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STAR STARS

THE FRANCHISE AWAKENS

The Cunningham Junior High will be presenting the play **STAR STARS: The Franchise Awakens** by Dean O'Carroll on Friday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. The play is a parody of the Star Wars films, including a wide range of familiar characters and settings. Admission will be \$2 at the door, students and patrons with activity passes get in free. Our jedi, aliens, and villains are looking forward to providing you with an evening of laughs and entertainment!

County Commission Meeting Minutes March 15th, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 15th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Leader Courier; Viewer 2; Tammy Miller; Caller 01; Shawna Olson; Andrea Wood; Larry Landwehr

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Bradley J Fagan, Schwab Eaton.

Staff: Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

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

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments made.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review department budgets with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Langley reviewed the Sales Tax funds spent and available. Also, Ms. Langley reviewed Road & Bridge projects with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed some overlay that they would like to see done and that there is funding available.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the Façade Program and the projects that are being done.

Ms. Schrag submitted an update on the grants.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the City is sponsoring a Spring Clean Up to assist residents in disposing of bulk waste.

Ms. Schrag submitted the following CDBG-CV applications for approval:

Jody Markwell- Jody's Salon

Desiree Streight-Desiree's Daycare

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch to approve Desiree's Daycare. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Jody's Salon. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with an update for the Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she is applying for the KDHE ELC Expansion Grant today.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager let the Commissioners know that the Health/Emergency Trailer has been received.

Mr. Schott discussed that storage is needed for PPE and equipment.

The County Clerk submitted the min-

utes of the March 8th, 2021 Commission Meeting for approval.

an unprecedented event," said Steve Epperson, Southern Pioneer Electric's CEO. "There were several factors at play that compounded the effects this storm had on Southern Pioneer Electric."

During the week of February 15, utilities across the region experienced a significant increase in energy demand as a result of the frigid temperatures. This increased demand, coupled with severe constraints on available generation resources, caused wholesale power market prices to skyrocket. Southern Pioneer Electric experienced a \$17-20 million addition to its February wholesale power bill as a result of this unprecedented event.

"These matters were not unique to southwest Kansas," said Epperson.

City Council Will Meet Monday Evening

Monday, March 29, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2021 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Leslie Schrag – Kingman County Economic Development
- 6) Update on financing for service

truck

7) Fire Department – Harold Stark, Chief's report

8) New water meter installation update

9) Reports

a. Property Officer

b. Planning & Zoning

c. Maintenance

d. Swimming Pool

e. Animal Control

10) Financial Report & payment of bills

11) Adjourn

vouchers in the amount of \$54,139.71.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and submitted February Financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a memorandum for review that will be sent out from the County Commissioners to the Township Board.

Bradley J. Fagan P.E. with Schwab Eaton was in to open the 2021 Surface Overlay Program for Kingman County, Kansas.

Commissioners opened bids for the 2021 Surface Overlay Program from the following:

Pearson \$452,487.50

APAC \$365,230.60

Cornejo \$340,805.75

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the low bid from Cornejo for \$340,805.75 upon the engineer review. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed future overlay areas with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like to bid seven miles east of Penalosa and add an option for seven miles on Sun City road.

Chairman Henning reviewed a bill from Eck Electric for the Sheriff's Department for \$193.00. The Sheriff would like to know if the Law Company should pay or the County.

Commission conference called the Sheriff on the bill received and it should be paid by the Law Company.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

monthly bills and based upon consumers' individual usage for the entirety of February 2021.

"We are committed to protecting our customers from high energy bills," said Epperson.

"We know that many are struggling with burdens of the last year and want to make sure their electric bill, as a result of Winter Storm Uri, is not an additional one."

Any credit or additional expense towards the February event will be allocated to all consumers and reflected on subsequent bills.

Customers with questions or concerns regarding upcoming bills may contact Southern Pioneer's offices at

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Southern Pioneer Electric Proposes Storm Recovery Charge

In March Southern Pioneer Electric Company ("Southern Pioneer") submitted a proposed distribution rate (billing) adjustment plan to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for approval. The proposed adjustment will cover costs accumulated by Southern Pioneer during Winter Storm Uri and will result in an approximate \$8 per 1,000 kWh of consumers' February usage as a recovery charge on bills. If approved by the KCC, the recovery charge would be implemented for 36 months, beginning the first month after KCC approval is received.

"The February winter storm was

"This event impacted the Southwest Power Pool's entire 14-state region which covers most of the Midwest, from the Texas Panhandle up to the Canadian border."

The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) is a regional transmission organization that provides balancing and reliability coordination services, as well as implements the wholesale energy market.

Southern Pioneer will avoid passing through expenses in one large bill. Instead it proposes a plan to amortize (spread out) the extraordinary costs to consumers over a period of 36 months. If the plan is approved by the KCC, the new billing adjustment will be reflected as a "Feb. 2021 Storm Recovery Charge" on customers' bills. This charge will be in addition to customers' normal

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cuningahm
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Contact the church for service schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN
St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

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

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Friday, March 26th 7:00 p.m. Junior High Play *****	Tuesday, March 30th 3:00 JH Track at Pratt-Skyline
Deadline for Trap Team Registration	Tuesday, March 30th 7:00 Book Club at United Methodist Church
Saturday, March 27th Trap Team Range Day	Thursday, April 1st All Fool's Day!
Monday, March 29th Blood Drive: All day ***** Trap Team Practice Day *****	Friday, April 2nd Good Friday: No School
JH Scholars' Bowl at Norwich ***** 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	Monday, April 5th Trap Team Practice Day
	Tuesday, April 6th HS HOPL Forensics at Pretty Prairie

