

Cunningham-West
Kingman Co. USD 332
Schedules Bond Issue
Election

Voters in Kingman County USD No.332 (Cunningham-West Kingman County Schools) will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 5th to decide if now is the right time for a bond issue to make additions and improvements to district schools in Cunningham.

The bond proposal requests the authority to issue no more than \$13,245,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the proposed improvements. The proposal was developed over many months of study and input from patrons, as well as staff in the District.

Recently, the USD 332 Board of Education adopted a resolution calling

the election and requesting permission to hold such an election from the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education has since approved the request at their February meeting.

The proposal is to demolish the more than 100-year old two-story high school building and the gym lobby area to make room for new construction. The existing gym would be retained. A new classroom and support area wing for Middle and High School students would be constructed at the east side of the buildings. An addition at the front of the gymnasium would create a new lobby, restrooms, and concessions area. The plan is then to construct new spaces to replace the old high school building to create a new Vo-ag Shop, woods shop, Vo-tech classroom, FACS lab, office suite, and a new Media Center to also function as a storm shel-

ter. The bond proposal would provide approximately 34,000 square feet of new modern educational spaces for the District. The proposal also includes improvements and upgrades to the interior of the Elementary School and HVAC installation at the gymnasium. With the new construction, the outdated separate shop building will be repurposed for maintenance and storage.

The District feels that now is an opportune time for the needed capital improvements. Interest rates are near historic low levels. No one can seem to remember the last voted bond issue in the District. USD 332's total mill rate at 36.486 mills is the lowest of all school districts in the area and one of the lowest in Kansas. The District has no outstanding bonded indebtedness which is unique as compared to neighboring schools. With bond approval, the

District's total mill rate will still be one of the lowest in the area.

The proposed bond issue is estimated to require a mill levy of 9.9 mills. A mill is \$1 of tax on each \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District. The estimated impact on a \$75,000 home in the District is only \$7.12 per month in additional taxes.

The District is forming a K.I.D.S. Committee (Keep Improving District Schools) to help educate USD 332 voters about challenges, proposed solutions, and the bond issue cost. The goal of the K.I.D.S. Committee is that every voter in USD 332 have adequate and accurate information to make an informed decision on April 5th. Anyone wishing to join the K.I.D.S. Committee efforts are encouraged to contact Superintendent Robert Reed at the District offices (620-298-3271).

Minutes from the January
BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President Scott DeWeese; Members, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, Bjorn Halderson, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guest Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the agenda as amended, adding g. Approve Coaching position. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese welcomed the guest to the meeting.

Scott DeWeese was nominated as President, Brent Miller was nominated as Vice-President and Travis Thimesch was nominated as SCK-SEC board representative.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the board members as nominated. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2022 special meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$413,214.70 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Guest Karla Westerman arrived to the meeting at 7:12 p.m. during discussion of financial report.

Superintendent Reed reviewed graduation activities and In-Service activities. He also reported that the new leased bus will be delivered this month.

Principal Cody Dunlap discussed upcoming calendar items and curriculum information.

Special Education Report: Superintendent Reed shared that Assistant Director Megan Etheridge was hired to be the new director. The next meeting will be at the Haskins facility to evaluate the site.

Superintendent Reed updated the board on the status of the bond application to the state BOE.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 15 minutes at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 10 minutes at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel contracts for the non-elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Vicki Oldham to approve a 2 year (2022-2023, 2023-2024) contract for Robert Reed to serve as District

Superintendent and K-6 Principal. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller to approve a year (2022-2023) contract for Cody Dunlap to serve as 7-12 Principal. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson to approve KASB policy BCBK and the December 2021 KASB recommended policy updates. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to accept the retirement of Cindy Panek at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to accept a donation of \$29,990.52 for Music and PE Programs. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Lance McGuire as Head HS girls basketball coach for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Member Travis Thimesch shared with the board that the Gymnastics Rec program is looking for a practice facility for the summer and may request to use the cafeteria.

Member Brent Miller recommended that Kingman not be invited to the B Team tournament next year.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 9, 2022, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas.

Takeaways from the
February BOE Meeting

All board members and Mr. Reed. were present. Mr. Dunlap came in later.

Mr. Reed entered into a service agreement with Eck Electric to maintain some of the facets of the schools; heating, air conditioning, etc.

Randy Thimesch joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the possibility of bringing baseball opportunities to the high school sports agenda. After a lengthy discussion and questions by the board members, it was decided Mr. Reed would contact the superintendents of Medicine Lodge, Skyline and Pratt to see if there is an opportunity for some of our athletes to join one of their teams.

New fire marshall visited the school and a few non-compliance issues were cited. Mr. Reed is having the pressure bars on some of the doors adjusted, as this seems to be the main issue. One fire extinguisher was hung a mite too high and that has been corrected. The school is to have a semi-annual fire inspection.

The new bus is in the district's possession and the 1st year's payment has been made. It is not yet completely outfitted for transporting students as a radio still needs to be installed.

The district has not yet heard from the EPA about the grant submitted for a new bus.

Mr. Reed would like to focus capital outlay money on upgrading the district's vehicles, as some of them have a great many miles on them.

Technology in the classroom was discussed. The new Ipad for K-2 students have been distributed and a wireless hot spot in each classroom should be available soon.

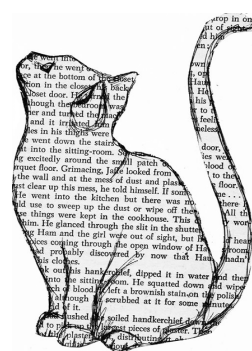
Sonke Hutsch from Preetz, Germany, has contacted Mr. Reed about possibly

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Amy Miller, APRN
Julie Huhman, RN

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Well, gracious! I had overflowing files for my newspaper this week and called to talk to the folks up at the printing press in Hutch to see what it would take to add a couple of pages. It seems a fairly simple process, just let them know. I was a bit confused about the pages that could be in color. The young man went over those a time or two or three. He finally said, "Basically, you are adding two black and white pages." Okay, that is what I needed, so that worked swimmingly.

for mailing and printing, although two black and white pages, shouldn't add too much onto the total for printing. I need more advertising and more subscribers.

I would love to go to a 14- or 16-page format. It may sometimes be a bit of a challenge to fill it, but I see so many interesting columns and bits of information I think someone in my reading audience would find of value, but I just don't have the room currently to do that on a weekly basis. Did I mention more ads and more subscribers?

they feel they MUST give money towards it, there is now a way to help out the paper via Paypal. Subscribers and advertisers would help the paper out as well).

I am considering other ways of payment as well... maybe a way to charge with a card. That is just a bit down the calendar yet, but I'm thinking about it ... IF it can be done safely.

(I also started thinking about purchasing a cell phone.... back in July. I don't yet have one. I can be an overly cautious person.)

Quin is funny about his food. When I had the other dogs he wolfed his food down. Now he just kind of picks at it a bit. Then leaves it for the cats to graze on, then eats a bit, lets the cats eat, leaves it... and the process continues until the bowl is empty. I suspect part of it is that because he's not quite as active, he's less hungry, or maybe he's not worried about the other dogs pushing him out of the way like they would.

When I had the other two dogs I had to stand where Quin could see me while he ate. If I went into the house, he'd walk away from his food, head drooping and tail tucked. He'd go and lie on the bed. So I'd go outside, and call him, and he'd come racing across the bedroom, out the pet door, and across the deck to finish scarfing down his food.

him other treats, he may or may not eat them. If he doesn't eat them, he hides them. Denta-stix get hidden in my bed. If I try and move one, he grabs it from me and sits with it between his teeth until I leave the room, then he buries it again.

My mom gave Quin a package of Nudges. Sometimes he eats those. Sometimes he buries them in the cats' beds and blankets. I found one in a pile of leaves out in the yard.

I have watched him bury the treats, what a hoot, he paws away at the bedding or the leaves or the dirt, places the treat down, then tries to carefully and thoroughly cover it using his nose.

stand dog psychology.

I started a new (but not lengthy) book series. For five books, I'll be spending some time on the streets and in the police stations of Chicago with a sarcastic private eye named Michael Kelly. And you know what? I like sarcastic private eyes.

Always reading,
and currently reading,
"The Chicago Way"
by Michael Harvey,
Roberta

"He always calls me Michael, which was okay since that was my name."
Michael Harvey
"The Chicago Way"

"I'd rather get sick from eating too many doggie treats, than get sick from eating none at all."

—*José N. Harris*

With the Winter Olympic Games underway in Beijing, I find myself reminiscing about my own experience as an Olympic figure skater. Or rather as a child with an overactive imagination and easy access to ice.

Every winter, my father flooded the vacant lot across from our home for the town's children to skate on. One of the benefits of living so close to the skating pond was that I could put on my skates in our warm house instead of in the skating shack. Then I'd walk

across the gravel parking lot and through the weeds surrounding the pond wearing them. And no, I didn't have blade guards. Nor was there a Zamboni to clear away the gravel and weeds I no doubt carried with me. In fact, up until I attended my first hockey game a few years ago, I thought Zamboni was some kind of fancy pasta.

Anyway, I spent a lot of time on the ice back then, some of it upright. And the winter Olympics always inspired me to skate more than usual. I'd watch the figure skaters, then head out to do my own triple axels and toe loops. I'm kidding. I never learned to do an axel or a toe loop, triple

or otherwise. But I'm proud to say I did learn to skate backwards and not just when it was windy on the ice.

I was convinced that skating backwards was an important step on the road to figure skating stardom and one day, listening to a TV interview with an Olympic figure skater, I learned another one. She said she practiced skating for four hours every day. Aha, I thought. That's the ticket. More practice.

