sweeney's

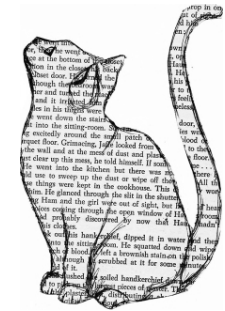
Mechanics School in Kansas City, Mo., is a new employee at the garage.

About twenty patrons of Cunningham Rural Route No. 2 are getting their mail at Harry Smith's store in Cairo now, rather than be served by the Pratt Rural Route No. 1 carrier.

August 16, 1929 – The Cunningham Golf Course north of town has been recently mowed and put in first-class shape, and is getting a big play by local residents.

Cunningham now has three new blocks of street. The three blocks paralleling the Santa Fe Railroad track from the Haden corner to the Nighswonger corner were recently completed.

Joseph Schad, who, with his parents, operated a cafe in this city a few years ago, is now entertaining crowds at the various fairs and rodeos in this section of the state. He has appeared in the Lattimore Ranch Rodeo at Spivey, McLain's Annual Rodeo at Sun City, and the Wheat Festival in Hutchinson. He does a slack wire act, a fast tumbling act, a contortion act, a rope escape act, and a chair and hoop act.



Meanderings

To finish the odyssey my three friends and I took a couple of weeks ago, I need to tell another story from February 2018.

I received a Facebook message from Vicky: "I read in the morning paper there will be an auction in Pratt this Friday. The address of the home is 60176 NE 15th St. in Pratt. I Googled it and it is one of the most beautiful homes I've ever seen. I thought maybe you could go to the auction and bid on it! It would be an amazing place for all of us to gather and have great times! I can just see all of us sitting in that kitchen having coffee and enjoying one of your pies! All your little critters would have lots of room to roam. Maybe Maryanne, Terri and I can take the day off and join you at the auction!"

I replied to Vicky: When I saw the address, it didn't register with me. Pratt doesn't have a 15th street. So I googled it. When I first moved out here I had been to Pratt, had an afternoon to do whatever, and took a side trip up to the little town of Waldeck. I continued driving and meandering and happened upon it..

"I am not sure I could keep up with the house-keeping in 8500+ square feet of house. Plus a guest house. But while I'm at the bank applying for the loan, I'll ask about borrowing enough money for a staff of servants as well. In for a penny, in for a pound.... And I guess I'd need groundskeepers as well. 160 acres and 7 fish ponds is a lot of ground. I would probably also have to hire people to use the sauna and the exercise room and the pool. It is a rather remote property. It would be wondrously quiet."

Vicky's reply: I agree, you will need lots of help taking care of it. Good luck at the bank! Let me know when you move in and I'll get you a special housewarming gift!

I suggested a bottle of wine to put in the wine cellar. She said she'd bring it.

The home sold at auction for 1.3 million. I guess I'd have not just had to visit the bank, but I'd have had to get another part-time job.

Forward a year and half later to this little trip. The four of us are heading out of Pratt towards Cunningham. We are just past the exit to turn towards Waldeck, when Vicky asked about "the House."

I thought I could find it. I instructed the chauffer, Maryanne, to turn at the Cairo exit. We found Waldeck, and headed north; over the railroad tracks, and over a bridge and... We hadn't gone far when I decided I wasn't sure we were on the right road, and maybe

we should turn around and see if we could find a helpful soul in Waldeck. Now I know those of you who are familiar with Waldeck are laughing. But I had faith.

Maryanne decided to pull one of those just-about-made-it-in-three-points three-point turns when I pointed out some sandplums in a bush just across the road and the ditch and the barbed-wired fence.

Terri saw them as well; and the two in the front seat were trying to find out what Terri and I in the backseat were talking about it. Terri, like me, had picked sandplums as a kid so our Moms could make jelly. Vicky and Maryanne were a bit clueless. Finally, Terri managed to tell them that they were looking for "orange-red berries". Ahh... now they saw what we were talking about. Vicky thought she needed some.

Terri hopped out of the vehicle, and walked across the road and into the ditch (wearing flip-flops!) and was trying to get to the berries when I yelled "Car's coming!" She hustled back into the car and said she was having problems getting them because of the barbed wire.

I said I would go but Terri is not a quitter, and off she went. She came back with a handful and gave them to Vicky. They took pictures of the plums with their cell phones.

Back to Waldeck we drove. We saw a large building with a door open, so I told Maryanne to pull in there and to see if someone could point us in the right direction. Just as I opened the car door, a vehicle pulled into the open overhead door, and a gentleman got out.

He was very nice. I told him what we were looking for me, and he looks at me and inquires, "Didn't I just see you ladies stealing some sandplums down the road?"