*"You stand out too much in a small town."
— Jen DeLuca, Well Met*

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Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

March 19th - 21st

Chaos Walking
Rated: PG-13

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm.
All Seats: \$6.00

Doors open 45 before showtime.
(CASH OR LOCAL CHECK ONLY)
Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.
Private Showings Available

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

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931
March 27-The local high school took first in music and tied for third in literary at the Kingman County League Fine Arts Festival in Cunningham last Friday. Individual winners for Cunningham included Marjorie Vermillion, piano; Paul Sellon, boys' medium voice; Sarah Groom, girls' low voice; Alvin Haden, boys' high voice; Eleanor Shelman, girls' medium voice; Marjorie Vermillion, essay; Frank Allbritten Jr., oration, and Anna Crow, extemporaneous speaking.

The City Council has passed an ordinance regulating oil and gas well drilling within the city limits.

1936
March 27-Roy Wetherall has been chosen as the new Postmaster. He will succeed Henry Gibbens, whose term expires in June.

High school boys receiving basketball letter-awards for the year were Warren Allen, Norman DeLair, Francis Wilson, Wayne Lash, Ralph Baber, Junior Schafer, Edwin Leith, and Charles Cannon. Eunice Harris and Harriet Baber received cheer leader letter-awards.

1941
March 28- Two tickets will greet voters on the ballot, at the City Election, Monday, April 7. The two aspirants for Mayor are Glenn Patton and Wallace Creamer; John Wymer is the only candidate for Police Judge, and candidates for Councilman include Carde Cannon, Frank McCool, Sherman Kincheloe, Frank Doty, Bedford Taylor, Ferd Burnett, Otis Vermillion, Clayton Watkins, and A. B. Jones.

Everett Shelton, head basketball coach at the University of Wyoming, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poland, this week. His team has just completed a big season, playing in the NCAA Tournament at Kansas City, Mo., where they were defeated in the semi-finals. His successful season paid big dividends, however, as he just signed a new three-year contract for \$4,000 annually, an increase of \$700 per year.

1951
March 30- Marion Hinds of Hutchinson, has been hired as mathematics and science teacher in the local high school next year. A course in driving will be inaugurated at the school next year.

Present city officials will appear on the ballot as unopposed in the City Election next Tuesday. Incumbents include Mayor Donald Thompson, Police Judge Henry Gibbens, and Councilmen Elmer Steffen, Floren Rose, Glenn Patton, Philip Fee, and Arch Lovern.

The decision to lay the sewer lines down the alleys instead of the streets was made by city officials this week.

1956
March 29-The Twentieth Century Club entertained at a music talent tea, Tuesday afternoon, in the home of Mrs. Ferd Burnett.

Appearing on the afternoon's program were Mary Leiter, pianist; LaDean Cooley, vocal soloist; Mrs. Lon Hoagland and Mrs. Bill Bradley, duo-pianists; high school trumpet trio (Donald Hoagland, Kenton Shelman, and Larry Weir); Donald Hoagland, trumpet soloist, and a vocal trio (Mrs. Waldo Graves, Mrs. James Wilson, and Mrs. Bill Bradley.) Accompanists were Jeanne Seacat and Mrs. Bradley.

An arrangement of yellow jonquils centered the graciously appointed tea table at which Mrs. S. T. Kincheloe and Mrs. Burnett presided. Bouquets of gladioli and spring blossom sprays enhanced the beauty of the spacious Burnett home.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Kincheloe, Mrs. Beulah Rochell, Mrs. Bedford Taylor, Mrs. Bradley, and Mrs. Burnett.

Guests included Mrs. W. F. Ramsdale, Mrs. Jesse Pickering, Mrs. James Henshaw, and Mrs. Bill Moore, all of Arlington; Mrs. Luther Walker, Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Mrs. E. E. Witt, and Mrs. Rufus Leiter, all of Cunningham, and members Mrs. W. W. Thompson, Mrs. C. L. Davidson, Mrs. Guy Remy, Mrs. Frank Moses, Mrs. Lon Hoagland, Mrs. Edwin Krug, Mrs. Ted Dix, and Mrs. Gardner Winters.

The Home Talent Show, sponsored by the Senior Class, and presented last Friday evening in the new high school gym-auditorium, was much enjoyed by a good crowd. First place winners in the three divisions were LaDean Cooley, vocal soloist; Carolyn Meyers, vocal soloist, and Deanna Vermillion and Pat Becker, major-ette's drill.

Oren Ison and Fred Lighter, Pratt Junior College Coaches, will be the guest speakers at the annual Athletic Banquet, Tuesday evening, April 17, honoring the local grade and high school basketball squads and their coaches, and sponsored by the Community Men's Club.

The banquet will be served by the Christian Women's Fellowship. Tickets (\$1.00) to the banquet are available from Lon Hoagland, Evan Thornhill, or Bill

Bradley. Please purchase a ticket as soon as possible to enable the ladies to prepare the menu.

1961
March 30-Two tickets have been filed with City Clerk Jack Meyers for the City Election to be held at the City Building next Tuesday, April 4. The polls will be open from 8:00 to 6:00 o'clock.

Filed by certificate of nomination was the "Peoples Party," listing as candidates, D. J. Mantooth for Mayor, and Virgil S. Dellinger, Daniel Bayer, Ivan G. Cain, Floren W. Rose, and Max O. Lagree for Councilmen. There was no Peoples Pary candidate for the office of Police Judge.

