

County Commission Meeting

August 19th 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 19th, 2019. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman
Fred Foley, Commissioner
Jerry Henning, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye; Daniel Blaha; Ezra Olson, Airport Manager; Scott Sparks; Mr. Shippen; Mrs. Shippen and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

The County Clerk requested adding discussion on Spivey City.

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

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Noblit discussed the information that was on Facebook about the Chamber of Commerce and that she received an email from the Chamber of Commerce board stating that they are looking for a new Director.

Carol Voran let the Commissioners know that she noticed that they raised the tax dollars but lowered the mill levy for 2020.

Daniel Blaha, SCKEDD representative was in to discuss his frustration with SCKEDD and if the Commissioners would like to keep membership with SCKEDD he will look for a replacement as he feels that it a waste of time to attend the meetings.

Carol Voran discussed what SCKEDD provides for members in the organization.

The Commissioners discussed their

concerns about the Counties membership with SCKEDD.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to discuss purchasing six new computers for the tag office. Ms. Luntsford submitted a bid from Choose Networks in the amount of \$5,814.88 and would be paying it out of her Technology fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of six computers for the Tag Office from Choose Networks in the amount of \$5,814.88. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Luntsford let the Commissioners know about upcoming meetings that she will be attending and some of her staff.

Commissioner Foley asked about the Drivers License office being able to do CDL licenses. Ms. Luntsford let him know that is something that the state changed years ago.

Ezra Olson was in to talk with the Commissioners about the Kingman Flag Project that Jesse Stucky and himself thought up. Mr. Olson wanted the Commissioners to know about the project.

The County Clerk discussed a request from a Spivey resident on the way the Spivey City Council is running their council.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review and update the Commissioners on Financial reports thru July 31, 2019.

The Commissioner Chairman opened the Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

The County budget authority for expenditures is \$10,982,331.00 and the amount of 2019 Ad Valorem Tax is \$7,286,478.00 and the estimated tax rate is 69.099.

The Chairman opened the hearing for public comment.

Scott Sparks wanted to know why there was not funding for certain funds.

Linda Langley let everyone in attendance know that there was certain funds that were combined into the General fund and will have funding for 2020 it is just showed in a different area of the budget.

Chairman Steffen discussed the de-

cision that was made for the Economic Development funding.

Chairman Steffen let all in attendance know that there needs to be someone to go to if a business wants to come into Kingman County.

Commissioner Henning said we get so many boards and he didn't understand why they can't work together.

Mr. Sparks said that he is working on it.

Mr. Shippen discussed problems that they have with the wind farm traffic on State Hwy 14. Also discussed was their 911 address because it is a concern for them.

Larry Landwehr talked about the Economic Development possibly having a store front so people can find them and get help. There is a need for communication in the County.

Chairman Steffen said that what we had for Economic Development was a point of controversy.

Commissioner Henning said why would we need to hire someone to just sit around until something comes along. If we need an Economic Development Director why not call Sedgwick County because they would be willing to help out.

Mr. Landwehr discussed if he receives the Magistrate Judge position he will have to resign his planning/zoning board position and the Economic Development board position.

Jason Jump asked if they were giving a 3% pay raise in 2020?

Chairman Steffen said that they budgeted 3% but it is not finalized yet and it is not decided until around the middle of December if they are going to give a 3% raise.

Scott Sparks said it is up to the County Commissioners to find someone to promote Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to close the budget hearing at 10:49 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the 2020 County Budget. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the power broom rental and now there is an option to purchase from Berry Tractor in

the amount of \$52,665.00 for a 2019 Superior Broom.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Superior Broom DT749, SN 819431, EIN 1188561 from Berry Tractor in the amount of \$52,665.00 to be paid by Road & Bridge fund. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Mt. Vernon overlay has been postponed until August 26th, 2019. The SE 10th St Bridge repair should be complete the week of August 26th, 2019.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that the Rural #2 bridge is set to start August 21, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Steffen moved to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

The County Commissioners would like for the County Clerk to go to the Heritage Trust Grant workshop on the 27th of August 2019.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss KAC programs for the last two months and to give an update on KAC.

Amber Hartley, Interim Appraiser was in to let the Commissioners know that she has decided to not send out mailers.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a change on the bid for the Computers.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to amend the motion for the six new computers from Choose Networks in the amount of \$6,314.86. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Football Field is ALMOST Ready



New stands just need to be moved into position. Scoreboard just needs to be lit. New announcer's stand looks ready for kickoff!



CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, August 31, 2019

4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, August 31, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbré

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

LUTHERAN

St. John's Nashville

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090

Office Hours:

Tuesdays:

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at: 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thurs, August 29th

7:00 p.m.

Main Street Singers Auditions

Sept. 5th

6:00 p.m Here

JH FB vs Central Christian

Friday, August 30th

7:00pm:

HS Football Jamboree @ Pawnee Heights

Friday, Sept. 6th

6:00pm

HS FB vs Moscow @ Home

Monday September 2nd

Last Day of Pool

Sat., Sept. 7th

9:00am

HS VB @ Inman Tournament

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd 4:00 p.m

HS VB at Stafford vs. Otis-Bison

Monday, Sept. 9th

Band Day at State Fair

Thursday, Sept. 5th 4:00pm:

HS CrossCountry at Pretty Prairie

Monday, Sept. 9th

CWC Salad Supper 6:30 at Community Center

Sept. 5th

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JH VB vs Central Christian

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620-388-5602.