I started laughing. I told him that I was with a couple of "city girls" who didn't know what they were, so we picked some.

Then he asks, "Did you tell those city girls to pop one in their mouth and have a taste?"

I laughed again. "No, I think they'd be suspicious."

I guess he decided I was okay, because he explained to me how to get to the house at 60179 NE 15th Street. We weren't far off the mark, I think when I was there first, I approached it from the west, and we were going in the opposite direction.

We followed the road and the curve and Vicky was thrilled. She took a couple of pictures, and we headed back towards Cunningham. EXCEPT Vicky noticed more sandplums along the road. These were redder and riper, so Maryanne stopped so Vicky could pick some more. Pictures were taken.

We drove back, through Waldeck, honked and waved at the gentleman and headed home.

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USDA Opens Signup for Market Facilitation Program Enrollment Now Open through Dec. 6

July 29, 2019 – Signup opens today for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program to assist farmers who continue to suffer from damages because of unjustified trade retaliation from foreign nations. Through MFP, USDA will provide up to \$14.5 billion in direct payments to impacted producers, part of a broader trade relief package announced in late July. The sign-up period runs through Dec. 6.

“Our team at USDA reflected on what worked well and gathered feedback on last year’s program to make this one even stronger and more effective for farmers. Our farmers work hard, are the most productive in the world, and we aim to match their enthusiasm and patriotism as

we support them,” said Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue.

MFP payments will be made to producers of certain non-specialty and specialty crops as well as dairy and hog producers.

Non-Specialty Crops MFP payments will be made to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat.

MFP assistance for 2019 crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm’s total plantings to the MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer’s total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plant-

ings. View payment rates by county.

Dairy and Hogs Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundred-weight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

Specialty Crops MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng, fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

More Information Payments will be made in up to three tranches, with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second

and third tranches will be made in November and early January.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000, or 75 percent of the person’s or legal entity’s average AGI for those tax years must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

More information can be found on farmers.gov/mfp, including payment information and a program application.

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
298-3163
Closed Holidays

Zenda Public Library
Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
620-243-5791

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

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

KDOT announces approved July bids

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects in Kansas. The letting took place July 17, 2019, in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple projects that have been bundled based on proximity and type of work.

District One — Northeast

Statewide - 106 KA-5145-01 – Intersections at K-4 and 46th Street; U.S. 24 and U.S. 59; U.S. 59 and K-4; U. S. 56 and 2200 Road;

K-7 and 262nd Street; and North 1800 Road and East 850th Road (K-10 Bypass), lighting, Phillips Southern Electric Company Inc., Wichita, Ks., \$195,984.00.

Wabaunsee - 99 C-4924-01 – Bridge over Hatch Creek located 2.0 miles south and 5.2 miles east of Eskridge, bridge replacement, 0.2 mile, King Construction Company Inc. and Subsidiaries, Hesston, Ks., \$415,808.65.

District Two — North Central

Cloud - 81-15 KA-5264-01 – U.S. 81, from approximately 0.25 mile north of the Cloud/Ottawa county line north 3.15 miles to culvert #552, special, 3.2 miles, APAC-Kansas Inc. Shears

Division, Hutchinson, Ks., \$734,693.40.

Statewide - 106 KA-5268-01 - K-28, from the K-14/K-28 junction east to the K-28/K-148 junction, K-148 from the K-28/K-148 junction east to the Republic/Jewell county line and K-148 from the Republic/Jewell county line east to the K-148/U.S. 81 junction in Republic County, crack repair, 28.6 miles, Pavement Pro’s LLC, McPherson, Ks, \$145,155.00.

Saline - 70-85 KA-5282-01 – I-70, pavement marking along I-70 near Salina, pavement marking, 9.5 miles, Innovative Marking Systems Inc., Bluffdale, Utah, \$724,003.30.

District Three

Northwest Gove - 70-32 KA-5276-01 - I-70, from 8.15 miles west of the Gove/Trego county line east to the Gove/Trego county line, milling and overlay, 8.2 miles, McCormick Excavation & Paving LLC, Stratton, Co., \$149,878.00.

District Four — Southeast

Crawford - 47-19 KA-4755-01 – K-47, the K-47 and Ozark Street intersection in Girard, intersection improvement, 0.3 mile, Mission Construction Co. Inc., St Paul, Ks., \$328,266.51.

Labette - 59-50 KA-4536-01 – U.S. 59, U.S. 59 and U.S. 160 junction, intersection improvement, 0.2 mile, Laforge & Budd

Construction Company Inc., Parsons, Ks., \$3,083,218.92.