Filing by Caucus was the "Property Owners Party," listing Francis E. Dafforn for Mayor; John F. Kaster for Police Judge, and Ralph D. Baber, John Schnittker, Dale Sheldon, Dewey Cooley, and Edwin Steffen for Councilmen.

The high school track team will participate in the annual Sterling Relays, Saturday.

Entries for Cunningham include Kenneth Winters in the high hurdles, low hurdles, and pole vault; Jerry Pelzl in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and broad jump; Eugene Huston in the mile run, and Jerry Huffman in the half-mile run.

The high school music department participated in the District Music Festival at Pratt last Friday and Saturday.

Mary Leiter received a I rating in piano, and LaDean Cooley received a I rating in girl's high voice. Mary and LaDean will participate in the State Music Festival at Hays, Saturday, April 15.

Marilyn DeWeese received a II rating for her saxophone solo; Mike Krug received a II rating for his cornet solo, and Gene Patton received a II rating for his piano solo.

The band, mixed chorus, and girl's glee club received III ratings, and Marilyn Dupee received a IV rating in girl's medium voice.

1966
March 31-The 1965-1966 basketball trail for the Cunningham Wildcats came to an end, Friday evening, March 4, when they dropped a 72-60 decision to the Anthony Pirates in the consolation game of the Class B Regional Tournament at Argonia.

The community is mighty proud of "their" Wildcats and Coaches Lewis Mann and R. C. McNerlin. Since beginning the season "way back on Friday evening, Dec. 3, when they lost to Alden, the Wildcats were to lose only five more games while winning 18. Cunningham won first place in the

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Years Ago

Ninnescah League with a 10-2 record; won third place in the Ninnescah League Tournament; won first place in the Class B District Tournament at Cunningham, and closed the season with a fourth place finish in the Class B Regional Tournament at Argonia.

Almost two and a half million dollars will be spent by the Western Power and Gas Company in Kansas during 1966 to expand electric, natural gas, telephone, and water facilities, according to G. M. Crow, Western's eastern division manager at Harper.

Of this amount, \$373,290 is earmarked for the company's electric operations, \$83,800 for gas, \$13,000 for water, and \$17,000 for telephone operations in the eastern division, Mr. Crow stated. Expenditures will be made throughout the communities and adjacent rural areas served by Western Power and Gas

to provide extensive additions of new equipment and facilities. Those appropriations include money for miscellaneous line extensions and services, road moving, street light work, and expansion projects to assure ample electric, gas, water, and telephone service to meet the rapidly growing requirements of present and future customers.

1971

March 25- Thirteen Cunningham High School students participated in the District Speech and Drama Festival at Wichita State University in Wichita, Saturday, March 20. Thirty-five schools were represented at the festival, sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The ratings received by the Cunningham students were among the best there.

Cunningham received six First Division ratings, indicating an excellent performance. Jim England received two

First Division ratings. One was for an extemporaneous speech on consumer protection; the other was for an informative speech on the history of beer. Linda Jo Cain received a First Division rating for her Dramatic Interpretation of "Into A Better Kingdom" by Lloyd Douglas. Kris Sheldon's First Division rating was in Prose Interpretation. Kris read a selection by Mark Twain entitled "My Watch." Mark Dafforn received a I rating for his extemporaneous speech on a cure for cancer.

Cunningham's sixth First Division rating was for the one-act play, "The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden," which was written by Thornton Wilder. The cast included Janice Schnittker as Ma Kirby, Mike Schrant as Pa Kirby, Connie Thimesch as Caroline Kirby, Alan Rohr as Arthur, and Jean Eck as Beulah. Carol Raney is the stage manager.

Brad Pagenkopf, Nashvillee-Zenda senior,

and Randy Yancey, Attica junior, were unanimous selections for the Golden Plains All-League Basketball Team, voted by the league coaches at a meeting in Cunningham last Monday evening. Pagenkopf led the league in rebounding, was second in scoring, third in field goal shooting accuracy, and fourth in free throw shooting accuracy, and led the league in free throws made.

The other members of the all-league team also carry some very impressive statistics. Mike Schrant, Cunningham junior, led the league in scoring and field goal accuracy, finished second in rebounding, and was seventh in free throw shooting accuracy. Kevin Coykendall, Norwich senior, finished fourth in rebounding, and sixth in individual scoring. Mike McNally, Hardtner senior, the fifth member of the first team, finished fourth in individual scoring, and 10th in free throw shooting accuracy.



Meanderings

Clarence, my red-neck dog, woke me the other night around 2:00. He indicated he HAD to go outside. I do believe he WANTED to go out...he is such a Gladys Kravitz about everything that goes on in the neighborhood.

Case in point: One night it was pouring rain. About 2:00 a.m. he indicated he HAD to go out. I unlocked the pet door. He stuck his nose out and turned around and jumped back into bed. Didn't indicate he had to go out until about 8:00 in the morning when the rain had all but stopped.

Well, this night, of my beginning story, I got up and let him out. Chloe decided she liked the warm bed, and she was staying put. Smart dog, Chloe.

While I was waiting for Clarence to do his yard patrol, I came up with an idea for a meanderings column. I thought it was a pretty good idea.

I woke up the next morning and thought about my great idea, and I couldn't remember it.

I went through all the motions of the night before, opening the pet door, sitting on the edge of the bed, staring at the space heater, petting Eleanor the pillow cat... nothing came to me. Nothing. I could not and can not for the life of me remember my great idea.