So, I skated more. But alas, more time on the ice wasn't enough to overcome a lack of lessons and coaches, not to mention talent. Of course, I didn't skate for four hours a day either. I had

homework and chores to do. Also, no way to record *Bewitched* and *The Beverly Hillbillies* for later.

I took my share of falls as all figure skaters do. The most serious one happened when I skated over a hockey stick and landed smack on my chin. If you think weeds and gravel are hard on skate blades, try skating over a hockey stick.

Maybe it was that incident that finally led me to give up my dreams of Olympic glory. Or maybe by then I'd moved on to that other equally realistic goal I had as a child, that of becoming president. And as you'd expect from someone who didn't want to put her skates

on in a cold ice shack, I dreamt of being elected as a write-in candidate because I thought campaigning would be too much trouble.

Eventually I gave up that dream too, but I continued to skate through high school and college—literally though not metaphorically. But as the years went by, I skated less and less, and I haven't been on ice since I chaperoned my son's class on a skating field trip many years ago. By the way, that was nearly as challenging as becoming an Olympic figure skater. A skating rink full of young children is like a bowling alley without any lanes. I barely managed to stay upright.

If you'd been watching me skate that day—or any other day for that matter—you might have thought I have nothing to show for all the hours I once spent on ice. But that's not exactly true. I had a wonderful time skating. And I still have many good memories, a great admiration for figure skaters and a barely visible scar on my chin.

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Anticipating and watching this February 2022 snowstorm, had me reminiscing about other snow days.

As kids, of course, it took FOREVER to get all the coats, hats, gloves, snow-pants, and boots on. Once we got outside it was usually the typical snow angels, just shuffling paths in the snow, trying to make a snowman. I think most of those snowmen turned into snow forts and, of course, that became snow-ball fights! And how about that huge snow-drift that became the cave or you pretended you were an Eskimo? I think we even tried to build igloos but not sure we had much success.

I don't remember my dad actually "playing"

many games with us, but I do remember he played “Duck, Duck, Goose” with us in the snow once. We shuffled a circle in the snow with a few paths across the middle. The way we played it was that you had to stay on the circle or crossing paths as you were being chased. I imagine the whole circle was eventually trampled down, but the main thing I remember is that dad was playing with us!

How about sledding? We had a small, terraced hill close to the house. Dad would take the tractor up and down the hill to pack it so we could sled. The sled we had was wood with metal runners on it. We didn't have the plastic disc sleds they have now, so the sled obviously worked better on packed snow. If we could get enough speed to make

it down the top small hill and over the terrace to get down the bottom part of the hill, it was a successful run. My husband said they used to get pulled around on a car hood chained behind a small tractor on the streets of Zenda. The hoods and trunk lids of abandoned cars were fair game when it came to winter. I understand trees were also not safe from the wildly sliding hoods. They also discovered it was a good idea to remove the hood ornaments – otherwise it might get caught on the railroad tracks and split the “sled” in half.

“Snow Days” had a different meaning for us. Our driveway was close to a mile long in an “L” shape – half of it was north-south, half was east-west. So, that meant that with any blowing snow, we were effectively

“snowed in” with snow drifts. We usually got some “snow days” that the rest of our school-mates did not while waiting for dad to get us dug out. He used our Farmall H tractor with a scoop (and no cab) to dig us out. He could usually get us out the first day but I know it took 3 days one time. He would get back in the house after stomping off the snow and put his gloves on the floor furnace to dry and stand over it himself to get warm.

Of course, we had to venture out when he was digging us out – it was great fun to walk through the drifts where we would sink to our waist and sometimes to our armpits. One time, dad had the drive dug out and was driving the car up and down it to make sure it was packed, and

that the car could make it. One of my brothers and I were walking in the ditch of snow when we saw the car swerving from side to side in the drive between the snow piles. Realizing we didn't want to be too close to where the car was swerving on the road, we backed away from edge of the road but were eventually stopped by the barbed wire fence as the car continued to swerve and did eventually stop right in front of us in the snowbank! So close, we could touch it! What a sigh of relief to realize we were not smashed!

One late snowstorm saw us spending the night in the ditch. If memory serves me right, it was April 1970 – my brother had gone to prom and made it back home. The rest of our family went to my aunt's for supper and games. We noticed a snowflake or two as we got there which became a full-fledged blizzard by the time we left. The north-south drive was fine but once we turned west, it was a white-out and dis-orienting snow blowing across the road. We kept going but eventually turned too much to the right and ended up in the ditch. Of course, it was at an angle and as a little kid, I feared the car tipping over, so I was hanging on to the door.

Eventually, we realized the angle wasn't that bad but enough we couldn't back out of the ditch. Dad would run the motor off and on to keep a little warmth, had a window cracked to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, and he would crawl out to make sure the tailpipe wasn't blocked. In the morning, the snowing had stopped, the sun was shining, but the wind was still blowing. Dad was going to walk/run to a neighbor, but fortunately, a farmer heading out to feed his cattle found us and we were rescued! I think we finished our trip home on a tractor thru the snowdrifts over the rest of the roads and our driveway to get home, but I don't really remember for sure.

Having snow on the ground for Christmas Eve was a bonus for Santa! My dad was so sneaky he would run his pull-behind road grader that had skinny wheels on it up and down the drive sometime on Christmas Eve Day. Then, on the way home, he would point out that Santa's sled tracks were on the road leading to our house! It took years before I really knew how that happened!

Remembering the
snow days – Beth Blasi

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Friday, February 18th

HS BB vs Pretty
Prairie at Home

4:30 - 7:30

School Cafeteria
Booster Club
soup supper

Monday, February 21st

No School: Teacher

Inservice

FFA Week Begins

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

Ag students: South
Barber Livestock

7:00 p.m.
Book Club

Thursday, February 24th

9:00 a.m.

Kingman County

Spelling Bee

HS BB Boys Sub-state
quarterfinals TBD

Tuesday, February 22nd

HS BB vs Attica
at HOME

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Senior Night

Friday, February 25th

HS BB Girls Sub-state
Quarterfinals TBD

*** FFA Week ends

**Ninnescah Valley Bank
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February 21st in observance
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*"Everyday is a bank account, and
time is our currency. No one is rich, no
one is poor, we've got 24 hours each."*
— Christopher Rice

B-29 Museum

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

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Tues., Thurs., Sat.

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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298-3163



Zenda

Public Library

Monday

8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Thursday:

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00

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Public Invited!

Meet And Greet With Derek Schmidt

Republican Candidate for Governor

Monday, Feb. 28, 7:30 a.m.,

Jeri's Kitchen,

312 North Main Street, Kingman

(ad paid for by Jack Thimesch)

Takeaways from the February BOE Meeting

starting up the German
Exchange program
again. Several students
have expressed interest,
and Mr. Reed will meet
with parents to get their
thoughts on continuing
the program.

A legislative update
was given by Mr. Reed.
Several new bills in com-
mittees and awaiting a
legislative vote were dis-
cussed. (editor's note:
some of these are ridicu-
lous. People who have
never taught or stepped

into a classroom in the
last year should not be
making inane laws for
teachers to follow. I will
stop now. I could go on
for most of a page about
the absurdity of these
laws.)

Mr. Dunlap reminded
the board that basketball
season is winding down.
(Whew!)

Fundraising issues
were discussed.

Paras are still needed
in the schools.

Next schedule for
high school classes is
being worked on.

Travis Thimesch
talked about his tour
of Haskins Learning



Booster Club Soup Supper

Friday, February 18

4:30 to 7:30

at the Cunningham School Cafeteria.

Serving cheeseburger soup, chicken and
noodle soup, and chili. Homemade desserts.

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Cunningham Booster Club

Free Will Offering

Center in Pratt. Haskins
is a behavior day school
for students in the area.

A bond update was
given. The State Board
approved of the bond and
the informational cam-
paign can go forward.
(The advocacy group
will meet this Thursday
evening at 6:00 at the
Cunningham Community
Center to discuss the
campaign to pass the
bond issue.)

The school will plan
public informational
meetings in Cunningham

and other towns in the
district to answer ques-
tions from the district pa-
trons. School personnel
as well as the represen-
tatives from Landmark
Architects and McCown/
Gordon, the CRT compa-
ny, and from the finance
company.

A school board retreat
has been set for March
21st at 5:00 p.m. at the
board office, which will
be a couple of weeks after
the March BOE meeting.

submitted by Roberta Kobbe



Pratt Public Library Offers

Bob Ross
Painting Workshop
Saturday, February 19
9:00am-noon &
2:00-5:00pm
\$40 PER PARTICIPANT
This includes:
*All supplies
*A short break with
snacks & bottled water
*T-shirt

*"Small birds throw seeds out
of the feeder; large birds pick
them up off the ground, but the
squirrels try to muscle in."*

— Lilian Jackson Braun, *The
Cat Who Sang for the Birds*

(photo by Dan Frick)

*"You know me, I think there
ought to be a big old tree right
there. And let's give him a friend.
Everybody needs a friend."*

— Bob Ross

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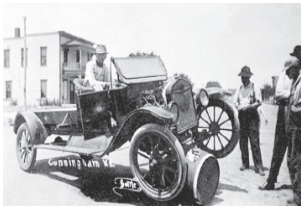
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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Fire originating in the Merrit-Schweir Creamery building at Nashville last Thursday night, destroyed the creamery and post office building nearby. Several other buildings were threatened and slightly damaged by the fire. This is the sixth disastrous fire Nashville has had in the past four years, which has nearly burned all the frame buildings of the town. The building burned during the blizzard last Thursday night.