District Six — Southwest

Clark - 160-13 KA-5275-01 – U.S. 160, located approximately 3.4 miles west of the city of Ashland, grading, Stoppel Dirt LLC & Affiliates, Sublette, Ks., \$94,963.52.

Ness - 68 C-4919-01 – Bridge on Road P over Guzzlers Gulch located 3.0 miles west of U.S. 283 and 2.2 miles north of the Ness/Hodgeman county line, bridge replacement, 0.1 mile, L & M Contractors Inc., Great Bend, Ks., \$464,573.75.

The following projects have been approved from the June 19, 2019, letting.

Shawnee - 89 TE-0465-01 – Topeka-Bikeways Phase 3 at various locations in the city including 8th Avenue, pedestrian and bicycle paths, Julius Kaaz Construction Co. Inc., Leavenworth, Ks., \$1,885,720.00.

Ellis - 26 C-4894-01 - All major and minor collector roads in the southwest quarter of the county, signing, 112.0 miles, Ponderosa I Inc., Wright, Ks., \$53,913.00.

Cowley-18C-4890-01 – Various locations in in the middle third of the county, signing, 102.0 miles, Signs Up LTD DBA Haren’s Trees and Critters, Webster City, Ia., \$146,082.77.

Contests aim to Put the Brakes on Fatalities

Students and school/class/booster club can win prizes

Kansas students can win great prizes and learn about traffic safety by participating in poster and video contests as part of the annual Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety campaign.

In addition, the school, class or booster club of the grand prize-winning students will also receive money as part of the contest prizes.

Poster contest: For Kansas students ages 5 to 13 - three statewide winners will each receive:

Kindle Fire Tablet and case from the Kansas

Turnpike Authority; \$50 Amazon gift card from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas;

Movie passes from AAA Kansas; and \$200 for the school, class or the booster club.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) will receive a bicycle from the KTA and a helmet from Safe Kids Kansas. Poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 20. Information and entry forms are available here.

Video contest: For Kansas teens in grades 8-12. Prizes from the KTA include an iPad, a

Go Pro and a DJI Osmo Pocket, and the grand prize winner’s school, class or booster club will receive \$500. Video entries must be posted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29. Information to submit entries is available here.

About 37,000 people die in traffic crashes each year across the United States. That’s nearly 101 fatalities every day. Let’s encourage everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists – to exercise caution every day and Put the Brakes on Fatalities.

The Kansas Department of Transportation and numerous transportation organizations in Kansas are sponsoring the con-

tests. More information about Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is available here.

Winners from last year’s contests are listed below:

2018 Poster Contest Winners -

Northeast Kansas - Hudson Barrett, Spring Hill; Aurora Powell, Overbrook; Abigail Coons, Lawrence

North Central Kansas - Kierstyn Coup, Hope; Manny Morales, McPherson; Kira Carver, Herington

Northwest Kansas - Matthias Miller, Gorham; Janessa Miller, Gorham; Conner Miller, Gorham

Southeast Kansas - Hadley Holmes, Riverton; Brooklyn

Green-Lawson, Riverton; Brayden Myers, Parsons
South Central Kansas - Kaymi Zink, Claflin; Finley Maloney, Kingman; Jeffrey Hamm, El Dorado

Southwest Kansas - Emmaline Luna, Holcomb; Mia Montes, Holcomb; Edgar Morales, Liberal

2018 Video Contest winners –

Andrew Marshall Tabb from Shawnee Mission West won first place.

Students from Eudora High School captured second place.

Students from Lawrence High School placed third in the video contest.

Sandplums

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When we arrived back here at the office, Vicky washed the sandplums off and tasted one.

She was generous and let everyone have a bite. The skin was so bitter, but the berry was very sweet.

Then my three friends piled into the car, leaving me to my newspaper and my stories. I waved them off, and smiled as I started my story for the paper.

Always reading and currently reading, "Life Sentences" by Laura Lippman Roberta

“Not all those who wander are lost.”

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

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Launches Web Series to Teach Children Internet Safety

Aug. 6, 2019 – Today the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is launching, “Into the Cloud,” a brand new online safety product for children in grades K-5. This includes an animated web series and video game. Using data from actual NCMEC CyberTipline reports, each episode focuses on a different element of online safety, from strategies for handling cyberbullying to recognizing and reporting unsafe/inappropriate interactions and content. Additional episodes will be available throughout the year.

“Into the Cloud” presents important safety information in an age-appropriate and entertaining manner! All the resources are free!

The first two episodes are available TODAY at

www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/videos

Download our media kit here. Included are:

- First two episodes of “Into the Cloud”
- Trailer
- Talking Points
- Still images and more



Cosmosphere Visitors Can Visit the Lunar Landing Site and More!