So now I am a tad bit frustrated.

I did read a short series of books this last week. The series is written by Kerry Madden. The books are for readers 9 years and up. The stories are set in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina and the voice of the young storyteller rings true of the region.

The melodic, almost poetic language of the region makes me wish I had grown up there.

The protagonist is Livy Two Weems. She's a 12-year-old young lady who writes about her life with her parents and her 9 siblings. She does have a fine way of describing things and events in her life.

In the first book, "Gentle's Holler" she says this: "We seen Mr. Clemente at an exhibition game in Greenville when we was visiting Mama's kin. (We seen) Miss Patsy Cline at the Buncombe County fair while visiting Daddy's kin, and she's got a voice to soothe your head and make your heart hope." Isn't that wonderful? And absolutely true about Patsy Cline.

She goes on to say "we listened to Patsy sing a spell on the Grand Ole Opry House on our old Philco radio.

At the end of the first book, Mr. Weems,

a songwriter and banjo player, is injured in a car accident. He spends the remainder of the book and most of the next book, ("Louisiana's Song") in the hospital. In the last novel, "Jessie's Mountain" he's recovering from his head injury, but it's still a struggle for the family. All works out in the end, though.

I sure enjoyed these stories. If I was still teaching, I would be shoving them into the hands of many young readers.

After reading something so sweet and uplifting, I switched over to a Nancy Grace murder/mystery series of two books. Serial killer murder mysteries are not my favorite mystery books... because usually the author tells you ahead of time who the serial killer is and they get inside their head and tell the reader all the horrific thoughts bombarding their brains, which is somewhat disturbing.

I can't remember reading too many serial killer books where the author leaves the reader in suspense until the end of the book. I guess they aren't really mysteries but thrillers or suspense.

I'd prefer a good mystery.

I also read the book "King George, What was His Problem?" (everything your schoolbooks didn't tell you about the American Revolution)" by Steve Sheinkin. This, too, is a book for young readers. Illustrations by Tim Robinson helped tell the story of our Independence. Sheinkin tells us about some of the shenanigans that went on during this period of history.

I did learn a few things about war for independence:

I better understood Benedict Arnold's place in the Revolution. I knew he was a traitor, but I didn't realize it involved a young lady named Peggy Shippin, who became Mrs. Benedict Arnold. Very interesting that bit of information.

John Paul Jones ("I have not yet begun to fight") He was also a pirate. Oh, wait, a privateer and the most feared captain in the American navy. He was man of short stature with a gentle demeanor. Upon meeting him, Abigail Adams said, "I should sooner think of wrapping him up in cotton wool and putting him in my pocket, than sending him to contend with cannonballs"

Nathan Hale of "I only regret that I have one life to lose for my country" was a twenty-two-year-old schoolteacher who was caught on nine days into his first spy mission for General Washington. He was caught and hung the next morning.

Always reading
And currently reading
"Death on the D-List"
By Nancy Grace
Roberta

"If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered."

— Edgar Allan Poe



April 1st, 1976 -- A Cunningham, Kansas, man was a among a group of Skelly Oil Company employees honor for their years of service at a special recognition dinner held here Thursday, March 25th, 1976.

Waldo E. Graves, a mechanic, was honored for his 30 years of service with Skelly. He is a member of the company's domestic exploration and production department and was introduced at the dinner by Manager of Production, James R. Teel.

Graves joined the company on February 19, 1946, as a roustabout. He was named truck driver in 1952 and later held the job of gangpusher before assuming his present position in 1961.

A graduate of Kingman High School, he has served on the Cunningham High School board of directors for the past 13 years and on city council for four years. He and his wife, Eleanor, live in Cunningham.



Skelly Oil 1976

1st Row: Garnett Kelso, John Cook

2nd Row: Joe Theis, Eugene Kitson, Clinton Trego, Lloyd Booker, Dean Cooley, Lester Shelman, Archie Bair, Kenny Hines, Mack Jones, Roger Scheck, tom Epler, Eddie Maier, Jeff Headley.

3rd Row: David Adams. Walter Frnka, Waldo Graves, Steve Kurth, Josh Tharp, Conrad Bunting, Eddie Braun, Jack Holmes, Bob Eklund, Nam Tran, Frank Renard, William Spradlin, Felix Orth

4th Row: Dick Hamilton, Van Bomgardner, Ted Buehler, Jeff Pankow, Delmar Marston, Bruce Ruffin, Mark Graf, Karol Wasinger, Jim Parkhurst, George Murphy, Allen May, Don Kitson, Al Steinle

5th Row: Dennis Cowan, Contract Co-Pilot; Doug Johnson, Max Brady, Bob Warren, Ray Moran, Tim Ruder, Jack Samples, Tommy Lee, Lloyd Frederick, Kevin Isom, Tom Flick, Dean Dreher, Jim Foster, Dale Webster, Walter Newman, Frank Fortney.

6th Row: Leo Zrubek, Jerry Stupka, Lewis Reagan, Dennis Lewis, Ken Aldrich, Clarence Ricke

Libraries -- call to verify openings/restrictions

Cunningham Public Library
Monday - Wednesday
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday -Thursday
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed Fridays, Saturdays,
& Holidays
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.
620-243-5791

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

Pratt Public Library
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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
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or stolen off Facebook

Spring Break Photos



Josh Theis



Kim Balding



The Dunlap family in Manhattan



Hannah Ellis visited Waynoka.



Prim Family visited Big Brutus



Rex and Kasey McClendon repaired Kasey's car.