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Donna Glenn



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West Kingman County Education Foundation

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(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

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

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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August 28, 1969 – Final payment on a debt of \$60,000, begun in 1963, was made by the St. Leo Parish last week. The debt was undertaken to build four classrooms and a cafeteria, which join an auditorium-gym, at a cost of \$76,834. The classrooms and cafeteria are being used by Unified School District No. 332 for eight grades of elementary school. Another \$4,000 was spent in re-modeling the auditorium and fitting it in the new structure. Architectural fees for both projects were \$5,778, making the price of the entire building project, \$86,612. Construction began in April of 1963, and was completed the following June, according to the contract. Members of the Building Committee were Ted Holcomb, John Albers, Herman Rottering, Norman Schnittker, and Carlos Schwartz. Fr. James Wilkinson, now stationed at Derby, was pastor of St. Leo's Church at the time of construction. Fr. Michael Leis is the present pastor.

Construction crews will begin re-building three miles of the 13,800 volt transmission line between Nashville and Cunningham next week, according to Merle Wallace, District Manager for Western Power Division of Central Telephone and Utilities Corporation at Medicine Lodge. Total cost of the project is estimated at about \$10,000.

Sept. 4, 1969 – The weather played the game, "Let's Fill Your Rain Gauge," again during the past week, after we'd already played that game two weeks ago. Between three and five inches fell this past week, which, added to the previous week-end's rainfall of four to seven inches, is probably enough moisture for a while. This past week's rain sent the Ninnescah River out of its banks in several places and over bridges, but flood damage has been minor.

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August 27, 1964 – The annual DeWeese Family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee DeWeese and family in Cunningham last Sunday. Tables, benches, and chairs were arranged in the lovely shaded back

yard of the DeWeese home where the many family relatives enjoyed the nice day. A business meeting was held following the dinner, conducted by Wiley Wolfe of Paragould, Ark., acting on behalf of President Barney DeWeese of Rago, who was unable to attend. New officers for the coming year are Paul DeWeese of Manhattan, President, and Mrs. Jack Ellis of Wichita, secretary. Next year's reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Liebl and family of Nashville.

Sept. 3, 1964 – A second vote on the two-district school unification proposal will be held in Kingman County next Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The vote on the two-district proposal failed in the first election, June 2. The new two-district proposal is little changed from the preceding one, with the Sears Estate land which has been sold to the State of Kansas being taken out of the "west" district, and a "trade" with Harper County of some land in the Spivey area in the "east" district. A meeting to explain the new proposal will be held in the St. Leo School Auditorium tomorrow night (Friday, Sept. 4) at 8:00 o'clock.

Many Cunningham folks were among the over 600 persons who attended a surprise reception at the Nashville Hospital, Sunday afternoon, honoring Dr. T. L. Waylan, and Mrs. Waylan, for their 25 years of service to the Nashville community with the hospital. Hosts for the occasion were members of the hospital staff.

August 27, 1959 – One hundred and five students have enrolled in Cunningham Rural High School, according to an announcement by Principal Will Seacat, Tuesday.

School will start in both schools next Monday morning, August 31. Students will be dismissed at noon, however, but regular classroom schedules will be followed on Tuesday.

the largest enrollment with 19 students. There are 14 First Graders, 11 in Second Grade, 15 Third Graders, 13 in Fourth Grade, 17 Fifth Graders, 13 Seventh Graders, and 13 Eighth Graders.

Twenty-nine boys reported to Coach Gerald Keenan for football practice this week.

Five home football games are on tap for Cunningham Rural High School football fans this season.

August 26, 1954 – The city recently completed a sewer line extension in the northeast part of town to service the residences in that area. The work was done by the Shelman Construction Company.

The Cunningham School Band headed the parade opening the Kingman County Fair in Kingman, Monday afternoon. Cunningham was the only band to appear in the parade.

Employees and their families of the Raney Truck Service enjoyed a picnic supper at the Ralph Raney farm a week ago Sunday evening.

Two Carls, Buntmeyer and Poland, are putting the finishing touches to the city's new fire station. Mr. Poland is doing the painting, and Mr. Buntmeyer is wiring the new building.

Sept. 2, 1954 – The Kingman County Road Crew completed 37½ miles of oil road in the county in 38 days at a cost of \$1,800 a mile. Kingman County has 223 miles of county roads, 101 of which are all-weather, and only a few residents are more than 3½ miles from an all-weather road.

Ramblings from the Editor's Desk

The older generation thought nothing of getting up at six in the morning. The younger generation doesn't think much of it either.

When all is said and don, usually more was said than was done.