HUTCHINSON, KS—Thanks to a new 3D interactive display, visitors to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS, can visit the Apollo 11 landing site on the Moon, take a close look at an Apollo spacesuit or explore planet Earth. A new Liquid Galaxy display surrounds visitors with seven vertically placed, 50-inch, screens of rich imagery generated through data from Google Maps, Google Earth and Google Street view as well as images from the Moon.

The display was donated to the Cosmosphere by Brian and Beth McClendon of Lawrence.

“Beth and I first experienced the Cosmosphere last year and were very impressed,” Brian McClendon said. “As the Cosmosphere team works to improve the museum, this is one way we could help. We hope it inspires people to learn more about their world and universe, and how technology makes these experiences accessible.”

Brian McClendon may appreciate more than most how the Google technology immerses visitors in the exploration of their own planet and beyond. He was vice president of engineering and an original investor in Keyhole, Inc. In 2004, Google purchased Keyhole and Keyhole’s main application suite, Earth Viewer, became the foundation of Google Earth. McClendon worked with Google for ten years leading efforts including Google Maps, Google Earth, Streetview and Waze.

“The Liquid Galaxy gives the Cosmosphere its first state-of-the art interactive in our efforts to offer more hands-on activities for visitors,” said Jim Remar, Cosmosphere CEO. “Not only are we grateful for the donation of this incredible technology, but more importantly, for the support and interest the McClendons have extended to the Cosmosphere.”

The Liquid Galaxy experience is included with admission to the Hall of Space Museum on the lower level of the Cosmosphere.

For more information on Liquid Galaxy, visit <http://liquidgalaxy.org>.

Cosmosphere International Science Education Center & Space Museum is a Smithsonian-affiliate in Hutchinson, KS. It is home to the largest combined collection of U.S. and Russian space artifacts, which allows visitors to experience the story of the Space Race unlike anywhere else in the world.



Window Replacement Phase One is Complete



This photo, taken of the northwest corner of the courthouse, shows many of the new windows.

Phase one of the Courthouse Window Replacement is complete. Ninety-five windows have been replaced; leaving seventy-two more still needing replacement. Hard work and dedication for the restoration of Kingman County Courthouse window project is how I describe the efforts of Leroy Foose, window installer; Brian Schwartz, finish carpenter; and painter, Brad Morris. General contractor was G C I of Kingman. Doug Lloyd from Ottawa, Kansas was the architect. Also helping with the renovation: Our county commissioners: Fred Foley, John Steffen, and Jerry Henning; and former county commissioner Carol Voran, who pushed hard to see this project get the support it deserved. Five years of planning has brought us to phase two.

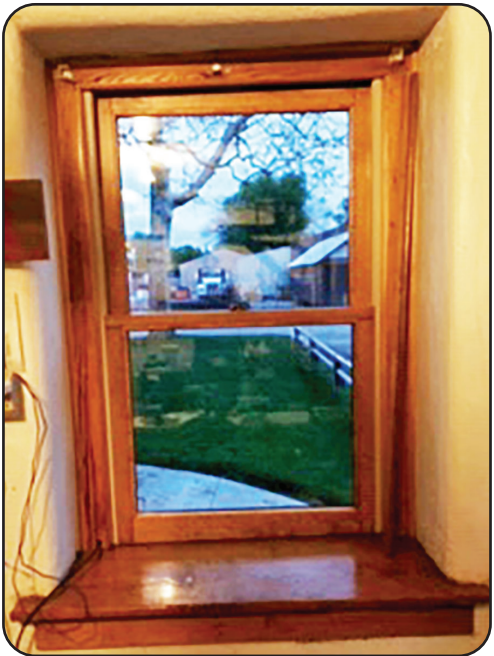
Kansas Heritage Trust Fund grant manager, Katrina Ringler, and her dedicated staff made this project go smooth with on-site visits and many conversations by phone and e-mails. Kingman County Clerk Carol Noblit is the grant administrator who communicated with Katrina Ringler with daily and monthly reports. Carol Noblit has already finished final reports to claim our \$90,000 grant promised in February of 2018. To be noted -- out of 29 applications for this \$90,000 grant, Kingman County was one of only two winners. There also will be tax credits awarded for our out-of-pocket expenses.

A big thanks to the public and courthouse staff for their patience over the last 90 days.

What are the benefits of these new windows? Energy savings, more daylight with UV protection. One person said as the sun shines through, there seemed to be very little heat transfer. These windows are of wood, double-hung, with metal clad on the exterior. The biggest window was nearly ten feet tall.

Our future generations will appreciate the efforts.