Cameron McClendon shopped with his grandmother, Teresa.



Taylor Shultz shopped.



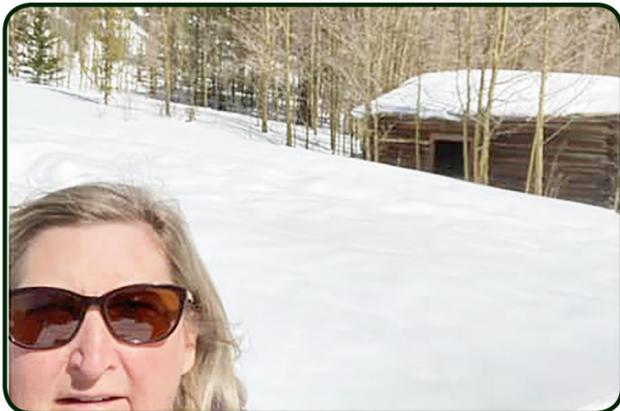
Ty and Maverick Schultz helped big brother, Andrew work on his bike.



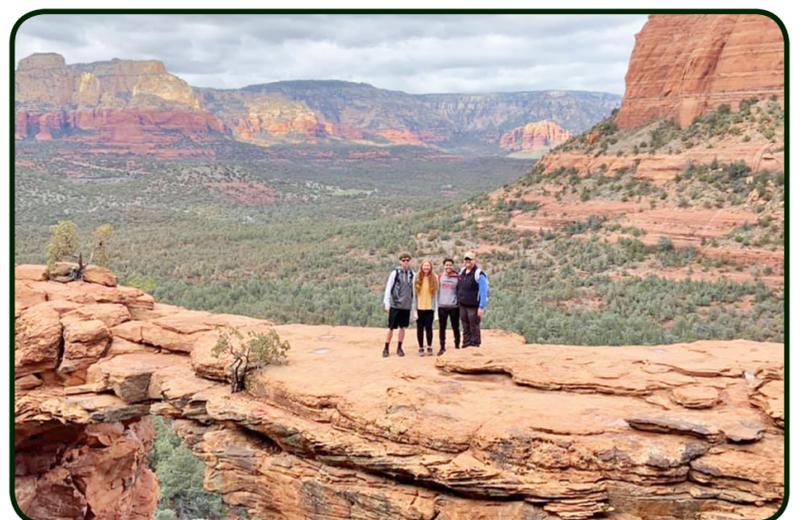
Tonya Wilson and family had a lay over at the airport.



Joyce and Gene Depenbusch were busy with calving season.



Cindy Houtwed enjoyed the snow in Pitkin, Colorado.



The Reeds enjoyed sunny Arizona.



The McGuires spent some time in the Gulf of Mexico.



"Spring break! Were there any two words ever put together that make a more beautiful sound?"

— Gary D. Schmidt, The Wednesday Wars

Cunningham School Students Enter Conservation Contest



Congratulations to our Cunningham students who placed in the Kingman County Conservation Poster, Limerick, and Essay contests. The * by their name indicates their entry will move on to the state contest in November. Proud of you all!

Poster winners:

- K- 2nd Chase, 3rd Linux
- 1- 1st Willow, 2nd Bentley, 3rd Elsie, HM Jalynn
- 2- 1st Brody*, 2nd Ty, 3rd Bryce, HM Leah, HM Bowen
- 3- 1st Lianna, 2nd Jace, 3rd Ava, HM Cooper, HM Mackley
- 4- 1st Carson, 2nd Sage, 3rd Kane, HM Olivia
- 5- 1st Andi, 2nd Morgan, 3rd Adam, HM Brody, HM Andrew
- 6- 3rd Nora, HM Kaylee
- 8- 1st Emma*, 2nd Dagim, 3rd Nate

Limerick winners:

- 8- 1st Will*, 2nd Ava, 3rd Elizabeth

Essay winners:

- 6- 1st Kaylee, 2nd Jack
- 8- 1st Ellie*, 2nd Lucas, 3rd Trenton See Less



photo and information courtesy of USD 332 Facebook page



Scholarship Applications Due April 15th

West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due at the school office on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Applications may be obtained at <http://www.usd332education.webs.com>. There is also a link on the school website at <http://www.usd332.org>. Please contact Janet DeWeese at 620-298-2717 if you have any questions.



2021 Academic Olympic Winners show off their certificates.
Kendra Morgan 1st place digital manipulation,
2nd place sports photography.
Alice Huelskamp 1st place creative writing poetry.
(courtesy of USD 332)

Meyers and Meyers Named to Finalists' List

Sports in Kansas has named their finalists for Kansas basketball coach of the year. On the short list for 1A Division II is Eric Meyers, Cunningham Lady Wildcats' coach.

Not to be outdone by her dad, Morgan Meyers, was named to their for 1A-II Girls All-Tournament team.

And just to show that she is her father's daughter; Ms. Meyers is also a contender for the Sports in Kansas' 1A-II Player of the Year award.

Final results will be posted on the Sports in Kansas website this weekend: March 27th and 28th.



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Alumni Banquet Cancelled

This year's scheduled Cunningham Alumni Banquet is cancelled due to several factors. One being that no one contacted Leanne or me to say they would volunteer to serve on a committee or help. We have had family and/or health issues that made it impossible to do this on our own. This event really requires months of planning, and that wasn't happening because of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic.

We will plan on one next year...if we can get more people to volunteer.