August 20, 1949 – Cunningham really poured it on their baseball arch rivals, St. Leo, in a game played on the St. Leo diamond last Sunday afternoon. It was the third win for Joe "Lefty" Theis over St. Leo this year. He gave up two successive hits to the Kerschen brothers, Roman and Elmer, in the first inning, and then fanned the next three batters. Theis didn't allow another hit until Ollie Adelhardt's ground single in the ninth inning. Cunningham combed three St. Leo hurlers, Ollie and Gene Adelhardt and Jonny Kimminau, for sixteen hits, five of them for extra bases.

August 27, 1949 – Cunningham tuned up for the Catholic Diocese Tournament next week

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Thanks for recycling

The Courier on

September 9th

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at Pratt by tromping Preston, 24-2, in a baseball game played here last Sunday afternoon.

August 25, 1939 – The St. Leo Tumble Bugs took over undisputed possession of first place in the Kid Baseball League being played this year at Pratt, when they defeated the Rock Island Cubs, 6-3, Saturday night. Members of the St. Leo team are Herman Becker, Roman and Elmer Kerschen, Daniel and Joe Theis, Vernon and Frank Blasi, Alferd Theime, and Doc Vierthaler.

Sept. 1, 1939 – The

Skelly Oil Company has more than a half-dozen operations in the active Cunningham-Cario Oil and Gas Field. Tests are being drilled on land owned by Ed Maxedon, Charles Lakin, A. J. Fitzsimmons, E. S. Crosley, Frank Allbritten, and C. S. Sitton.

August 24, 1934 – Burnett’s Drug Store announced this week that round-trip bus tickets to Chicago, Ill., from this city have been reduced to \$14.65.

Raymond Zrubek was on the mound for the Cunningham softball team when they de-

feated Turon here last Wednesday night.

August 31, 1934 – The City Council granted a twenty-year gas franchise to the Kansas Light and Power Company of Salina, this week. The company promised natural gas heat would be available to customers in the city by October 1 of this year.

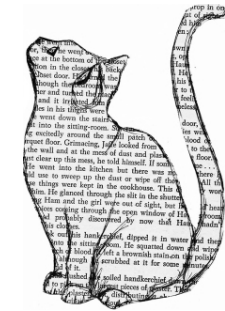
Wiley Doty left Monday morning for Mankato, where he will be in charge of a CCC Camp.

August 23, 1929 – Cunningham scored a smashing win over Willowdale in a baseball game last Sunday afternoon on the local diamond. Final score was 10 to 3. Cunningham used three pitchers, Oliver DeWeese, Matt Zrubek,

and Ted Hart, and all the boys did good jobs while on the mound. John and Herman Kimminau shared hurling chores for Willowdale. Star batters for Cunningham were Ray Shafer, who collected two singles and a triple, and Matt Zrubek, who had two singles, a double, and a home run.

August 30, 1929 – A number of townspeople motored to Wichita, Tuesday, to see the Graf Zeppelin pass over that city.

As an experiment, oil is being applied to Reno County roads for the first time, this week. William Stacy, County Engineer, says his road crews are mixing oil with asphalt and putting it on the roadbeds. He says it will eliminate dust and chuck holes.



Meanderings

Hello, folks. This has been a trying day for me, no matter how hard I tried, I just could NOT get it all together. The paper is being sent to the printer a bit late, and I am fighting a headache, and so, even though I have a column started, it’s just not going to get finished. So, once again I am cheating...here is my column from August 31, 2017.

And please ignore all mistakes in this paper... there are several, I’m sure.

And 40!!! year high school class reunion this week. I am so looking forward to it!

Remember Pogo? Pogo, an opossum, that lived in Georgia’s Okefenokee Swamp and in the comic pages? Who can forget the two famous quotes coming from that comicstrip --- “We have met the enemy and he is us”, and “Don’t take life so serious, son. It ain’t nohow permanent”?

Pogo is the only opossum I can truly remember encountering as a youngster. He was a fun read and I enjoyed our interesting relationship while it lasted—the strip was retired in 1975, three years after the creator, Walt Kelly, passed away.

T.S. Eliot used a penname “Old Possum” when he published his poetic works in “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats”, later composed by Andrew Lloyd Weber into the hit Broadway musical, “Cats”.

As a librarian, I found opossums made fine story-telling. While not prolific in children’s literature there a couple that come to mind. “Possum Come A-Knockin’” by Nancy Van Laan, a fun read kids enjoyed. My all-time favorite opossum, though, is Epossumondus, a noodle-head of a “sweet patootie” who is genuinely and lovingly spoiled by his human mama and auntie. Colleen Salley tells the story in a backwoods, down-home dialect, making the story-telling all the more enjoyable. Definitely worth reading with children and giggling over.

Opossums are not the same as possums. Possums live in Australia and are not in the same animal group of those that live here in the U.S. John Smith named our creatures “opossums” when he encountered them in 1608. The name is derived from the Algonquin word for “white face.” A century of so later, a naturalist with the James Cook expedition identified an animal in Australia as an opossum. Today those creatures Down Under are the scientifically recognized possum, where their American counterparts are “opossums.”