“Dutch” Hauser is advertising a big opening day at his store in the old Farmers Bank building to take place next Saturday. He also advertises a free lunch. Specials include one 10c loaf of Merit Bread with each purchase amounting to one dollar or more. FREE – A delicious sandwich made from Cudahy’s Lunch Goods. FREE – a cup of Harvest Home coffee and a Harvest Home peanut butter sandwich. One airplane FREE with each pound of Harvest Home coffee. A Welcome to Everyone – Come in and say “Howdy.”

Carl Poland trade his old Dodge touring for a new Pontiac coach last week.

The Cunningham Garage delivered a new Chevrolet sedan to Frank Schulte, who lives south of town, last Saturday.

The First National Bank are having a fire-wall built between their bank building and the Cunningham Garage. The work is being done by Frank Luntsford and Sam McPeek.

Burnett’s Drug Store was the scene of electricians the fore part of the week, rewiring the store and hooking up to the transmission line. The drug store will continue for the present to use the Delco for the running of their motors, as they have several, but will use the transmission line for lights.

1932

Failing to recover from injuries received in an auto accident west of Pratt last week, John M. Ratcliff, 74, of Wichita, a former pioneer resident of Cunningham, passed away at the Ninnescah Hospital in Pratt, Tuesday evening.

Cunningham is an oil town. On Wednesday of this week, 100 carloads of crude oil had been shipped over the Santa Fe to the Skelly Refinery at ElDorado.

A regular epidemic of the Flu has hit our city the past two weeks, and scarcely a family has escaped. The disease seems to be of a milder nature, but is more wide spread than at any time since 1918.

The Cunningham First Team won a fast Volley Ball contest from the Kingman team Monday night on the Kingman court by a score of two to one. The fast work of both of the teams were features of the game. The players on the Cunningham team were Rufus Leiter (Capt.), Roy E. Wetherall, Reed W. Price, Carlos Cannon, Pat Benningfield and Ted Harte.

To Our Readers
Those of our readers who have legal notices to be published can do The Clipper a great favor by instructing your attorney or the officials to have the same published in this paper. We feel that we are entitled to the business, and past experience has show that we will never get it unless the parties most concerned insist that the notices be published where they should be. We thank you.

1937

The Cunningham cagers took a decisive defeat Friday, Feb. 12, at the hands of the Spivey quintet, in the local gymnasium. The final score was 27 to 11 in favor of Spivey.

A. L. Long of Preston announced that he has invented and secured a patent on a flexible rummber highway marker post, his patent being covered by U. S. serial no. 19518. The invention is a new and improved marker for highways, can be used with, or without reflectors, and can be used on all types of highways. The principal object of the invention is that of a road marker of flexible construction which will yeild and right itself when struck by a vehicle, thus eliminating damage to vehicles striking the posts.

Some of the rough spots were taken out of the streets by the city grader Monday. As soon as the frost leaves the grounds the city officials are planning on making a thorough overhauling of streets and alleys.

Museum Winter Hours

Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

1942

Near zero temperatures, strong northerly winds and snow, which drifted as it fell, visited this section of the state, Tuesday, and made spring seem something quite far in the future.

Sergeant Ralph Baber, who is in the Army Hospital Corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, spent from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber. His parents took him to Wichita Sunday where he left on the bus for camp.

James Theis and Donald Huhman went to Wichita, Saturday, where they enlisted in the Coast Guard Service.

Cunningham high school debate team, composed of Russel Stanley, Grimes Pearson, Chester Fee, and John Schnittker, with their coach, Miss Kathleen Daly, went to Lawrence last week end to enter the state tournament, Class C, and came home with third place honors.

Locals Take Tournament Easily

Charlie Cooley was hotter than a firecracker against Norwich Saturday night, racking up 20 points as the locals put the Kingman County basketball tournament in the bag, 33 to 21.

Box Score:	fg	ft	f	tp
Junior Neagle	3	2	2	8
Charles Cooley	10	0	0	20
Bobby Crow	2	0	0	4
Austin Luce	0	0	3	0
Deem Crow	0	1	1	1

The first team of the Cunningham squad placed on the All-County Team selected by the officials and coaches. The squad included Neagle, Luce, Bob Crow, Cooley, and Deem Crow of Cunningham, Albin, Burkett, Lynn Smith and Gene Smith of Norwich, McCaslin of Belmont, and Fisher of Zenda.

Dean Morton went to Lakin Tuesday where he will work on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Baber.

1947

Ernie Fiegel, 64, a resident of this community for forty years, passed away at St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend last Saturday, following several months illness.

George Ellis, 78 year old farmer of southwest of Cunningham died Thursday morning at the Ninnescah hospital in Pratt following a week’s illness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooley of Garden Plain on the arrival of 7 ¾ pound Stephen Allan, February 13th, at the Wichita Hospital. The Cooley’s have one other son, Darrell Lynn.

The Cunningham high school Wildcats edged out the Norwich high school Eagles, 30 to 27, Saturday night, in the finals of the thirteenth annual Kingman County League basketball tournament. This is the sixth consecutive year Cunningham has won this tournament.

Jim Stanley took scoring honors for the game with four field goals and three free throws for eleven points.

Cunningham was represented on the All-Star team by three players, James Stanley and Jerome Schnittker, who were All-County last year, and Verlin Urban. Others named were Klaver of Belmont, Lee of Zenda, Morisse of Nashville, and Bogle, Lowrey and Morales of Norwich.

1952

If you’re driving to Zenda any evening in the future, you can turn your car headlights off when you get into town. A new “white way,” installed by the Western Light and Telephone Company, Inc., was turned on Monday evening, and was so bright (reported by a Zenda citizen) that everyone immediately donned colored glasses to reduce the glare. The lights are of the new variety (just like Cunningham’s) and have been erected every one hundred feet.

About fifty members of the Cunningham Community Men’s Club enjoyed a soup supper served at the Lodge Hall last Tuesday evening. The group adjourned early so members could attend the musical program at the high school building.

The Cunningham Wildcats avenged a previous defeat by trouncing the Coats Bulldogs, 58 to 44, at Coats last Friday night. DeWeese and Schnittker paced the Wildcat scoring attack with 19 and 17 points respectively.

The Schafer Farm Store in Pratt announced this week that they are now the dealers in the area for Ford Tractors. The Farm Store, a retail outlet for the Schafer One-Way Plow, will soon hold its grand opening. As you no doubt know, the Schafer One-Way Plow was invented by W. G. Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer of Cunningham. The plows are manufactured in Pratt.

1957

J. J. Amick of Cunningham, Kingman County’s oldest citizen, will observe his 100th birthday, Monday, February 25.

The high school basketeers lost their eighth game against six victories in an exciting overtime battle to Norwich last Friday evening. The final score was 53 to 48. Donald Becker and Larry Shaffer paced the local scoring attack with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

1962

Cunningham is the champion of the Ninnescah League! The Wildcats rolled over Preston, 65 to 48, here last Friday evening for their 13th straight league victory. Cunningham starters ran up a 57-29 advantage over Preston in the first three quarters of play, and Coach Joe Battles used his second five the last period. Eugene Huston paced the Cunningham scoring with 21 points, Marshall Swander got 12, and Roger Krug 10.

Cunningham’s undefeated record of 17 straight wins, earning them the top rating among Class B schools in Kansas basketball, came to an end the next evening at Attica, when the Bulldogs bulldozed the Wildcats, 70 to 62, in a thrilling rough and tumble contest. The game was decided from the free throw line, where Attica made 20 of 34 attempts on 23 Cunningham fouls, while the Wildcats made 12 of 17 attempts on 13 Attica violations. Each team made 25 field goals. Cunningham lost three starters on fouls, Swander, Meyers, and Krug, while Attica’s starters remained at full strength throughout the game. Another Cunningham starter, Robert Leiter, was lost to the team from the opening minutes of the game, when he suffered a dislocated shoulder in an under-the-basket melee.

U.S. Marine Private Bill Murphey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murphey of Cunningham, completed four weeks of individual combat training with the Second Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif., February 15.

1967

The Cunningham Wildcats added the Ninnescah League basketball championship to their football championship with a 60-58 triumph over Alden in overtime here last Friday night. Danny Meyers paced the Wildcats with 15 points as they came up to a 58-58 tie after being down 49-39 at the start of the final period. Jim McCune and Dennis Theis each made 14 points.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sterneker announce the birth of a son, Friday, Feb. 10, at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt. He weighed seven pounds six ounces and has been named Robbie Wayne. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Albers, and the paternal grandfather is Albert Sterneker, all of Cunningham.

One hundred and eight fathers and sons attended the annual Father and Son Banquet in the Methodist Church undercroft last Wednesday evening. Bill Bradley served as toastmaster, with the father’s welcome given by Bob Long, and the son’s response given by Duane Schnittker. A delicious steak dinner was served by the Women’s Society of Christian Service.

Nineteen little folks are enrolled in the kindergarten class at Cunningham, where Mrs. Delmer Huffman is the teacher. Enrolled are Richard Cain, Terri Dupee, Leah Eck, La Nyle Ellis, Annette Freund, Kenny Geisler, Kevin Huffman, Curtis Mertens, Chris Meyers, Melva Oller, Dale Panek, Rodney Piepmeier, Lynanny Rohlman, Sandy Schrant, Karen Simon, Joe Strohl, Roberta Thimesch, Jeannette Thimesch, and Teresa Trimm.

1972

February 17 – Cunningham High School placed third in the Golden Plains League Speech Festival held last Thursday at Partridge. Five of the Cunningham entries received first division ratings, thus earning gold medals for five Cunningham students. These went to Kandi Bradley for her informative speech on “Life in a Small Town: to Dale Sallee for his dramatic interpretation entitled, “What is Was Was Basketball”; to Cindy Mantooth for her dramatic interpretation entitled, “The Wonderful Tar-Baby Story: to Denise Neises for her oral interpretation of the poetry of Robert Frost, and to Mike Schrant for his performance in the extemporaneous speech category.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thome, members of the St. Leo Parish, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary, February 19.