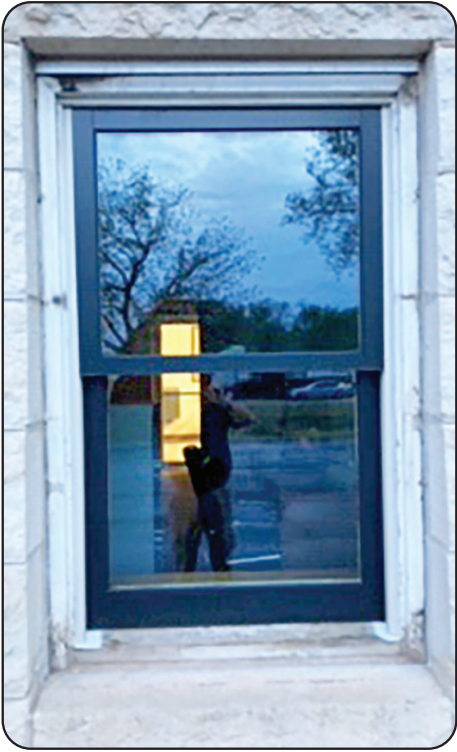
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Inside first floor "after" photo.



North side of the Kingman County Courthouse.



First floor windows: "Before" is shown on the left; "after" is on the right.



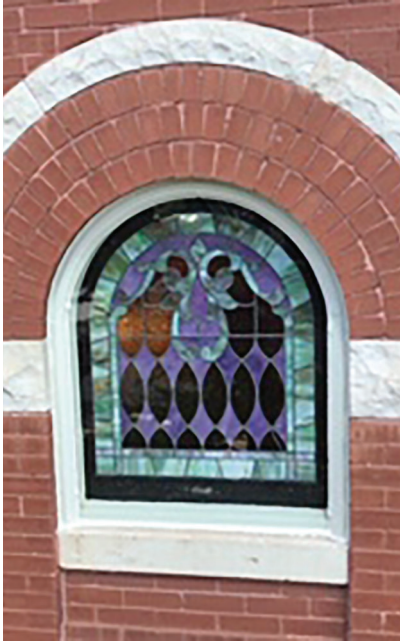
Brad Morris, Brian Schwartz, Leroy Foose, the work crew.



Kingman County Clerk, Carol Noblit, shown at the second floor entrance to the Kingman County Courthouse.



This is a photo of the south side of the Kingman County Courthouse.



Fourth floor inside window. From left to right: Before renovations; after renovations, and from the outside "after"..

One of the stained glass windows on the front of the building.

photos by Mark Schnittker

County Commission Meeting

July 29th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on July 29th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye; Deanna Gerhardt; Melissa Romme, Auditor by Conference call; Jeff Stroberg; Mattie Giefer, GCI Construction; Leroy Foos, GCI Construction; The Law Company.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

DeAnna Gerhardt asked the Commissioners to rethink the funding for the County Museum. It is an organization that needs funding to help maintain that beautiful building. Ms. Gerhardt told the Commissioners that people coming down Main Street see the Museum and it is a focal point of Kingman.

The Commissioners let Ms. Gerhardt know that they have an appropriation for \$10,000.00 in the 2020 budget for the Historical Museum.

Carol Voran asked the Commissioners if they would look at pos-

sibly funding Economic Development even if not the original request of \$42,000.00 but maybe some funding.

Shanna Henry let the Commissioners know that some funding would help Economic Development and that they will be asking other Cities for help in funding.

Larry Landwehr let the Commissioners know as far as Economic Development is concerned, Jim Rowland resigned his position at the last Economic Development meeting. At the meeting they discussed changing things and any help would be good.

Mr. Landwehr also thanked everyone for the help he received during last weeks meeting.

Commissioner Henning asked what the difference is between the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development was.

Carol Voran discussed the difference between the two organizations.

Melissa Romme, Auditor by Conference call and Linda Langley, Auditor were in to review the 2020 Budget with the County Commissioners.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with tire bids from the following:

ATD Online Toyo Open Country \$222.00

Kansas Land Tire \$211.75

ATD Online Defender Tire \$283.00

ATD Online Ironman Tire \$172.00

ATD Online Discoverer Tire \$236.00

The Flat Spot LLC \$208.31

Mr. Wimer discussed that the Toyo Open Country tire is the better tire.

The Commissioners agreed to purchasing two tires from ATD Online Toyo Open Country tires for \$222.00 each.

Mr. Wimer gave a department update to the Commissioners.

Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser was in to discuss sending out ag questionnaires and having KOMTEK Systems Corporation send them out because it is the same

company that sends out their evn notices. The cost estimate would be \$4,012.77.