Upon my return to Cunningham 12 years ago, I had a whole new appreciation for opossums. After I found one living in the garage with my two unconcerned cats, Bob and Bing, sharing their food and hiding out during the day, I thought I’d have to have it killed. I am so glad I first did some research on the little critters. I, instead, caught the little encroacher in a large Rubbermaid tub and hauled it out to the river.

These homely creatures have a natural immunity to rabies, as well as some immunity to the venom of poisonous snakes. Sometimes called “Nature’s Sanitation Engineers”, they are omnivores and eat the garbage and detritus left by other living creatures, including the bones of dead animals, which they consume due their high need of calcium. Opossums eat garden pests such as slugs and beetles and they dislike rats and cockroaches and have been known to kill them when those nasty pests enter the opossum’s territory.

“Playing ‘possum” is an involuntary defense response that nature uses when all other defenses fail to work. My old Collie, Joey, spotted a small possum in the backyard one evening, and approached it to make its acquaintance, much like he would if he saw a stray cat. He walked up to it; it hissed and waddled away. Joey stood and observed it a bit, then followed. He came up alongside the silly thing, and touched it with his nose. The critter flopped over. Joey backed up, ears up, head cocked to the side, and looked at it. Then he looked at me and I swear I could hear him say, “What just happened and what did I do?” I couldn’t help but laugh out loud. Joey wagged his tail a bit, because he did understand laughter; but he wouldn’t leave the possum. He’d look at it and at me like he expected me to do something about it. I relented. I fetched a Rubbermaid tub, scooped Mr. P. in, and hauled him to the car. I set the tub down, and while I was opening the garage door and the trunk of the car, the ‘possum tipped over the tub and scurried away, limping a little; no doubt from being shoved in a tub with a shovel.

I see ‘possums frequently in my part of the town and I let the little creatures alone. While not exactly one of Nature’s beauties, they are essential to the balance of our environment and I do appreciate their contributions to our surroundings. Long live the opossum!

Always reading, and currently reading, “Each Little Bird That Sings” by Deborah Wiles Roberta

"Hey Susie Derkins, is that your face, or is a 'possum stuck in your collar?" Bill Watterson (I do love Calvin and Hobbes)

Women of the Community Invited to Salad Supper

The Cunningham Women's Club will be hosting their annual back-to-clubbing-after-having-the-summer-off salad supper. They enthusiastically extend an invitation to all the ladies in our community to come and enjoy an evening of dining and visiting. If you are new to town, get your neighbor to invite you along and introduce you to many new friends.

The event will be held on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.. Please bring a salad to share in the potluck supper at the Community Center. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Kansas Profile – Now That’s Rural: Verl Coup, Talmage Historical Museum

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

When a bank and a school both close, what is to be done with the two buildings? Today we’ll learn about a rural community which seized the opportunity to convert a former school into a library and a former bank building into a museum. These actions help preserve and promote the history of the community’s citizens.

Verl Coup is director of the Talmage Historical Museum. He grew up near Talmage and lived here his whole life, other than during his service in the Army. Verl was a long-time rural letter carrier. He started collecting artifacts of the Talmage community.

“When the older people would move to the nursing home, they knew I was interested in history so they would pass some of their things along to me,” Verl said. “Otherwise, when they pass, their money and artifacts go to the big city.”

One day in 2010, he

got an important call. “A lady who used to live here said the bank was closing and they would give us the building and most of the furniture,” Verl said. Sure enough, the Talmage branch bank closed and the building was donated to the Talmage Historical Society to become a museum.

“My wife (Kathy) was happy to get all these things out of our house,” Verl said with a smile. Kathy now volunteers at the museum. A local farmer left an endowment to support the new use for the building. In December 2010, the new museum opened its doors.

“The museum highlights the stories of the people from here,” Verl said. The old bank building was organized into various displays. The teller area has places for various area families to display their family trees and photos. The bank offices have been organized into different types of rooms.

For example, there is the school room with various artifacts from school buildings and classes through the years. I had to laugh when I saw the hairstyles, eyeglasses, and short basketball shorts of yesteryear.

There is the picture

room with lots of images from around the county, and a place for photos of farmers and their equipment. The vault has safety deposit boxes which are used for storage of pictures and memorabilia. There’s a veterans area, a memorial wall where people can honor someone with donations that help sustain the building, and much more.

Artifacts continue to be donated. One morning Verl found a box left anonymously on the front step. Among the contents was a homestead certificate signed by President Chester A. Arthur.

The grade school in Talmage had closed in 2000 and then served as a church for a time. It has now become the Talmage Library and Events Center. Shawni Sheets, a board member of the Talmage Historical Society, is director.

The Talmage Library and Events Center is located up the street from the museum. In addition to the library’s own collection, the Manhattan Public Library loans a rotation of books to the library every two months. As one might guess, the former school building has a kitchen and dining area. The big gym is available for recreation,

and an additional game room has pool, foos ball, ping pong, and exercise equipment. The facility is for rent by donation. Shawni Sheets said that many volunteers have donated books and other resources.