Mrs. Glenn Patton received word this week from her son, Gene, that he has received a promotion on the faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill.

Sandra Kay Mease and Mikeal Lynn Cunningham, both of Hutchinson, were united in marriage at St. Leo’s Church, Saturday afternoon.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Catching Fish on Bare Hooks

When you're 15-years-old and own a Schwinn 10-speed in July, nothing is impossible.

Like finding Gray's Bay, six miles away from our suburban Twin Cities home - and fish that strike on bare hooks.

How we discovered it, I'll never know, but once best-buddy Dobbs & I did, it immediately became our most popular expedition.

Sure, the route did run right past the Minnetonka Mills Dairy Queen, but

how many hot fudge sundaes can you eat? FISHING was what really pushed us to pedal all those miles with rod and reel balanced on handlebars.

The route took us up Cedar Lake Road, past the elementary school, over the Hwy 18 overpass, and past the beautiful country homestead that I swore I'd one day own. Then it was up the gear-breaking hill to Hwy 61, and the cool, downhill coast all the way to the Dairy Queen's parking lot.

After the mandatory sundae, we followed Minnetonka Blvd. until it ran under I-494, where we turned right into a

series of side street shortcuts running alongside Lake Minnetonka until we hit the Gray's Bay Bait Shop.

And the fish that struck bare hooks.

It was amazing. Even though the bait shop walls were adorned with photos of Walleye, Muskies, and Northerns, our target was those so-easy-to-catch 2 oz. sunfish.

It was a mystery alright. We did nothing to disguise the hooks, other than drop them into a school of the small "Sunnies" with a big plunk. The splash would cause them to swarm and inevitably, the ensuing frenzy would cause the fish to bite our naked

hooks as fast as we could pull them out.

Wasn't it obvious to the fish that biting our hooks would be a fatal mistake? Especially as we pulled out one friend after another right before their eyes?

Evidently not.

It was my first lesson in the danger of following the crowd.

The fish mimicked the actions of the others around them until all were in such a frenzy they'd eat anything - even if it killed them.

Hmmm... How many naked hooks are we biting just because of everyone else?

The perils of drugs and alcohol seem like

obvious "naked hooks." Yet so many in our culture, willingly sink their teeth into these vices after witnessing friends and neighbors doing the same.

Then there are the subtle hooks. The clothes we wear. The possessions we buy. The activities we select. The jobs we choose.

Do we embrace them because we want to, or because of the swarm of others doing the same?

Back on the bay, as the cool morning relinquished itself to the mid-day heat, the fish would stop schooling. Once we threw our hooks to the single fish we'd spot in the shallow water, there

were no takers. They'd swim up to the hook, take a quick look, see it for what it was - and split.

Once free of the group mentality, the fish were able to make the decision that was in their best interests.

Dobbs and I didn't realize it then, but as it turns out - WE were the ones in school.

I only wish we'd have learned the lesson sooner.

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Mike Johnson made the journey from jobs to freelance writer, to entrepreneur, to passive income and early retirement at 52. Today he teaches people how to skip right to passive income and early retirement at PerpetualSaturday.com

Pass It On®... Being There, Being Present

Fifty years ago, autumn in a small town meant the annual coming of age ritual that brings boys and their fathers together: the Pinewood Derby. Long before technology and yearlong organized sports, there was room in the calendar for a month of evenings together, carving, sanding, gluing, polishing axles, and finally christening.

Naming a car is a prophetic proclamation; one that would be heard echoing off the musty walls of the Elks Club, the local community center or the basement of the Episcopalian church. There was the chalk lead-

er board, the wooden racetrack clamped on sawhorses and tuned perfectly by old men who'd spent their lives with levels and squares and pencils riding behind their ears. The Red Flash. The Blue Demon. Little Lightning. Speedy Bill. Before the race, the ceremonial walk-around--each car is displayed and confident boys soak in the accolades. The room was full of anticipation. Fathers reliving their youth and watching their sons become men.

In a corner was Scott, alone. No father. His car was a rough block painted red. The front axle was crooked. He stood with his head down. For boys like Scott, the real world seems so out of reach, like it's spinning

away and you'll never have the chance to get on board no matter how badly you want to. Perhaps the worst experience for a boy of twelve is to be unnoticed. Making the rounds and admiring the craftsmanship was Mark. He noticed. He watched as boys and fathers moved silently past the clumsy red car. He took a few extra steps and stood in front of Scott. "I like the color," he said. But Scott didn't look up. He didn't respond; he nervously tried to fix the axle.

The next time Mark would notice Scott would be at school. The final bell had rung and Scott's teacher was blocking his way. "You're too dumb to pass the fifth grade but I don't want to deal with

you anymore," she said. Scott was looking down. Mark waited. He walked home with Scott that day, no words between them; they just weren't in Mark's vocabulary yet. So they walked. Mark would learn years later that Scott's father was abusive, that is on the rare days when he was home. Scott's mother left when he was small and Scott spent long hours alone and unnoticed. Soon after that walk, Scott and his father moved away and it would be a long time before Mark saw him again.

There is good counsel on teens recognizing depression and suicidal tendencies in their peers. Most of it begins by noticing and continues with the advice to be there, without judgment.

A friend can make all the difference. Mark got married, and in those money-tight years dropped his car off at a neighborhood garage for repairs. That's when he saw Scott again. "Your shop?" Mark asked. Scott smiled. "Look what I'm working on with my son." Mark followed Scott through the garage to a corner where a half-finished hot rod rested on blocks, painted a familiar red.


Sometimes the whole world stops on a moment, and lets a boy

climb aboard, unnoticed. "It's beautiful," Mark said. "Thank you," Scott replied. "Thank you."

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“It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.”
— Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturday 4:00 p.m.	St. John, Zenda Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. Leo Sunday 8:30 a.m.	St. Peter Willowdale Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Father Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-246-5370




Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpeojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911




Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201



United Methodist Church


Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.	Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Ken Keeling
620-491-0680

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings in Kingman

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Livingston Family Center
1830 N Main
St Kingman, KS
866-641-9190



A Note of Thanks

A big thank you to Skyland Grain and its employees for their help in putting up and taking down the Christmas lights this holiday season. It is always appreciated by the city and the city residents.
-The City of Cunningham

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Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: First and Third Tuesday from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com (to donte contaceJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Lady Cats Don't Scare Norwich Eagles

The High School Girls had the opportunity to host the solid Norwich Eagles ball team for the second time in a few weeks. The Lady Cats had way too many turnovers to threaten the Eagles, but sharing the court with a team that talented opens the door for some learning. We completed a few post moves that have not been shown before, and there were glimpses of other moves, cuts, and signs of progress for the young Lady Cats. Free throw percentage was 67% which was a nice positive to see as well.

There is still a great deal of progress that needs to be made to challenge the top teams and put a scare in them. The final was 20 to 59.

by Coach Lance McGuire

		Name	#			Name	#			Name	#
Rebound Leaders		Ellie	5			Maranda	2			AB/AH/KH	1
Steals Leaders		Ellie	2			EP/ML/AA/AB	1				
Assists Leaders		Kaitlyn	2			Alice	1				



Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	14
Ava Bock	3
Alice Huelskamp	2
Maranda Lohrke	1



Maranda Lohrke



Ellie McGuire

Molly Morgan Photos

Lady Cats Have Off Night Against Central Christian

The Lady Wildcats hosted another top team on Tuesday, Feb 8th. Central Christian was our opponent. Too many turn-overs against a fast team that does not miss many shots is not a good combination. They kept scoring and we kept handing them the ball. Shooting percentages were very low when we did get a shot at the basket which showed how tough the Cougar defense was.

Even when the clock runs in the fourth quarter, there are still glimpses of our girls learning and growing for future games. We'll need that growth with a few more tough contests coming up to finish off the season. If the girls keep working hard and keep positive attitudes we can count it an opportunity to get experience against some really good teams. The hope is that the experience they are gaining and the improvements they are making will come together soon!

by Coach Lance McGuire

Kendra Morgan Photos



Kaitlyn Hennessee



Maranda Lohrke

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Maranda	8	Kaitlyn	2	Elizabeth	2	EM/MJ/AA	1
Steals Leaders	Matilyn	1	Maranda	1				

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Maranda Lohrke	6
Kaitlyn Hennessee	4
Ellie McGuire	2

Jr. High Girls End Season with a Loss to Norwich in the HOPL Tournament

The Cunningham Jr. High girls finished the regular season with a 2-6 record in the Heart of the Plains league and got into the tournament, that was held at South Barber on Saturday, February 5, 2022, as the number eight seed which placed them against the undefeated, number one seed, Norwich Lady Eagles. Having played Norwich just five days earlier and played them close for much of the game, the Lady Wildcats went in to the game with upset on their mind. The game couldn't have started out any worse as Cunningham wasn't getting off any shots and they found themselves trailing 0-12 after the first quarter. However, there was no quit in the Lady Cats as they would claw back to within one point at halftime and trailed

13-14 at the break. The third quarter was played fairly evenly with Norwich have a slight 7-4 edge as they would lead 21-17 heading into the final quarter. The final quarter turned out to be a tough one for the Lady Cats as they were only able to put two points on the board to Norwich's 10 and they would fall 19-31 to end the season. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 2, Grace Hageman 1, Rylee Miller 5, Emily Ogg 5, Whitney Mead 6. The team would like to thank all of our supporters throughout the season, we have the best fans around.



Molly Morgan Photos



Clockwise from left:
Emily Ogg

Whitney Mead
Grace Hageman
Kyra Morgan
Macy Neufeld



Wildcats Lose Battle with Norwich

The undefeated top team in the league came to Cunningham on February 4, 2022 to take on the 9 and 5 Wildcats. The Cats fought hard but came up short in the 55 to 74 loss.