Absolutely one of the easiest volunteer jobs is to update your class lists and notify us of classmates or relations who have moved or passed away.

When one or two people go through the lists it takes months.... if someone from every class would take on the honors, it would take only hours.



CHS National Honor Society to Sponsor Blood Drive

This March the community is invited to join in the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and be someone's hero by rolling up a sleeve to give blood Monday, **March 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cunningham High School.**

To make an appointment or to learn more visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with a parental consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Kingman County Needs YOUR Help!

Every county resident is asked to help fight crime in the county.

If you see suspicious activity anywhere in Kingman County, please call the following:

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\$1,200 CEO Scholarship Recipient - Brianna Ware, Liberal

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Public Notice

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

TO ALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham and the County Election Officer of Kingman County, Kansas, that there will be a special question election in the City of Cunningham on the 27th of April, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of levying a city retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.0%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Cunningham in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto. If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax will take effect on the 1st day of October, 2021, and end on the 30th day of September, 2031. Said tax shall be collected by the state department of revenue therefrom returned to the City of Cunningham.

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.0%) be levied in the City of Cunningham, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Cunningham, to take effect on October 1, 2021, and expire on September 30, 2031.

YES
 NO

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

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS.

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on April 27, 2021, the election day. The voting place in the City of Cunningham will be as follows:

Voters Residing In	Will Vote At
Cunningham City	Cunningham Community Center

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

DATED March 19, 2021.

(SEAL)

Carol Noblitt
Kingman County Election Officer
Kingman County, Kansas

Public Notice

(First Published in the Cunningham Courier March 11, 2021) 3 consecutive weeks IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Security State Bank v. Harry Dawson, et al.

Case Number 2016 CV 5

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the above-named District Court in the above-entitled action, I will on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. on the court house steps of the Courthouse in Kingman County, Kingman, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell, property in Kingman County, Kansas, to the best bidder for cash in hand the following real property legally described as:

A portion of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 5 West (S27-T28S-R5W) of the 6th P.M., in Kingman County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said southwest quarter, thence south 89°41'11" east (basis of bearings is assumed) along the north line of said southwest quarter 1155.86 feet; thence south 00°05'54" east 519.26 feet; thence south 88°12'01" west 424.67 feet; thence north 00°59'56" west 284.82 feet; thence south 88°12'01" west 249.97 feet; thence south 55°24'42" west 94.28 feet; thence north 89°08'18" west 398.57 feet to

the west line of said southwest quarter; thence north 00°15'48" west along the west line of said southwest quarter 309.53 feet to the point of beginning, together with and subject to an ingress-egress and utility easement described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said SW/4; thence South 00°15'48" East along the West line of said SW/4 309.53 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 89°08'18" East 398.57 feet; thence North 55°24'42" East 149.68 feet; thence North 88°12'01" East 633.34 feet; thence South 00°05'54" East 30.01 feet; thence South 88°12'01" West 623.62 feet; thence South 55°24'42" West 150.44 feet; thence North 89°08'18" West 407.57 feet to the West line of said SW/4; thence North 00°15'48" West along the West line of said SW/4 30.01 feet to the point of beginning which is commonly known as 4550 SE 140th Ave., Cheney, Kansas, 67025, with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining.

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Martin J. Peck, #16273
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Attorney for plaintiff

Pratt County Commission Meeting March 15th, 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse. With the following members present: Thomas W. Jones iii, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams.

Also, present, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT Director. Also, present Michael Inslee and Linda Hoeme.

All bids were opened and read aloud by the board of county commissioners of Pratt County, Kansas, with a bid of \$2,500.00 made by Michael and Jennifer Inslee, being the highest cash bid received and accepted. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt Resolution 3-15-21 to award the bid to Michael and Jennifer Inslee in the amount of \$2,500.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried. The county clerk is hereby ordered to execute a deed conveying Pratt county's interest in the above described property to Michael and Jennifer Inslee.

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant provided an update about the monthly Pratt area economic development meeting. She also alerted the commission to recent broadband grant announcement in which south Central Telcom was awarded \$805,000 for a total project which will cost \$1,610,000 for expansion of broadband services in rural Pratt County. She explained that the SPARK grant process is closing out and the state

continues to issue new guidance. Specifically ensuring the funds were in a non-interest-bearing account, purchasing policies, and asset management requirements were mentioned. She also explained that Congress has now passed the American Rescue Plan which awards state and local governments COVID-19 relief funds. It is expected that the state of Kansas will receive \$1.5 billion, including \$143 million for capital projects. Pratt county is expected to receive \$1.7 million with the cities in Pratt County being expected to receive the following: Pratt-\$910,000, coats-\$10,000, Iuka- \$20,000, Sawyer- \$20,000, and Preston- \$20,000. Rules about these funds won't be available for some time and she stated she will keep the commission posted and will also be talking to each city when more information is known. She also mentioned that there was a provision in the federal law that prohibited tax cuts or credits if using these funds. These provisions are also unfolding and the commission will be updated when more is known in the days ahead. Other provisions of the American recovery plan which will assist Pratt County businesses include additional PPP fund and a restaurant revitalization grant program. Finally, a state legislative update was provided which included the state of Kansas trying to purchase a stretch of land near the Kingman/Pratt county line to allow for float trips on the Ninnescah river which could promote agri-tourism. A bill which would provide counties more choice in terms of how they use their COVID-19 vaccine, a bill which would provide hazard pay for certain workers through-

out the COVID-19 pandemic, a bill which evens the playing field for local merchants requiring online sellers to charge sales tax, and SB 13 which is a property tax transparency bill which is on the governor's desk awaiting signature which would require the county clerk and all taxing entities to do certain things if the taxing entity collected one additional dollar over what they collected last year. Questions were asked about some of the details provided and commissioners were assured they will be updated as many of these things continue to unfold.