In spring 2019, the Dickinson County Community Foundation conducted a Match Day where donations to various worthy projects in the area were matched and doubled. “By noon that day, we had matched our \$10,000 goal,” Verl said. “The community support is there.”

It is impressive to see such remarkable, repurposed facilities in a rural community like Talmage, population 99 people. Now, that’s rural.

For more information, go to www.talmagekansas.com.

When a bank and a school close, what is to be done with the buildings? In Talmage, they are being re-used in creative ways. We commend Verl and Kathy Coup, Shawni Sheets, and all those involved with Talmage for making a difference by repurposing and maintaining these buildings in ways that benefit the community. They could school other communities – you can bank on it.

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Trees Get Chalked in Science Activity



Second and fifth grade classes under the direction of Mrs. Ricke and Mrs. Nix did some cooperative Science as they painted trees with wet chalk. Not only was it fun, but it led to some great discussions, observations, and many science and nature words were used!



photos by Ingrid Ricke

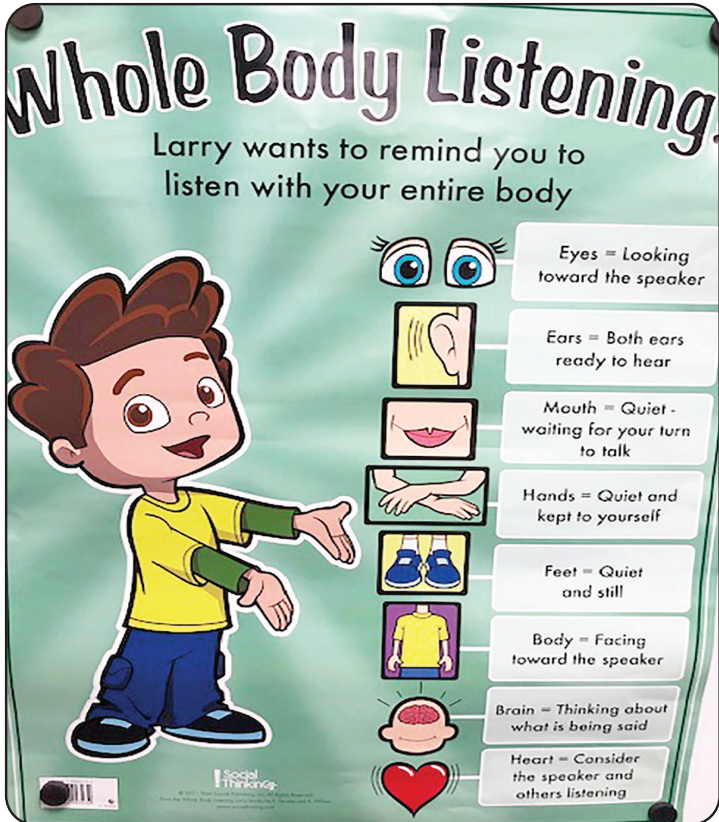


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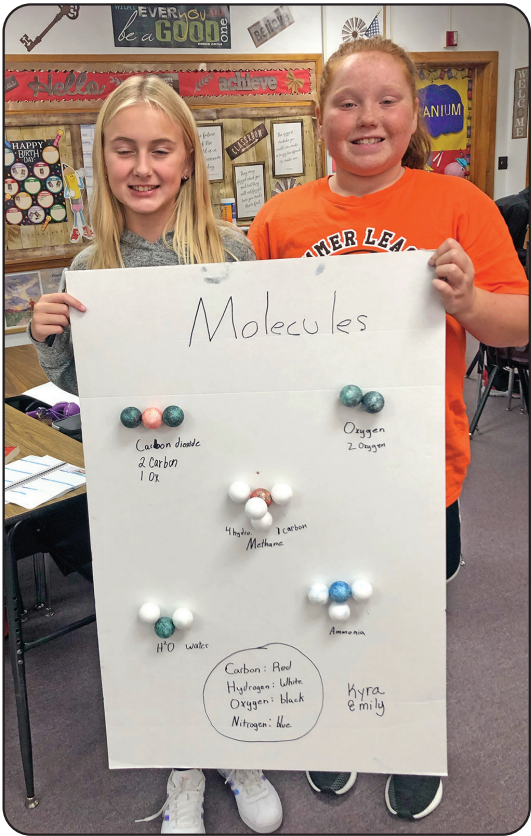
Mrs. Sorensen, our school Psychologist, read us a book about learning to listen with our bodies. We learned we listen with our ears, hands, eyes, mouth, feet, brain, and heart. We also learned how to be friends.

Mrs. Sorensen is going to try to come to our classroom weekly to teach us new things!



photos by Cindy Houtwed

Sixth Grade Science is Molecular



Sixth graders created molecules in science class! Pictured are Emily Ogg and Kyra Morgan
photo by Brook Bowman

There is an "I" in this team!

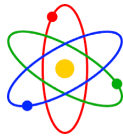


Henry Huelskamp is the Cunningham High School's lone Cross-country runner.

Volleyball Ladies Enjoy Pool Time



The high school volleyball players had a team building evening at the pool. We had pizza, ice cream and a refreshing dip in our wonderful home town pool.