The Cats scored 12 points in the first quarter with Erik Paris putting in four points and Luke McGuire, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese and Isaiah Reed each adding two points. Norwich score 18 points in the quarter.

Cunningham, after getting down double digits in the second quarter fought back and closed the gap to eight points at halftime. The Eagles scored 14 more points in the second quarter as Cunningham doubled their score with 12 more points. DeWeese scored five more of his team leading 17 points. I. Reed added three points. Lane Halderson and Paris each scored two points. The halftime score was

Cunningham 24 and Norwich 32.

Norwich blew the game open in the third quarter with a 22-point quarter. Cunningham managed just eight points. I. Reed added three more points to his total. Halderson and Paris scored two points each and Dagim Reed made a free throw. The quarter ended with a score of 32 to 54 in favor of the Eagles.

The Cunningham team did not go quietly as Norwich had to play their varsity players for most of the fourth quarter as the Cats made a run. The Cats could not overcome the strong inside game of the Eagles but did out-score the Norwich bunch by a score of 23 to 20 in the quarter. DeWeese led with 10 points and D. Reed added seven points. McGuire went four for four at the free throw line and Halderson was two for two. The final score was Cunningham 55 and Norwich 74.

by Coach Bob Stackhuse



Nate Sterneker (JV)



Will Wegerer

photos by Molly Morgan

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1		4/4	6	4	3	1	
Halderson	2		2/3	6	4	1	1	
Wegerer	1			2		1	2	
DeWeese	5	2	1/2	17	5	3	1	
D Reed	1	1	3/5	8	2	1	2	
Paris	3		2/2	8	4	2	2	
I Reed	3		2/4	8	2	1		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final			
Cunningham	12	12	8	23	55			
Norwich	18	14	22	20	74			



Erik Paris



Lane Halderson

Wildcats Win Close One

Cunningham hosted the Cougars of Central Christian High School and came away with a 43 to 40 win.

The Cats got off to a too customarily slow start but found its legs to finish the first quarter with a 12 to five lead. Will Wegerer came off the bench to tie high point with Erik Paris by scoring five points each. Isaiah Reed added two points.

Cunningham extended their lead in the second quarter by adding 11 more points to their total and holding the Cougars to six points.

Luke McGuire, Lane Halderson and Trey DeWeese each scored three points and Wegerer added two more to his total. The first half ended with Wildcats leading 23 to 11.

Central Christian did not give up as they put together two stronger quarters in the second half scoring 14 and 15 points respectively in the third and fourth quarters. Cunningham struggled to get good looks at the basket against their three front defenses. Dagim Reed and DeWeese each made a three-point basket and Halderson hit two free throws to give Cunningham eight points in the third quarter.

Leading by a score of 31 to 25 going into the fourth quarter, the Wildcats would bend but not break. The Cougars kept applying the defensive pressure and the Cats missed enough free throws to let the Cougars get within one point of the Cats. Three out of four free throw shooting by DeWeese and a free throw late by Halderson was enough to secure the win for the Cunningham team. The final score was 43 to 40. This was the Wildcats 10th win of the season which hasn't happened in the last nine years. Good job Cats.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Dagim Reed



Trey DeWeese

photos by Kendra Morgan



Isaiah Reed



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1		3	4	2	2	
Halderson	2		5/8	9	7	1	3	
Wegerer	2	1		7	3		2	
DeWeese	1	2	3/5	11	1	4	4	
D Reed		2		6	2		1	
Paris	1	1	0/2	5	1		1	
I Reed	1			2	3	2	4	
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final			
Cunningham	12	11	8	12	43			
Central Christian	5	6	14	15	40			

JH Cats Drop to South Barber

The top seeded HOPL teams all earned victories in the opening round of the tournament at South Barber, so going into round two against Central Christian, the Junior High Wildcats knew they had to get their game face on. The semi-final, held February 7, matched Cunningham with one of the few teams that beat us in the regular season.

The game was close throughout. The teams traded scoring runs, but at the end of each quarter the spread was no more than a few points. Taking the lead for the first time in the third quarter, the Cats also gained some momentum that made it feel like the victory was close. Early in the fourth quarter it was apparent that momentum alone would not be enough. Shots did not fall at all, and the Wildcats did not earn a single basket the entire quarter. The Cougars only made two and one of those was

a banked in 3-pointer. The Cats had to foul late being down and the Cougars made most of their free throws which sealed the loss.

Defense ruled the game, which it often does. Neither team had double digit points in any quarter until CC made 9 free throws in the final frame and totaled 14 points. Turnovers and shooting did not help the cause for our Wildcats but there was plenty of hustle to keep it close. The Wildcats will take the court for the final time this season on Thursday against Skyline in the 3rd place game.

Dylan had the most rebounds with 7 followed closely by Stephen with 6 and Kendall with 5. Steals were led by Stephen and Skyler with 2 a piece.

by Coach Lance McGuire



Logan Kinsler



Stephen Kerschen

Wildcat Scorers	
Kendall Rogers	9
Stephen Kerschen	5
Dylan Halderson	3
Skyler Thimesch	2
Layne Green	2



Skyler Thimesch



Wildcats Upset by the Thunderbirds

The Skyline Thunderbirds handed the Wildcats their seventh loss of the season with a score of 61 to 56 on February 11, 2022.

The Cats Scored first and often in the first quarter, leading by a score of 13 to six before Skyline found the range and tied the game up at 13 at the end of the first quarter. Lane Halderson scored six points inside the paint while Luke McGuire and Trey DeWeese score three and four points, respectively from the outside.

Cold shooting by Cunningham and a turn-around by Skyline allowed the Thunderbirds to turn the table on the Cats in the second quarter and score 14 points to four points by Cunningham to take a 10-point lead to the locker rooms at the half. Dagim Reed made two free throws and DeWeese added a basket for the Cats. The halftime score

was Cunningham 17 and Skyline 27.

Cunningham did not roll over in the third quarter and tied the game up before Skyline was able to stretch the lead to twelve at the end of the quarter. Will Wegerer made two three-point baskets, D. Reed scored four free throws and a three-point basket for seven points. Halderson and I. Reed each added two points for a 17-point quarter. Skyline score 19 points to lead 46 to 34 going into the fourth quarter.

Cunningham would not quit as Luke McGuire turned in a quality quarter with 11 points. Halderson added seven points and DeWeese and D. Reed each scored two points to round out the 22-point quarter. Skyline scored 15 points which made the deficit too large for the Cats to overcome. The final score was Cunningham 56 and Skyline 61.

by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Keiden Mills (JV)



Kelden Mills (JV)



Isaiah Reed



Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	4		14	2	1		
Halderson	5		5/10	15	2	1	3	
Wegerer		2		6	3		3	
DeWeese	3		2/2	8	11	5		
D Reed	1	1	6/6	11	1		1	
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Cunningham	13	4	17	22	56
Skyline	13	14	19	15	61

Cunningham's Spelling Bee Champions



Division A: 1st:Jack Harden-7th Grade; 2nd:Andrew Schultz-8th Grade; 3rd:Logan Kinsler-8th Grade; 4th:Myles Thimesch-6th Grade; 5th:Hank Adams-6th Grade



Division B: 1st:Landon Green-4th Grade; 2nd:Maelyn Jump-5th Grade; 3rd:Kaitlyn Ogg-5th Grade; 4th:Keyonna Huffman-5th Grade; 5th:Jace Oldham-4th Grade

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for February 7, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas February 7th, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk, John Caton, County Counselor; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Robert Casad, Casad & Associates

Staff: Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

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

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

Chairman Foley would like to add discussion of the dispatch contract and building renovation.

Commissioner Thimesch would like to discuss SB125 and SB124.

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss 800 radios.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on dispatch contract, building renovation, SB125, SB124 and 800 radios. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

8:32 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask for an extension for John Fiskus NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the NRP extension for John Fiskus. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the NRP projects that did not pay their taxes on time with Ms. Stucky.

The Commissioners said that the three projects will be removed from the NRP Program.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to remind the Commissioners that the tax sale is Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at the Expo Center Director.

Ms. Luntsford let them know that there is three properties on the tax sale.

Ms. Luntsford would like to close her office from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the tax sale for her staff to see the process.

Commissioners agreed to close her office on the 15th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the tax sale.

Commissioners also would like to start on the next tax sale as soon as this one is done.

Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher and Mike Minton were in to go over self-funding for the County Insurance.

Mike Minton discussed self-funding with the Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session for non-elect personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 9:42 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:59 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 10:01 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner t moved Thimesch to go into executive session Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; John Caton, County Counselor and Stan Goetz, HR at 10:11 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act and will return

to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:14 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:14 a.m. with no decision made.

Kallie Turner, Extension Agent was in with an update for the Commissioners on what has been being done at the Extension office.

Extension Board members in attendance were Shanna Henry online; Darla Harbert; Diana Kirk and office administrator Trisha.

Ms. Turner let the Commissioners know of upcoming events, meetings and training.

Commissioner Henning asked if a second agent is needed for Kingman County.

Ms. Turner let the Commissioners know that a second agent could help the County to have more programs available.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in with his annual report for approval and signatures.