Barb Prater, Pratt Area Humane Society board president, thanked the commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2021.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to donate \$500.00 for the 75's dinner. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to pay Foulston Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$52.50 for legal services. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported he had received an email from Oneok Oil and Gas, concerning the gas line to the public safety building. He will review the agreement and required insurance and report next week.

Commissioner Shriver reported the fiber optic has been laid in the ditch, it cannot be run to the building until the contract is signed.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a road crossing for Morning Star Farms to

run a gas line under the road at NW 20th street, 26-27-15. He presented a one-year raise slip for Ben Henning for \$1.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the \$1.00 raise for Ben Henning. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, questioned Mark Graber, IT director, about the contract from Spyglass Group, LLC concerning them auditing our AT&T phone bill. Tyson will contact them to set up a meeting to answer questions next week.

Commissioners opened bids for the noxious weed, UTV. Bids received from: Gottschalk Equipment Sales, Hays, KS, 2021 Artic Cat for \$15,949, which does not include a trade in value; Superior Outdoor Power, Superior, NE, Kawasaki Mule for \$18,480.37 minus trade in of \$2,500.00 for a total bid of \$15,980.37; BTI Pratt, Pratt, KS, 2021 John Deere Gator for \$26,800.00 minus trade in of \$4,000.00 for a total bid of \$22,800.00. Robert Torres, environmental services supervisor, was asked to contact all bidders to get warranties on their equipment. Also, he was instructed to get a trade in value from Gottschalk.

They will make a decision March 22, 2021, after receiving this information.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, reported on the storm last

Thursday night. He reported he had received the draft zoning regulations for Iuka and Coats. They will review at the zoning meeting being held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor asked him to send him a copy of the interlocal agreement to zone small cities and he will review.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented a contract to assign Sam's to take over the remaining contract with R & S Digital for the 911 data base. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve consent to assignment from R & S Digital to Sam's for 911 database.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to sign payment vouchers for March 15, 2021.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver, questioned Blue Cross Blue Shield increase. The Blue Cross Blue Shield representative will be at the March 29, 2021 meeting to answer questions.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner

Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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ORDINANCE NO. 301

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-203 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

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

Section 1: Section 1-203 of the Code of the City of Spivey shall be amended to read as follows:

"1-203. SAME; MEETINGS. (a) Regular meetings of the governing body shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. commencing in April, 2021. In the event the regular meeting day shall fall on any legal holiday or any day observed as a holiday by the city office, the governing body shall reschedule for a day not observed as a holiday as a meeting day and provide notice as required by the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

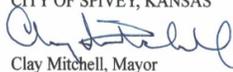
(b) Special meetings may be called by the mayor or acting mayor, on the written request of any three members of the council, specifying the object and purpose of such meeting, which request shall be read at a meeting and entered at length on the journal.

(c) Regular or special meetings of the governing body may be adjourned for the completion of its business at such subsequent time and place as the governing body shall determine in its motion to adjourn."

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official City newspaper.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Spivey, Kansas, this 18th day of March, 2021.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SPIVEY, KANSAS


Clay Mitchell, Mayor

(Seal)

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Help Wanted
 City of Cunningham is taking applications for summer **lifeguards**. Application can be picked up at City Hall or accessed at cunninghamks.net.

Help Wanted
Pool Manager for Turon City Pool. If certified as a life guard that is an extra bonus, but not needed for the job.
 You'll manage the concession stand. You buy the items, set the prices and keep the profits. You'll oversee that the lifeguards are doing their job and work on their schedule with the head lifeguard. Collect admission and passes fees. Must be there during all open hours. Any problems contact the mayor immediately. Be willing to do any other duties that the mayor or council may ask you to do. Turn in money and time cards to the city office. No times are to be written on the cards, be sure everyone clocks in and out.
 Applications may be picked up at Turon's city office at 501 E Price Ave during office hours of 8-1. Applications will be taken up until April 12. Pay rate will be talked about at interview.

Help Wanted
 The City of Turon is now taking applications for **life guards**. Applications may be picked up at the City Office at 501 E Price Ave during office hours 8-1 up until April 12.

Help Wanted
Assistance Sub Clerk for City of Turon
 To fill in when the clerk is off. Be willing to learn the duties of office clerk which includes payroll and paying the bills, answering phones, accepting water bill payments, doing water bills and much more. Applications can be picked up at the City Office at 501 E Price Ave during the hours of 8-1 until April 12

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Celebrations of Life

Melvin Gowens

Isabel - Melvin Eugene Gowens, 63, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at his home. He was born August 9, 1957 in Nashville to Charlie and Charlene (Murphy) Gowens.

Melvin attended Fairfield High School. He worked as a farmhand. He enjoyed woodworking, model cars, playing and spending time with his nieces, nephews and other children.

He is survived by his sisters, Kathleen (Don) Romine of Isabel and Sheila (Rob) Johnston of David City, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Ann Kreutzer of Pratt; nieces and nephews, Melissa Wiglesworth, Tava Kreutzer, Chuck Kreutzer, Jr., Lashawna Chauncy, Curtis Chauncy, Tonya Dreher, Steven Romine, Wyatt Romine, Deanne Ramirez, Tim Romine, Nikki Goeschel, Brent J. Johnston and Tasha Johnston; and many great and great great nieces and nephews.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Chuck Kreutzer; and nephew, Roger Romine.