The Commissioners would like for Ms. Hartley to see if any other companies do this work and what the cost would be.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the July 22nd, 2019 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the Commission meeting minutes for July 22nd, 2019. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

Larry Bush for a garage in Section 1, Township 27, Range 08(Hoosier).

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 9:32 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR; Mary Schwartz, Health Department and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:52 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 9:52 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee’s evaluation. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:58 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mattie Giefer, GCI Construction; Leroy Foos, GCI Construction and Douglas Lloyd, Lloyd Architects were in to discuss the finalization of the window project.

Chairman Steffen had the meeting open for public comment.

Shanna Henry said that the windows are beautiful.

Carol Voran asked if the windows insulation was done to specs and will it help with energy efficiency.

Mr. Foos let her know the process and what the condition was of the old windows.

The County Commissioners went out and looked at the windows.

Mr. Giefer submitted the final bill on the windows to be \$55,329.92.

Mr. Giefer; Mr. Foos & Mr. Lloyd left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to finalize inspection contract for FAS 1428 Hot Mix Overlay for Souuth of Mt. Vernon and get Commission approval not to exceed \$35,000.00 to be paid out of Special Highway.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the inspection contract from Schwab Eaton for the FAS 1428 Hot Mix Overlay project not to exceed \$35,000.00 out of Special Highway Fund. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen opened a bid received from the following: Farmers Coop of Isabel Unleaded \$2.48 per gal. #1 Diesel \$2.74 per gal. #2 Diesel \$2.29 per gal

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the fuel bid from Farmers Coop of Isabel. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Law Company was in with an update on the design, the schedule and the budget for the project.

The estimate breakdown was reviewed with the County Commissioners, Sheriff Randy Hill and David Lux, Chief of Police.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor, to discuss an employee’s performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:07 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The County Commissioners discussed the vacant lots that the County currently owns and placing them out for bid.

The Commissioners discussed that they would like bids to be sent in and opened by the Commissioners on September 9th with the right to reject all bids.

The Commissioners approved the following abatement:

ABATEMENTS

2019000297 -\$175.00

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Agricultural research center in Hays hosts Fall Field Day on Aug. 21

Updates on managing many Kansas crops will be highlighted

HAYS, Kan. – Kansas State University’s Agricultural Research Center in Hays will provide updated management strategies for numerous Kansas crops when it hosts the annual fall field day on Wednesday, August 21.

There is no cost to attend the event, which takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The research center is located at 1232 240th Avenue in Hays.

The schedule includes a series of field tours beginning at 9 a.m., including:

Pearl millet hybrid performance

Grain sorghum hybrid performance

Occasional tillage in

wheat-sorghum-fallow rotations

Integrated weed management in soybeans

Pre- and post-herbicide options for weed management in grain sorghum

Imidazolinone-tolerant grain sorghum: A new technology for weed control.

The afternoon includes a look at insect management in soybeans; and a presentation on alternative crops for western Kansas, including field peas and industrial hemp.

Organizers say that pesticide applicators and certified crop consultants can earn up to four hours of continuing education credits by attending this year’s field day.

Interested persons are encouraged to pre-register by calling 785-625-3425. More information, including a list of speakers for this year’s field day, is available online at www.hays.k-state.edu.

Money Tip for Students

Be wary of student loan repayment companies

If you’re paying back federal student loans, be wary of sales pitches from companies that offer to help you lower your payments, warns KHEAA.

Some companies charge high fees for filling out forms that you can do for free. Many will want to charge monthly fees for monitoring your loans. Again, you can do that for free.

The best place to start is the servicer that the U.S. Department of Education has assigned your loan to. Your servicer can tell you what your options are and can help you with the forms you need. If you need

help finding your servicer, you can go to www.nsls.ed.gov and retrieve your loan information.

You can also go directly to www.ed.gov and click on the link titled “Student loans.” Under that link you’ll find links to detailed information about all of your options.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students’ access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To learn more about these services, visit www.kheaa.com.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier on August 8th, 2019 (2t)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY KINGMAN COUNTY

Pursuant to the authorization of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas, there will be offered for sale at public auction and sold to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the front door of the Kingman County Courthouse in the City of Kingman, County of Kingman, and State of Kansas, on Monday, the 9th day of September, 2019 at 9:00 o'clock A.M., the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas, to-wit:

Parcel 1 consists of three separate lots located on the east side of Main Street. The three lots are described as follows:

Lot A is commonly known as **228 N. Main Street**, Kingman, KS. The CAMA Parcel No. is 103-05-0-20-15-008-00-0-01. The current appraised value of Lot A is \$5,280;

Lot B is commonly known as **232 N. Main Street**, Kingman, KS. The CAMA Parcel No. is 103-05-0-20-15-007-00-0-01. The current appraised value of Lot B is \$5,280;

Lot C is commonly known as **236 N. Main Street**, Kingman, KS. The CAMA Parcel No. is 103-05-0-20-15-006-00-0-01. The current appraised value of Lot C is \$5,280.