Robert Casad with Casad & Associates was in to discuss the Resolution from the Public Hearing last week for the “Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001”.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the letter of support for the Broadband Acceleration Grant Program submitted by Haviland Broadband. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2022-R5, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KANSAS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT #001.** Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners and Commissioner Thimesch abstained.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open asphalt quotes from the following:

Product	Ergon	Coastal	Vance Brothers	Asphalt Fuel & Sup
MC800	2.70	2.50	3.03	2.63
CMS-1	2.65	2.44	2.73	NA
CRS-1H	2.10	2.09	2.53	NA

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Coastal. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the departments December Financial reports with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that a tower could be placed in the SW corner of the landfill property as an option.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed landfill payments.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with quotes for a new sound system from the following:

HOPPS Sound	\$20,596.53
McClellan Sound	\$29,000.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the sound system quote from Hopp's Sound in the amount of \$20,596.53. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Frampton discussed the outdoor stalls with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like for Ms. Frampton to put out for bid the chute and pens that were taken down.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to give the annual report for Economic Development.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that they have housing, daycare and broadband on the agenda for 2022.

Commissioners discussed getting letters done to send out to Westar Energy; Pickrell and Harper County for next week.

Commissioners discussed the agenda for the City/County joint meeting for February 9th, 2022.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Ritcha about insurance for the Expo Center renters.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 31st, 2022 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the January 31st, 2022 Commission meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:19 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for February 9, 2022

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners and City Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas February 9th, 2022. Those present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Adrian Harrel, City Mayor; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jon Wollen, City Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner Stan Hacker, City Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Sean Wallace, City Commissioner; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor; Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner; Greg Graffman, City Manager; Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk; Cody Smith, City Attorney.

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-

Courier; Larry Landwehr; Chrissy Bartel, Norwich EMS; Eldon Headrick, Norwich EMS; Mendy Frampton; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; David Lux, Police Chief; Jamee Hillman, Dispatcher; David Hillman, Undersheriff

Online Visitors: Carol Voran; Tammy Miller and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Mayor Harrel called the City meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Foley asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: City Commissioner Hacker moved to approve the agenda as presented. City

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

Chairman Foley discussed that the Board of County Commissioners discussed the possibility of moving stalls to a new pole barn at the last Commission meeting. The movement of the stalls would give more room.

Commissioner Thimesch said that moving the stalls would give the 4-H room for the sheep stalls and that the Commissioners were just in the talking phase for this. Also, Thimesch let the Commissioners know that the Board of County Commissioners had discussed purchasing a rake to help with the removal of clumps of dirt and hay that the horse trailers make to help the city mowing maintenance easier.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he had talked with Mendy Frampton and the outdoor arena needs some

repairs to posts and that having more trash receptacles around the grounds would help with trash being left on the ground.

Greg Graffman, City Manager let the Commissioners know that he had already gotten in touch with Waste Management today about trash receptacles.

City Commissioner Hacker would like to see an aerial view of the area that the County Commissioners are wanting to place a pole barn.

Mayor Harrel said that if the City Commission could get some pictures of the area the Commissioners were wanting to put a pole barn to them that they would look at it.

Ms. Frampton let the Commissioners know that she would get them pictures and a map of the area in question tomorrow so they could look at it.

Commissioner Thimesch gave an update on the gate that had been fixed.

Ms. Frampton let the City Commissioners

know that the Board of County Commissioners had just approved a new sound system for the Expo Center and that a new chute had been purchased.

Commissioner Foley would like to move on to the next item on the agenda which is the dispatcher's contract.

Commissioner Henning let the City know that they County Commissioners were looking at the contract because the last contract was put together in 2001.

Mayor Harrel did agree that the contract would need to be updated.

Commissioner Henning said that they were trying to get operational costs but other things had come up and no figures had been put together yet.

Commissioners discussed that figures need to be put together before a decision on the contract can be made.

Mayor Harrel discussed that the city should not be paying for half of the dispatching but pos-

sibly 38 % as 38% of the calls were city calls.

Commissioner Thimesch let the City Commissioners know that the 800 radio system that they have been discussing will cost more than the ARPA funding that has been received and may need help to get it implemented.

City Commissioner McFarland that the Commissioners should have a capital improvement fund to put away money for these future costs.

Mayor Harrel discussed what would be a fair amount to City taxpayers for dispatching services.

Commissioners discussed that they would look at figures and get back with each board.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:39 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Making Mental Health Parity a Priority

By Secretary Marty Walsh

Mental health is health – period.

When someone gets the flu, or sprains an ankle, there’s no question about whether care is needed. If that person has health insurance, they can go to their doctor, or nearest urgent care or hospital. It’s often a commonplace, run-of-the-mill experience. You go in, you pay a copayment, you see the health care professional, and you’re on your way home.

Unfortunately, the experience for someone with a mental health condition or in need of treatment for substance use

disorder is usually very different. Often, people feel apprehensive about seeking treatment in the first place. They worry, “What will my friends think?” or “I probably shouldn’t tell my job that I need time off to see a psychologist.” Trust me: I had similar thoughts when I needed help dealing with alcoholism in my twenties. I knew something was wrong, but it was so hard to take that first step. I’m grateful that as a union member I had access to the care I needed, because once I did ask for help, my life started to change for the better.

But for many, once they reach a point where they’re ready to seek care, getting that care can be an even bigger challenge. From identi-

fying professionals who will take your insurance to figuring out what requirements you need to meet for treatment to be covered by your plan, the process can be incredibly difficult to navigate. Not only is this frustrating for those who need critical services — in many cases, it’s illegal.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, passed in 2008, aims to improve access to treatment for mental health conditions and substance use disorders. At its core, the law is designed to make sure insurance companies and health plans cover mental health and substance use disorder treatment the same way they cover physical care. Whether you’re seeking help for a sprained ankle or for opioid use, your benefits are protected by the law.

Nearly two years into a pandemic, more people than ever need care,

and are seeking care, for mental illness and substance use disorders. So it’s more important than ever to make sure everyone can get the help they need. Getting the care that you are entitled to should never be a struggle.

That’s why mental health parity is a priority for the Biden-Harris administration, for the Department of Labor, and for me personally.

Last year, Congress provided us with new tools to enforce the law – and we are using them. Our Employee Benefits Security Administration is taking action to ensure equal access to treatment for mental health conditions and substance use disorders for the more than 136.5 million people in insurance plans covered by the law.

This week, we released a report to Congress that highlights where we have found in-

surance companies and health plans are falling short when it comes to providing parity in care, and how we’re ramping up our enforcement of the law.

We have increased the staff and resources dedicated to this work. Our teams are identifying violations and working with employers and companies to increase compliance. Group plans and insurers must be able to show us their work, if they’re claiming to meet the requirements of the law. In addition, we are reaching out to consumers, health plans, insurance companies, and state regulators to help them understand and follow the law moving forward.

And, just as important, we are working with a wide range of partners all across America to reduce the stigma attached to mental health and substance use treatment that

prevents people from exercising their rights and seeking care in the first place. Everywhere I travel, I talk about these issues – and I always find families, providers, and communities who are eager to address them.

We hope this report and our ongoing efforts show health plans that we take this issue seriously — and provide more opportunities for people to get the care they need and are entitled to under the law.

The fact is, mental health is simply health. And I know from experience: when someone reaches out their hand for help, that is the moment when care and treatment must be there for them.

Marty Walsh is the U.S. Secretary of Labor. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram at @SecMartyWalsh.



Kingman County Humane Society
Pets of the Week



Honey
Female Domestic Longhair
Weight 6.3 lbs
Age 6Y/8M/2W
Adoption Fee \$50
Intake Date 11/28/2021
Fluffy, gorgeous, friendly....love this kitty!

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Howie
Male Bulldog, American / Terrier
Weight 49 lbs
Age 4Y/9M/3W
Adoption Fee \$180.00
Intake Date 10/27/2021

Adult-Only Home Preferred; Housetrained; People friendly; Single Dog Home

Life hasn't been easy for this sweet boy. He might not be the prettiest dog we have but he is well behaved around people. He's kinda picky about which dogs he wants to be around and the scars on his face tell us a little bit about what his former life might have been like, but he's hoping for a better life now. He's sweet and gentle but might be too strong for younger kids. We recommend a fence yard for this guy just to be on the safe side.

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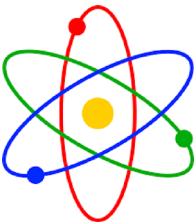
Diesel
Breed: Retriever, Yellow Labrador
Sex: Male
Weight: 42 lbs
Age: 1Y/6M/3W
Adoption Fee: \$150
Intake Date: 1/23/2021

Diesel is blind but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeaky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.

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Cunningham Fourth Grade Receives SCCF Grant



Back Row: Alyssa Osner, Carter Wyatt, Landen Hageman, Brody Halderson, Cooper Neufeld, Landon Green, Casyn Miller, Walker Winfrey, Joey Vaughn,

Middle Row: Jonathan Fowler, Carly McGuire, Bryer Barber, Vaughn Preisser, Kalvin Fischer, Ava Neywick, Lux Thimesch,

Front Row: Mackley Glenn, Jace Oldham, and Lucas Theis. Not Pictured - Leddie Parkins.



Cunningham’s 4th Grade class received a \$607 dollar grant from South Central Community Foundation.

The grant was written for a Discover STEM Lab Kit. The 4th grade students are excited about getting to explore the STEM purchases.

The grant money received from South Central Kansas Community foundation went for the purchases of two Lego brick sets, two Virtual Reality Globes, two Pixicades which allows students to create their own video games, also two mini Sphero Robot balls, and nine Cubelets.

The Sphero and the Cubelets are two different kinds of robots, which help teach students coding. The Lego Brick sets will be used to create Lego movies. STEM in the classroom helps to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to our young students, which are all important in our 21st century learning.

Teaching STEM in the classroom allows teachers to facilitate or guide student learning, it allows students to be engaged and in control of their learning. STEM projects teach students to be problem solvers through child play, creating, investigation, and creative learning.

Mrs. Vahsholtz and the 4th grade class would like to thank the South Central Community Foundation for offering and giving us the opportunity to receive this amazing grant.