Good
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Parents and Adult Fans: The Biggest Challenge Facing High School Sports Today

By Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and Bill Faflick, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Inappropriate adult behavior at high school athletic events in Kansas has reached epidemic

proportion. When more than 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a recent national survey what they like least about their job, 62.3% said it was “dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans.”

And the men and women who wear the black and white stripes agree. In fact, almost 80% of officials quit after the first two years on the job, and unruly parents are cited as the reason why. As a result, there is a growing shortage of high school officials here

in Kansas, and in some sports like wrestling, soccer, and baseball/softball, the shortage is severe. No officials means no more games.

If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this fall, you can help by following these six guidelines:

1. Be a Role Model. You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud and teaches lessons we want our children to learn. They are watching. They will imitate.
2. Don’t Live Your

Life Vicariously Through Your Children. High school sports are for them, not you. Your family’s reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.

3. Let Your Children Talk to the Coach Instead of You Doing It for Them. High school athletes learn how to become more confident, independent and capable—but only when their parents don’t jump in and solve their problems for them.
4. Stay in Your Own Lane. No coaching or officiating from the side-

lines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent—not a coach or official.

5. Remember, Participating in a High School Sport Is Not About Getting a College Scholarship. According to the NCAA, only about 2% of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the total value of the scholarship is only about \$18,000. In fact, there are more dollars available for more students with academic scholarships than what is available to athletes.
6. Make Sure Your

Children Know You Love Watching Them Play. Do not critique your child’s performance on the car ride home. Participating in high school sports is about character development, learning and having fun—not winning and losing.

Purchasing a ticket to a high school athletic event does not give you the right to be rude, disrespectful or verbally abusive. Cheer loud and be proud, but be responsible and respectful. The future of high school sports in Kansas is dependent on you. kshsaa.org

Nearly 17,000 Dairy Operations Enrolled in Dairy Margin Coverage Program

Dairy Producers Must Sign up before Sept. 20 for 2019 Coverage

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, 2019 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that producers of nearly 17,000 dairy operations have signed up for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program since signup opened June 17. Producers interested in 2019 coverage must sign up before Sept. 20, 2019.

DMC offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

“We’re encouraged by the number of dairy producers who have signed up for this new program, but we are hopeful that we will get more folks in the door,” said Bill Northey, USDA’s Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. “At this point in the signup process, we are well ahead of the number of producers covered at this time last year under the previous safety net program, with more producers enrolling every day. As we move into the homestretch, we expect more producers across the country to get coverage through DMC and our team at FSA is really going above and beyond to make sure we

get the word out there, the returns this year to-date should speak for themselves.”

In June, when the DMC signup was announced, Secretary Perdue said, “For many smaller dairies, the choice is probably a no-brainer as the retro-active coverage through January has already assured them that the 2019 payments will exceed the required premiums.”

To date, more than 60 percent of dairies with established production histories have enrolled in the program. Wisconsin has seen the most participants with more than 4,832 dairy operations, followed by Minnesota (1,865), New York (1,779), Pennsylvania (1,511) and Michigan (702).

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) began issuing program payments to producers on July 11. DMC provides coverage retro-active to Jan. 1, 2019. The producers who have signed up to date will receive more than \$219.7 million in payments for January through June, when the income over feed cost margin was \$8.63 per hundred-weight (cwt.), triggering the sixth payment for eligible dairy producers who purchased the \$9 and \$9.50 levels of coverage under DMC.

To view weekly enrollment, production and payment reports (posted each Monday at 2 p.m. Eastern), visit FSA’s DMC webpage.



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KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2018 a General Election of certain board members in Unified School District #331, Unified School District #332, Unified School District #268 At Large and city officials of Incorporated Cities, Kingman County, State of Kansas, will be conducted on the 5th day of November, 2019.

The names of the candidates and the positions for which each is a candidate are as follows:

Board Member District #1 USD 331-Unexpired Term:

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DIANE ONTIVEROS, Kingman

Board Member District #2 USD 331:

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LESLIE R. KREHBIEL, Kingman

Board Member District USD 332 AT-LARGE: Vote for Three

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BRENT M. HANSEN, Cunningham

BRENT MILLER, Cunningham

TRAVIS THIMESCH, Cunningham

Board Member USD 268 At Large Position:

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CARLA EWY, Cheney

MARCIA KAMPLING, Cheney

MATT VOTH, Cheney

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TIM SCHULTZ, Cunningham

MATTHEW WESTERHAUS, Cunningham

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Spivey City Council:

JOE BOSWELL, Spivey

STATE OF KANSAS OFFICIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Vote Yes or No

Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the adjustment of census taken by the United States census bureau regarding nonresident military personnel and nonresident students when reapportioning the Kansas senate and house of representatives.

A vote for this proposition would eliminate the adjustment of census taken by the United States census bureau regarding nonresident military personnel and nonresident students when reapportioning the Kansas senate and house of representatives.

A vote against this proposition would continue in effect the requirement for the adjustment of census taken by the United States census bureau regarding nonresident military personnel and nonresident students when reapportioning the Kansas senate and house of representatives.