Lots A, B and C are offered for sale as a single parcel referred to herein as Parcel 1. Additional information regarding the lots comprising Parcel 1 is available on the Kingman County Appraiser’s web site at the following address:

<https://www.kansasgis.org/orka/map.cfm>

Parcel 2 is situated at the southwest corner of the intersection of Spruce and East B Avenue and is commonly known as **121 East B Avenue**, Kingman, KS. The CAMA Parcel No. is 103-05-0-20-15-001-00-0-01. The current appraised value of Parcel 2 is \$22,156. Additional information regarding Parcel 2 is available on the Kingman County Appraiser’s web site .

The Board of County Commissioners found and determined by unanimous vote that said Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 no longer are required and cannot prudently be used for the public purposes of the County, that the value of said Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, respectively, do not exceed \$50,000.00 and that said Parcels 1 and 2 should be sold at public sale pursuant to this notice of public sale as provided by law. Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, respectively, shall be sold as separate parcels and such public sale shall be conducted by the Sheriff of Kingman County at the time and place and on the date set forth in the Notice of Sale.

This Notice is given pursuant to the authority of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas this 5th day of August, 2019.

Carol D. Noblit
Carol Noblit
County Clerk, Kingman County, Kansas

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Andrew D. Fischer, Jill E. Fischer, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 19CV16

K.S.A. 60

Mortgage Foreclosure

(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 19CV16, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 09/05/2019, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County

of Kingman, State of Kansas, to wit:

LOTS THIRTY-ONE (31) AND THIRTY-THREE (33) ON AVENUE “C” EAST, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

SHERIFF OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542

Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624

Dustin Stiles, KS # 25152

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Classifieds

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For Sale

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Miscellaneous

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Kingman, KS 67068

or inquire at email: info@hoorayranch.com

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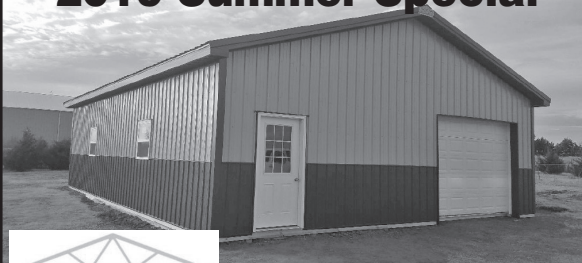
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Celebrations of Life

Gary Reh

Gary Reh, 73, passed away, Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham. He was born September 22, 1945, in Natoma, Kansas, to Marion and Roberta (Hoskins) Reh. On July 31, 1987, he married Robin Brown in Pratt. She survives.



Gary was a Production Supervisor in the oilfield. He enjoyed going to Nascar races, traveling in the motor home, riding his Harley, and spending time with his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by: wife, Robin of Pratt; children, Doug (Kendra) Reh of Pratt, Raquel VonFeldt of Wichita, Rami (Michael) Packard of Jacksonville, Florida, Keeli (Brad) Starks of Russell, Krae (Kinsey) Dutoit of Grand Island, Nebraska; daughter-in-law, Lisa Reh of Pratt; brother, Marion Reh of Pratt; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and the friends and family at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dennis Reh.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with family present from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary. Memorial Service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019, at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor, in care of Larrison Mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give to or take from the Blessing Box at any time.



Free Bread & Baked Goods
at the Cunningham Methodist Church
1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

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Entry into all home games
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Contact Cunningham Schools for more information.

South Central Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary

In 1994, South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) was established by a group of local citizens looking to preserve and grow the communities in South Central Kansas. SCCF became a regional foundation that covers seven counties including Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, (Pratt), Rice, and Stafford.

While SCCF’s office is located in Pratt, staff relies on board members and volunteers from the communities to help prioritize each county’s needs.

“Our board currently consist of 13 members from each of our seven counties,” said Holly Rooks, SCCF Executive Director, “It’s incredibly important for each county to communicate their needs with the Foundation due to the vastly different funding priorities.”

The Foundation offers support to each community through grants, scholarships, and individual donor funds to aid local nonprofits looking to effectively impact their service area. The community and teacher’s grants are offered each summer and can aid nonprofits with their next project or classroom supplies.

The scholarships offered by SCCF are offered each Spring semester, offering high school seniors and current college students the chance to receive assistance with tuition, books, and on-campus housing. This year SCCF awarded nearly \$74,000 in scholarships to 52 students.