Photo and story submitted by Carrie Vahsholtz



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.

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February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month

Swaney Veterinary Clinic is offering discounts on cat and dog spays/neuters during February.

Ask about multi-pet discounts that are available.

Call for prices and scheduling.
620-532-5544

“But can you really trust someone who doesn’t have a pet?”
— Gregory Berns, How Dogs Love Us: A Neuroscientist and His Adopted Dog Decode the Canine Brain



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- Go to KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.org
- Click on the  button
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you!

If you can help out just one or two hours per week, we have lots of ways for you to help. You must be 16 years of age or older.

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for February 7th, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, February 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Eric Killough, Pratt Tribune.

Tracey Beverlin, county attorney, presented her annual report for 2021.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA director, reported one of her part time employees is needing a month off for health-related issues. She has another employee that is willing to fill in while she is off. She presented a payroll slip to increase Micheal Blackford’s pay for the increase in time worked. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve Micheal Blackford increase in pay for one month to \$327.00 per pay period. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She gave a report on the current status of funding from the state for SCKCCA.

Darrell Lavender, PRMC President and

CEO and Alan Waites, chief financial officer, reported on recruitment of new practitioners. Reported there is still kidney care but no dialysis. They appreciated the financial help from the county with the HVAC system. They are still short staffed. There are more than twenty openings. Alan gave a presentation on the financial status of PRMC. Commissioner Jones asked about the urgent care numbers. Alan reported it was doing great. Staffing was a problem at first, but has improved.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she is helping bBusinesses with the department of commerce funds to apply for expansion and adding to their business. She has emailed the small cities about the ARPA reporting. She will call a business interested in possibly relocating in the Pratt area. It would be manufacturing jobs. She talked to Kirkham Michael, they stated there are no road projects that would qualify for the new funding. The frontage lots along the hwy by the new PSB, were discussed as possible projects in the future. They will need sewer.

Kirkham Michael can do a preliminary cost. Pratt County has nothing application ready at this time. Pratt County could work on those lots and be ready for a project in the future. She gave an update on SPARK process, recommendations on how to spend the money.

There could possibly be \$1.2 million for volunteer fire departments, this money does not have to be spent until 2026. There are hearings on the food sales tax bills. A possible \$536 million dollars in revenue could be lost the first year. Corporate income tax is down to zero. Property taxes will increase if these bills are passed to make up for some of the lost revenue. She discussed KPERS working after retirement. Right now,

Retirees have to set out 180 days if hired back during that 180 days the employer pays a penalty, this bill would shorten the waiting time and decrease the penalties. She discussed local ad valorem tax reform, state made a buy out to help offset property taxes. Pratt Area Economic Development meeting Wednesday. They will discuss the match program for building improvements up to \$25,000, to help with energy efficiency.

The match would come out of the economic development fund. The percentage should be equal county wide.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented reports for the state that need to be approved by the commissioners and mailed in to the state. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve noxious weed management plan for 2022 for Pratt County. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Discussed getting bids for the four-wheeler.

They will revisit the bids next week. Mark will order a copier/printer/scanner for noxious weed.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief and Gary Smith, reported the aerial truck has a problem with the batteries. It needs a switch to go from one battery to another. They have brake problems on unit 251. He would like to get approval to replace rescue 2. It is a 2003, with 14,000 miles. He has enough in special equipment to purchase. He would like to get quotes, commissioners approved getting quotes.

Commissioner Adams made a motion at 3:00 p.m. to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss attorney/client matter with Doug Freund, road supervisor and Amy Jones, treasurer. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:15 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, stated on February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a zoning meeting at the municipal bldg. Kessler construction is wanting to construct a shop on south highway 281. Tyson stated he would not be able to attend the meeting. He stated on February 23, 2022, there is an online flood plan map meeting.

On February 28, 2022 there will be a severe weather training at 7 p.m.

at the community center. Any one is welcome. March 7-11 is severe weather alert week. The lights are in for the weather tower, just waiting for the company to replace them. He reported the national guard will be done testing Wednesday at the community center. Mark Graber was questioned about phones at the public safety building.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented two road bores. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve road bore at NW 30th Ave and NW 80th Street for Amerine Utilities Construction inc. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the road bore at NE 20th Avenue for Ninneseah Rural Electric Cooperative. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:30 pm to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:40 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson will file the tax delinquent parcels with

the court this Friday. There are around 40 parcels.

Mark Graber, IT director, reported he got all the equipment ordered for the Commissioner room and some items have already shipped.

Chairman Shriver reported he got an email from Theel Insurance and Financial Services, wanted to broker the county insurance. They are in competition with IMA Consulting.

It was decided to hold off until IMA Consulting presented their report in a few months.

He updated on the public safety building. They are finishing drywall in Bldg. B, paint in Bldg. D, and paving should be done by March 11, 2022. There is another delay with the overhead doors, they are expected February 24, 2022.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Harman Huffman for certificate #14 for \$419,580.70. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Balance left to finish is \$995,635.20

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for February 7, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Wheat Scoop: How Winter Weather and High Fertilizer Prices Could Impact the Kansas Wheat Harvest

As the wheat crop is tucked into dormancy like a hibernating bear, Kansas farmers are making tough choices about topdressing during a dry winter with escalating fertilizer prices.

Kansas wheat farmers reported last week during a board meeting of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG) that wheat fields across Kansas were generally planted into sufficient moisture conditions and went into winter with decent stands. But more moisture will be needed over the winter and into the spring to kickstart a crop emerging from dormancy and maintain growth.

According to the

USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas topsoil moisture supplies as of January 23, 2022 — ahead of this week’s winter weather — were 77 percent very short to short and 23 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 31 percent very short, 41 percent short and 28 percent adequate. In the same report, the Kansas winter wheat crop was rated at 30 percent good to excellent, 39 percent fair and 31 percent very poor to poor. The impact of recent snowfall will be reflected in the next crop progress and condition report, scheduled for February 22, 2022.

Justin Knopf, KAWG president and wheat farmer in central Kansas, reiterated while it’s generally an ok time of year for wheat to be dry due to dormancy, temperature fluctuations and dry soil conditions could take a toll on final yields. Kyler Millershashki,

KAWG vice president and wheat farmer in southwest Kansas, noted the wheat is looking decent, surprising considering the dry conditions. December brought four to five inches of snow, which was needed, but he’s hoping for more to come.

Perhaps more importantly, KAWG members conveyed the difficult decisions producers are currently making with their fertility programs. In a normal year, producers would be starting or preparing to topdress wheat fields with nitrogen (N). This winter application allows the nitrogen to move into the root zone with precipitation well before jointing begins to be most efficiently utilized by wheat. Having adequate nitrogen available supports spring tilling and helps ensure good yield potential.

This year, however, fertilizer prices have exploded due to international supply chain

disruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a January 2022 report by Texas A&M University’s Agricultural and Food Policy Center, “Based on current spot markets, it appears as though fertilizer prices will increase in excess of 80 percent for the 2022 planting season (relative to 2021).” KAWG members and their neighbors are feeling this cost crunch, reporting many in their areas are putting off normal topdressing applications to wait for moisture.

“While we cannot control the weather and its impact on the wheat crop’s yield potential, it is important to note that Kansas farmers are holding off on fertilizer applications due to high prices and availability of supplies,” said Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin. “Even with welcome winter snow and — fingers crossed — well-timed spring showers, these decisions could af-

fect the final grain yields and quality of this year’s wheat crop.”

K-State Agronomy is offering resources to Kansas producers on how to adjust their soil fertility programs during record high prices in an upcoming CropTalk webinar series. Topics will cover manure, how to best apply precision ag, adjusting programs to high prices, cover crops and climate. Learn more at <https://www.northwest.k-state.edu/events/crop-talk-series>.

When fertilizer prices will stabilize or decrease is a difficult question, but KWCH Chief Meteorologist Ross Janssen did offer welcome longer-term predictions for weather patterns during last week’s Kansas Commodity Classic. Janssen predicted shifting weather patterns could bring near to below normal temperatures and wetter than normal moisture conditions to the western two-thirds

of Kansas in the next three months. Overall, he predicted while winter will continue to drag out, Kansas farmers should see near-normal rainfall this spring and are unlikely to have a major drought this summer or a prolonged heatwave. Both predictions are positive for the Kansas wheat crop as wheat plants emerge out of dormancy this spring and continue their growth cycle until this summer’s harvest.