Shall the following be adopted?

1. Reapportionment of senatorial and representative districts. (a) At its regular session in 1989, the legislature shall by law reapportion the state representative districts, the state senatorial districts or both the state representative and senatorial districts upon the basis of the latest census of the inhabitants of the state taken by authority of chapter 64 of the 1987 Session Laws of Kansas. At its regular session in 1992, and at its regular session every tenth year thereafter, the legislature shall by law reapportion the state senatorial districts and representative districts on the basis of the population of the state as established by the most recent census

population taken and published by the United States census bureau of the census. Senatorial and representative districts shall be reapportioned upon the basis of the population of the state adjusted: (1) To exclude nonresident military personnel stationed within the state and nonresident students attending colleges and universities within the state; and (2) to include military personnel stationed within the state who are residents of the state in the district of their permanent residence. Bills reapportioning legislative districts shall be published in the Kansas register immediately upon final passage and shall be effective for the next following election of legislators and thereafter until again reapportioned.

(b) Within 15 days after the publication of an act reapportioning the legislative districts within the time specified in (a), the attorney general shall petition the supreme court of the state to determine the validity thereof. The supreme court, within 30 days from the filing of the petition, shall enter its judgement. Should the supreme court determine that the reapportionment statute is invalid, the legislature shall enact a statute of reapportionment conforming to the judgement of the supreme court within 15 days.

(c) Upon enactment of a reapportionment to conform with a judgment under (b), the attorney general shall apply to the supreme court of the state to determine the validity thereof. The supreme court, within 10 days from the filing of such application, shall enter its judgment. Should the supreme court determine that the reapportionment statute is invalid, the legislature shall again enact a statute reapportioning the legislative districts in compliance with the direction of and conforming to the mandate of the supreme court within 15 days after entry thereof.

(d) Whenever a petition or application is filed under this section, the supreme court, in accordance with its rules, shall permit interested persons to present their views.

(e) A judgment of the supreme court of the state determining a reapportionment to be valid shall be final until the legislative districts are again reapportioned in accordance herewith.

YES

NO

VOTING FOR THIS GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Please check your polling location for this election.

VOTING PLACES

Kingman Activity Center (South Room):

1st Ward of Kingman City

2nd Ward of Kingman City

3rd Ward of Kingman City

4th Ward of Kingman City

Kingman Activity Center (North

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All of White Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Ninnescah Township

All of Belmont Township

All of Richland Township

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All of Union Township

Cunningham City

All of Dresden Township

All of Rural Township

Murdock Methodist Church:

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All of Evan Township

All of Dale Township

All of Vinita Township

Zenda Community Center:

All of Chikaskia Township

All of Valley Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Rochester Township

All of Liberty Township

Nashville City

Zenda City

Spivey City

All of Kingman Township

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Persons living in Kingman County in the 361 School District will vote in Harper County.

The Officer conducting the School Board General Election and Cities General Election is the election officer of Kingman County, Kansas and the election headquarters for this election will be located at the County Clerk's Office, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas.

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of August, 2019.

(SEAL)

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

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Agnes Urban

Agnes Elizabeth (Detmer) Urban, age 101, of Wichita, Kansas passed away on Sunday August 25, 2019. Agnes was born September 30, 1917 in Waterloo, Kansas to Anna and August Detmer. She is survived by; son Jim (Karen) Urban; daughters Mary Urban Posch and Joyce (Jim) Urban Bannon; brothers John Detmer, Lonnie Detmer and sister Mary Lou Osner; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and 4 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by; husband Anthony; son Eugene; parents August and Anna ; brothers Leonard, Andrew, Martin, and Leo; sisters Christina, Rita and Isadora. A visitation for Agnes will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2019 from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM at DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary with a rosary service to follow at 7:00 PM. A mass will occur Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM at All Saints Catholic Church, 3205 E Grand St, Wichita, KS 67218. Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery, 610 S Vassar St, Wichita, KS 67218.



Celebrations of Life

Helen Bergkamp

Helen Bergkamp, 92, died Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 am, Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church, 4910 N. Woodlawn, Bel Aire, KS 67220. Preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents, Cornelius and Lena Gerber; brothers, Bishop Eugene Gerber and Jerome Gerber. Survived by her sons, Stan Bergkamp, Scott (Kathleen) Bergkamp; daughters, Linda (Dr. Joe) Davison of Wichita, KS, Kim (Randy) Jones of El Dorado, KS, Jacque (Bill) Nelson of Garden Plain, KS; 15 grandchildren; sisters, Kathleen (Wilfred) Panek of Garden Plain, KS, Leola (Paul) Hageman of Pratt, KS, Joan Gerber of Wichita; brother, Larry Gerber of Wichita.



Helen lived her life as the consummate steward. Helen and Bob founded Bob Bergkamp Construction Co. 65 years ago doing soil conservation work for farmers around Cheney. Through hard work and prayer the company has grown to a large regional heavy civil grading firm, with the third generation in the business. She was a trailblazer in her own right, starting and running her own successful restaurant before she was married to Bob. She also had two patents, one of which was successfully sold in many national mail order catalogs and magazines. Many of those profits went to charitable organizations.