“Our scholarship and grant recipients are determined by a volunteer committee averaging around 45 members, including our Youth Making a Different Council,” said Lance Dixon, SCCF Board Chair, “This Foundation could not operate without the communities support and we are so thankful for the last twenty-five years.”

SCCF invites the communities of South Central Kansas to help celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary on Saturday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Pratt. Tickets are available by contacting the office, all proceeds go to the Founders Fund which helps make the Foundation sustainable.



At the Pool

Aqua-zumba
Tues & Thurs 7:00-7:45 \$5
Admission to pool \$2 or season pass

Non-aerobic exercise class: Wednesdays at 6:30

SPECIAL DATES
Wednesday, Aug 14 Extended Hours 1:00-9:00

Friday, Aug 16 Midnight Swim
10:00 pm - Midnight \$2/person
No passes

Wednesday, Aug 21 1:00-5:00

Thursday, Aug 22 CLOSED -- First day of school

Friday, Aug 23 CLOSED for Booster Club Kick Off

Saturday, Aug 24 Extended Hours
1:00-9:00

Volleyball Practice Schedule 2019

High School:
8-19-19: 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.
8-20-19: 6 to 9 a.m.
8-21-19: 6 to 9 a.m.
8-22-19: 1st day of school---4 to 7 p.m.
8-23-19: 4 to 7 p.m. (Subject to change)
8-24-19: will schedule time at a later date



Junior High:
8-19-19: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
8-20-19: 3:30 to 5 p.m.
8-21-19: 3:30 to 5 p.m.
8-22-19: 8th hour
8-23-19: 8th hour



Enrollment day at Cunningham Schools found Nichole Kerschen at the office enrolling 4th grader Andrew and 5th grader Stephen. Also pictured are John Paul and Ann Marie. They are the family of new music teacher, Eric Kerschen.



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Beer-Marinated Steak Fajitas

1 lb. beef skirt steak, trimmed.
1 12 oz. can light beer
1 tsp garlic powder
Salt and pepper
3 red, green or orange bell peppers, cored and sliced ½ inch thick
1 large onion, sliced ½ inch thick
3 tbsp vegetable oil
8 flour tortillas (6 inch) warmed
1 cup jarred salsa
¼ cup cilantro leaves

In a large resealable bag, combine the steak, beer, garlic powder, 2 tsp. salt and ¼ t pepper. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or overnight.

Preheat a grill or grill pan to medium-high. In a bowl, toss together the pepper, onion, 2 tbsp. oil, 1 tsp salt and ¼ tsp pepper. Grill the vegetables, turning occasionally, until tender and slightly charred, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Remove the steak from the marinade and pat it dry with paper towels. Coat with the remaining 1 tbsp oil and grill, flipping halfway, 8 minutes for medium rare. Let rest for 10 minutes.

Thinly slice the steak against the grain and pile it onto the warm tortillas with the peppers and onion. Top with the salsa and cilantro.

Jumping for the Lord

Where: Cunningham Christian Church
When: August 11, 2019 from 9-10:30 a.m.
What: Bouncy houses and other games
Why: Cunningham Christian Church is kicking off their new Sunday School year and would like to invite all community children and their families.



Morning Church Service will start at 10:45 followed by a potluck fellowship meal

The event is free of cost and obligation! Come celebrate the new school year surrounded by your church family.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
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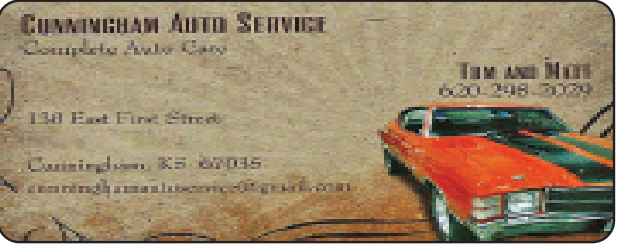
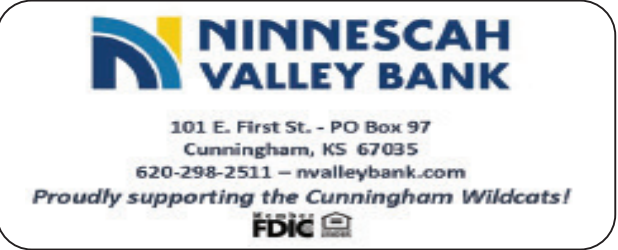
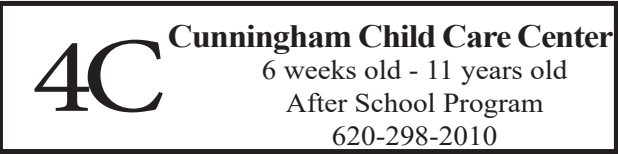
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