With a projected 7.3 million acres of wheat planted in Kansas, according to the USDA’s Winter Wheat and Canola Seedings report released on January 12, 2022, Kansas farmers are keeping their eye on the markets and on the sky to make the most of this year’s crop. Keep up with the latest updates on the Kansas wheat crop and issues facing the industry at kswheat.com.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 6th

Traffic stops	3
Traffic control	N Marquette St & NE 20 St Area Kingman
Theft	1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Weapons/firearms	2000 NW 50 Ave Kingman

Monday, February 7th

Assist Other Agencies	700 block W. D Ave Kingman
Chase	18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Welfare check	400 block N Douglas St. Kingman

Tuesday, February 8th

Traffic stop	4
Traffic complaint	NE 50 St & NE 40 Ave area, Pretty Prairie
Traffic complaint	100 block N Spruce St Kingman
Animal	500 block E. G Ave Kingman
Animal bite	5000 block NW 30 Ave. Kingman
Disturbance	200 block S Wilmot St. Cunningham
Fire - structure	12000 block NW 50 St. Cunningham

Wednesday, February 9th

Traffic complaint	SE 60 St & SE 170 Ave area Murdock
Animal	500 block W. F Ave Kingman
Fire investigation	1700 block S Marquette St. Kingman
Suspicious person	14000 block SW 170 Ave Nashville
Trespassing	300 block N Main St. Kingman

Thursday, February 10th

Harassment	200 block S Wilmot St Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	600 block S Morningside St Norwich

Friday, February 11th

Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	@mm 144 Pratt
Trespassing	4000 block NE 10 St Kingman
Welfare check	7000 block E Hwy 42 Rago
Welfare check	200 block W. B Ave. Kingman
Welfare check	100 block E Estella Cunningham

Saturday, February 12th

Traffic stops	8
Damage	NW 20 Ave & NW 30 St area Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	S Hwy 14 & SE 50 St. area Kingman

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOANNE E. SMITH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 8

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 8, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Larry Noakes.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 10, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock

a.m. in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Larry Noakes, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

Ricke Law Office

349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068

Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

HAROLD R. HART, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 4

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mona Schmitz, an heir of Harold R. Hart, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described mineral interest for real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Eleven (11),

Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Five (5)

West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Mona Schmitz
Petitioner

BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

LOIS L. KOSTNER, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 7

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 3, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Lois L. Kostner," deceased, dated December 14, 2011, First Codicil, dated November 7, 2012 and Second Codicil, dated April 9, 2021, praying the will and codicils filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and

Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, Co-Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke

Ricke Law Office

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Attorney for Petitioners

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EUNICE M. SMITH, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 6

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2022, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Prisca Krehbiel, an heir.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court,

Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Prisca Krehbiel, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

Ricke Law Office

349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068

Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

(First published in The Cunningham Courier on February 17, 2022, and subsequently on February 24, 2022)

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332,

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS (CUNNINGHAM-WEST KINGMAN COUNTY)

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas (Cunningham-West Kingman County) (the "District"), has adopted a resolution declaring it advisable to: (a) construct, equip and furnish a new high school building within the District including classrooms and support spaces, a shop area, storm shelter, and including furnishings and technology; (b) make improvements and renovations to the existing Elementary School within the District including, but not limited to, installation of air-conditioning (HVAC) to the gymnasium, providing necessary asbestos abatement, and improvements to office area fire suppression; (c) demolish the existing high school building and gymnasium lobby area to create space for the planned new construction; (d) make upgrades and improvements to security systems and parking areas at the District site; (e) make all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto (collectively the "Project"); and (f) pay costs of issuance and interest on said general obligation bonds of the District during construction of the Project, at an estimated cost of \$13,245,000, to be paid from general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") of the District. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on April 5, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas (Cunningham-West Kingman County), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$13,245,000, to pay the costs to: (a) construct, equip and furnish a new high school building within the District including classrooms and support spaces, a shop area, storm shelter, and including furnishings and technology; (b) make improvements and renovations to the existing Elementary School within the District including, but not limited to, installation of air-conditioning (HVAC) to the gymnasium, providing necessary asbestos abatement, and improvements to office area fire suppression; (c) demolish the existing high school building and gymnasium lobby area to create space for the planned new construction; (d) make upgrades and improvements to security systems and parking areas at the District site; (e) make all other necessary improvements appurtenant thereto (collectively the "Project"); and (f) pay costs of issuance and interest on said general obligation bonds of the District during construction of the Project; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(±), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

☐ YES

☐ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on April 5, 2022, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

[To be updated by the County Clerk]

Voters Residing In Precinct	Will Vote At	Location
Eureka USD 332	Cunningham Community Center	104 N Main St Cunningham, KS 67035
Penalosa City USD 332		
Dresden Rural		
Cunningham City Union USD 332		
Pratt County USD 332		
Kingman Peters Belmont USD 332	Zenda Community Center	213 N Main St Zenda, KS 67159
Liberty Nashville City Rochester Zenda City Chikaskia USD 332		
Harper County USD 332		

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6, 122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs			
Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
Bonds to be Issued	\$13,245,000	Project Costs (including architectural engineering services)	\$12,853,394
Interest Earnings	6,427	Interest During Construction Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	218,543
Total	\$13,251,427	Total	\$13,251,427

Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 25 years	Average Interest Rate	2.75%		
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$5,531,763	Assessed Valuation (2021)	Average Annual	\$69,991,696
Principal and Interest Payments				\$751,071
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid				\$0
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds				\$751,071


Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments

Total (without any Bond State Aid)	9.90 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)	9.90 Mills

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Kingman County, Kansas, whose address is Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068.

DATED: 2-14-22

Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Kingman County, Kansas



Effective June 1, 2019: Ads are \$5.50 per column inch, \$6.00 for full-color ads. Front page box ads are \$9.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.

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Celebration of life services were held on Friday, February 4th at Mema Mortuary Memorial Chapel, 2935 Patterson Road Corner 29 3/8 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.



Kathy Marteney

Kathy Lynn Marteney, 71, passed away February 8, 2022. She was born October 9, 1950 in Pratt, KS., to Lawrence James and Kathryn (Tregellas) Smith. Kathy married Steve Marteney April 12 1985 in Pratt, KS. They were married for 36 years.
She worked for with Elder Care as a home care health worker.
She enjoyed her music and grandchildren.
She is survived by her husband Steve of Pratt. Sons, John Matthew Fulton of Pratt, KS, Brian (April) Marteney of Killeen, TX; Granddaughter, Liberty Marteney and Brianna Marteney of Killeen, TX, Shanna Marteney of Wellington, KS.
Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence J. Smith and Kathryn (Tregellas) Smith.
Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later date.
Memorials may be made to Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Rd. Pratt, KS 67124
Online condolences may be made at www.larrison-mortuary.com.

Darlene "Katie" Linn

Opal Darlene “Katie” Linn, 83, died Feb. 13, 2022 at her home in Abilene.
She was born July 10, 1938, in rural Waterloo, Kansas the daughter of James and Opal Nunnemaker Wallace. A resident of Abilene since 2019, previously of Kingman and Waterloo, she was a former secretary for International Harvester. She also played a vital role in the operation of the family farm.
Darlene attended the Kingman United Methodist Church; was a member of the EHU, was a former 4H leader, and volunteered for the Kingman County Election Board.
On Nov. 23, 1963, she married James F. Linn; he died Aug. 5, 2014. Survivors include daughter Lisa Wright and her husband Bruce; brother David Wallace; sisters Dolly Gaede and Donna Younger; and grandsons Luke, Isaac, Nick and Benjamin Wright. She was also preceded in death by her brothers Bill, Howard, Jack and John.
Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday at the Kingman United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.
Memorials may be made with the Hospice of Dickinson County in care of Livingston Funeral Home.




Donald Mertens

Donald R. Mertens, 80, died Feb. 14, 2022 at the Kingman Community Hospital.
He was born April 23, 1941, in Kingman County, Kansas the son of Leo W. and Lucille Miller Mertens. A lifetime resident of the Cunningham community, he was a retired frame carpenter with Mertens Brothers and was still an active farmer and stockman.
Donald was a member of the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale; and was a U.S. Army veteran.
On April 8, 1967, he married Mary Ewy at Willowdale. Other survivors include two sons, Tom, and Jerry with his wife Shari; grandchildren Drue, Cora and Haley Mertens; and great-granddaughter Hadley Mertens; brothers Leo F., Leroy, Gene and Marvin “Butch” Mertens; sisters Pauline Jacobs, Helen Meyers and Karen Lubbers; He was preceded in death by brothers Edwin, Lawrence and John; and sisters Dorothy Swart, Rosella Henning and Alice Jacobs.
Funeral services with military rites will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Family interment services will take place at a later date.
Memorials may be made with the Kingman Community Hospital in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

Betha Dauner

Betha Diane Dauner, 70, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born on April 24, 1951 in Pratt to Lothair and Carol (Pride) Dauner.
Betha graduated from Skyline High School in 1969. She attended and graduated from Pratt Community College and then went on to graduate with a Bachelors in Physical Therapy from Kansas University. She started the physical therapy department at Pratt Regional Medical Center and was the chief physical therapist. She also worked as a physical therapist at the Kingman Hospital. She went to work at Industrial Sports and Rehab for Dr. Estivo in Wichita. She was also a legal consultant for workman’s comp. She was a member of Sawyer United Methodist Church. She enjoyed family gatherings, craft projects, reading, watching sports and making cards for her nieces, nephews and cousins.
She is survived by her siblings, Lyle (Cathy) Dauner of Mankato, Kyra Dauner of Pratt and Darin Dauner of Sawyer; nephews, Christopher (Callie) Dauner and Tanner (Jasmin) Dauner; nieces, Jennifer (Wyatt) Harris and Krystle Dauner; great-nephews, Ethan Harris, Sawyer Harris and Kellan Dauner; and great-nieces, Delaney Harris, Charley Dauner and Harper Dauner.
Betha is preceded in death by her parents, Lothair and Carol Dauner.
Visitation will be Friday, February 18, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-8 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Sawyer Methodist Church, with Pastor Louis Keeling and Jan Blasi presiding. Inurnment will follow at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.
Memorials may be made to Asland Ministries/ Cullison Roundup Saturday Night in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Alayna McGuire Named to Dean's List at Emporia State University

EMPORIA, KS (02/11/2022)-- Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas, was among nearly 100 Emporia State students named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list in the fall 2021 semester.
To qualify for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list, students earned a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

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CDC COVID Update for Kingman County

Community Transmission --High
Everyone in Kingman County, Kansas should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.
February 15, 2022
Cases <10
Case Rate per 100k suppressed
% Positivity 18.81%
Deaths 0
% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated 49.2%
New Hospital Admissions 2

CDC COVID Update for Pratt County

Community Transmission -- High
Everyone in Pratt County, Kansas should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.
February 15, 2022
Cases 13
Case Rate per 100k 141.86
% Positivity 14.08%
Deaths 0
% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated 51.2%
New Hospital Admissions 0

Upcoming Auctions

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