Cremation has taken place. The family will have a graveside memorial service at a later date at Isabel Cemetery, Isabel.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt 67124.

Janet Wilson

Janet Ann (Holden) Wilson, 84 of Arkansas City passed away Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the South Central Kansas Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, 2021, at the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Hope Cemetery.



Janet was born June 28, 1936, to Ivory and Goldie (Jordan) Holden in Arkansas City. She grew up and attended school in Arkansas City, graduating from Ark City High School in 1954. After high school she joined the U.S. Army. She served her country as an Auditor, serving at Ft. Meade, MD, and in Japan. She was honorably discharged in 1957.

After her discharge she attended and graduated from Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas and Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. Janet then attended and graduated from Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Oklahoma where she earned her Masters in Elementary Education. Janet started her teaching career as a 2nd grade teacher at Washington School, then IXL School. She taught for USD 470 for over 20 years. In her spare time, Janet enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, reading, doing yardwork, spending time with her cats, and most of all she cherished her family.

Survivors include her children Mark Wilson and wife Myrtle of Arkansas City; Martha Wellman and husband Jack of Belle Plaine, KS siblings Gerold Holden and wife Chris of Leonardville, KS; Gary Doyle and wife Peggy of Ponca City, OK; Gayle Doyle and wife Anita of Talala, OK; Debbie Hickey and husband John of Derby, KS; grandchildren Mariah Wilson and Mary Wellman, several great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and bonus grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Nancy Kindred, Allen Doyle, and Donna Moore.

A memorial has been established for the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum or the Chaplin Nature Center. Contributions may be made through the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.rindt-erdman.com.

Upcoming Auctions:

Mon. March 29, 2021 – 1:30 PM – Hamm Auction Center in Pratt
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Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinic in April on the following dates.

Cunningham- Wednesday, April 7th from 10:00am-12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday, April 7th from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Norwich- CANCELLED DUE TO COVID SHOT CLINIC*

*Please call the office to make an appointment for footcare. (620) 532-2221

Courthouse Will Open April 5th

The Kingman County Courthouse will open all of their doors on Monday, April 5th. Regular hours will continue.

Social distancing and masks are still going to be required.

The Kingman County Driver's License Office will renew only Kingman County Driver Licenses which are Class C or M.

We do not have a State Examiner right now. NO CDL, Registered Offenders, Conceal & Carry or Interlock Devices can be processed here. Please call for an appointment @ 620-532-5080.

The Kingman County Tag Office recommends calling to get an appointment @ 620-532-5482 but not necessary.

If you have any questions regarding tags, titles, and etc., please call so we can answer your questions.

If you are wanting to pay your taxes, we are still accepting payments by mail, drop box, online portal and in person.

Please send in your payment coupon or bring the coupon in with you when paying your taxes.

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

Brighthouse Names New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Brighthouse are pleased to announce the appointment of Sue Wray to the position of Executive Director. Wray joins the organization at the end of March The current E.D., Donna Davis, will retire in the first week of May.

Wray most recently has been with Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System, where she served in a dual communications and Hutchinson Regional Medical Foundation role. A Hutchinson native, Wray worked as a reporter in broadcast media in cities such as Houston, Austin and Nashville. Following her career in broadcast, Wray began working in communications, including a stint as Communications Director for the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville and a decade at an advertising agency there. She returned to Hutchinson in 2014 to be closer to family.

"I am excited to get the opportunity to work with the staff at Brighthouse on a mission that is so important. Donna has done a great job in structuring the program so it can serve more of the community's needs, and I want to build on that work. Our vision is to make the agency unnecessary by eliminating abuse. I can't imagine more meaningful work," says Wray.

Davis is grateful to the Hutchinson Community Foundation for providing a grant to BrightHouse to provide time for the new and former ED to work together. "Thanks to this grant from the Fund for Hutchinson, Sue and I will have time to share valuable resources, connections, and information before I leave BrightHouse. Sue will then keep the pieces of the puzzle of non-profit leadership together through the transition, and BrightHouse will continue to provide quality services to victims of sexual and domestic violence in our community."

Sara Alexander, president of the BrightHouse Board of Directors remarked, "We are excited to welcome Sue and anticipate a smooth transition due to the generosity of the Hutchinson Community foundation. I am really looking forward to how we can continue growing our organization and serving our community with Sue's help."

Brighthouse currently serves Reno, Rice, Kingman and Harper counties, and was established in 1976 as a hotline service for victims of domestic or sexual abuse, human trafficking and stalking. Brighthouse provides a 24-hour Crisis Line (620-663-2522), an emergency shelter, safety planning, legal advocacy, supervised parenting time and links to community services.

To learn more about Brighthouse, or to donate to help end abuse, go to BrightHouseKS.org or follow us on Facebook.



Exciting things are happening at KCHS!

Our dream of a new, bigger space for our dogs and cats is coming true with the purchase of land on East C. Finishing touches are being put on the building layout and design with construction starting very soon. Look for the grand opening this fall!

Pictured below at the building site: CJ Jergenson, Jen Gossett, Robyn Longhofer, Scotty Jergenson, Trace Salzbrenner, Bob Morris, Shelli Baker, Stacie Swaney, Wendy McClanahan. (Not pictured Amber

Zwierzychowski & Jody Goetz)(courtesy of KKingman County Humane Society Facebook page)



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