In 1978 Helen and Bob moved to El Dorado to fulfill a 10-year volunteer commitment to open and run the St. Joseph Family Life Center which provided retreats, Marriage Encounters, and Engaged Encounters for the Diocese of Wichita. This was the model for the current Spiritual Life Center, which we now enjoy.

After this commitment they moved to Wichita and opened the doors of their home to all who would come. Providing a bed and meals, with the same hospitality as they had shown while volunteering in El Dorado, to whomever came to visit. Most nights there was at least one extra person sharing their home.

Helen called her brother, Bishop Gerber, and requested that he pursue bringing the Carmelite Sisters from India here after meeting them on a trip overseas. We are now immeasurably blessed to have them serve in our Diocese.

She commissioned an artist to paint the icons of the Doctors of the Church. This is the only collection worldwide by the same artist. These are a treasure on display at the Spiritual Life Center.

She had a love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a collection of over 200 statues. Her collection now resides in a museum in Fatima, Portugal.

Numerous statues were purchased and placed in many churches in and around Wichita by Helen. She silently did this with no one knowing.

Helen attended daily Mass, spent long hours in contemplative prayer and rarely strayed far from her blessed Rosary beads.

She was the matriarch of her family of 5 children, 15 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. The last few years she provided that same love to all those she encountered at Catholic Care Center.

Memorials have been established with: Priest Retirement and Education Fund, c/o Catholic Diocese of Wichita, 424 N. Broadway St., Wichita, KS 67202; Catholic Charities, 437 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67202. Downing & Lahey Mortuary – East Chapel.

Lois Tripe-Hope

Lois Tripe-Hope was born March 31, 1929 in Manhattan, KS, to Arthur and Bessie Cederberg and died August 16, 2019, at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, KS.



She married Gerhard (Ace) L. Trimpe on September 26, 1948, in Manhattan, KS. Ace passed away December 22, 1990, and Lois later married James (Jim) R. Hope April 3, 1999. She became a widow again when Jim died January 27, 2003.

Lois was a self-employed beautician (and farm wife) at her home in rural Preston. After Ace’s death she later moved to Pratt and continued her hair styling business also in her home. She loved dancing and after Jim’s death she became acquainted with Ivan Phillips and they frequented dances at the Pratt Senior Center and also the Senior Center in Hutchinson, KS. One bitter cold snowy evening when the Highway Patrol was discouraging travel, her sons discovered that Lois and Ivan had gone to Hutchinson to dance. They were finally contacted by cell phone on their way home and Lois instructed us not to worry...there wasn’t much traffic on the road!

Lois also volunteered at the Food Bank, Senior Citizens Center, Pratt Museum, and Pilot Club. She also loved quilting with the Lutheran ladies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ace; husband Jim; sister Violet Justice and brother Richard Cederberg.

Lois is survived by her five children; daughter Linda (Mike) Woodman of Carson City, NV; son Gary (Corrine) of Preston, KS; daughter Jolene (Danny) Ring of Overland Park, KS; son Daryl (Tracy) of Pratt, KS and son Kirk of Iuka, KS. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor or the Food Bank in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com

Donald Simon

Donald William Simon was born on May 15, 1928 in Kingman, County, KS. Donald was born to Julius and Margaret Ridder Simon. He was Farmer for 15 years. He retired as a truck driver from Crust Buster after 35 years. He was member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed being a handyman, woodworking and remodeling trailer homes. He was married to his wife Marcelline Mary Ann Simon on May 8, 1951 in Sharon, Kansas. He and his wife moved to Prairie Point Assisted Living Center in Stroud in March of 2019. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Connie Jo Simon, One Brother Ed Simon and One Sister Lucille Vierthaler. Survivors include his wife Marcelline Mary Ann Simon, two Sons Jim and wife Brenda Simon of Beggs, OK Bob and wife Joanna Simon of Bristow, OK three daughters Peg and husband Fred Bitler of Bennington, Kansas, Patti Sharber and husband Fred Ennist of Wickenburg, Arizona and Donita and husband Jim Heeke of Dodge City, Kansas. Donald has 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. No Service Services under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud, Oklahoma.

Edwin Steffen

Edwin A. Steffen, 92, died Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at his home near Cunningham, Kansas, surrounded by his children. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 31, 2019 at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church, the Cunningham Public Library, or donor’s choice in care of Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman.

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Are you, or do you know someone who:

- ...is pregnant;
- ...is breastfeeding and infant up to one year of age;
- ...is a child under 5 years old;
- ...has just had a baby and isn't breastfeeding a baby under 6 months old;
- ...or has recently miscarried?

You or those people you know may qualify for the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) supplemental food program-many working people do qualify for WIC and don't realize it. Fruits, vegetables, dairy, protein, and whole-grains foods are available to WIC-eligible

people.

Please call the Kingman County Health Department at 620-532-2221 for more information or to schedule an appointment!

For more information about the Kansas WIC Program, visit their website at <http://www.kansas-wic.org/families/>

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