



USD 332 Bond to Address Challenges

Second Press Release

Voters in Kingman County USD No. 332 (Cunningham-West Kingman County Schools) will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 5th to decide if now is the right time to make a significant investment in facilities in Cunningham with a bond issue.

The special election requests the authority to issue no more than \$13.245 million in general obligation bonds to construct additions and make renovations to district attendance centers inCunningham.

The original high school structure is more than 100 years old. Learning and teaching have certainly changed dramatically since this building was designed and constructed. With its age and much hard use for many decades, it is in need of replacement. The District has certainly received its money’s worth from this building. Limited classroom

space requires some teachers to share rooms. Mechanical, electrical and other systems wear out with decades of use and can be inefficient to operate and maintain.

Science and FACS (Family & Consumer Science) classrooms are very outdated and inadequate for these important parts of the curriculum. The library is located in the basement and is also considered substandard. Restrooms and other support areas need updating and renovation.

Another challenge is the shop building which is separated from the main buildings, causing safety issues when students go outside to access the building. With agriculture being the core of he local economy, these programs are important for many of the District’s students. Besides being a distance from the main building, the current shop building for Ag education, metals and woods, is considered inadequately small for these educational programs as well as for projects and storage. A dedicated space within the main school building would

be a major upgrade to these vocational programs and safety of the students.

The safety and security of our students and staff must be a priority. Existing storm shelter areas in the buildings are considered poor and are not accessible. The basement location of a storm shelter area has windows that could shatter in a violent storm and no restroom facilities. Improvements to building entrances would improve security.

The USD 332 Elementary School is considered structurally sound but needs some renovation and upgrades to interiors for an improved educational environment. The existing Gymnasium is also considered structurally sound, but the lobby area, concessions, HVAC system and restrooms need improvement.

USD 332 has no existing bonded indebtedness. Interest rates in the bond market are near historically low levels making the cost of repayment more affordable. The bond issue is estimated to require a mill levy 9.9 mills—added taxes on a \$75,000 home of \$7.12 per

month.

USD 332 has the very lowest total mill rate of all school districts in the area. With bond approval, the estimated total mill rate will still be in the bottom 5 of some 39 area districts. A volunteer KIDS (Keep Improving District Schools) Committee has been meeting and are planning Informational meetings in March to educate voters about challenges, proposed solutions, and the bond cost. They also are preparing informational flyers and a brochure to be mailed to help patrons to understand the proposal. The goal of the KIDS Committee is that every voter in USD 332 has enough information to make an informed vote on this question. Voter registration books for this Election will close on March 15th

. If you would like to join the KIDS Committee in their efforts, please contact Superintendent Robert Reed at the District office.

Beware of Latest Scam Targeting Grandparents

We have all heard about various scams involving taking advantage of the elderly. There is currently a new rip-off for which Kansas residents should be on high alert.

Recently, a Manhattan woman was contacted by someone who she thought was a legitimate bail bondsmen. The predators called the unsuspecting woman and informed her that her grandson was at a wedding in Florida, got into some trouble and was arrested. They claimed that he needed bail money in order to be released from jail. Desperate to help him, she provided her credit card information and is now out \$5,000. As it turned out, of course, her grandson was fine, had not been arrested and didn’t need bail money.

David Stuckman, At-Large Director of Kansas Bail Agents Association offers the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of this latest scam. Firstly, while he understands how it feels like an urgent matter when you receive a call of this nature - - take a moment to breathe. Secondly, if you receive such a call from a supposed bondsmen, ask them in what jail your loved one is being held. A bona fide bail agent will readily provide the name of the jail and you should call the jail directly to verify. Also, mention that you have a local bondsmen with whom you would like to contact for help. “Typically, the con-man will hang up at this point,” Stuckman notes.

Lastly, Stuckman advises to never provide your credit card information over-the-phone if you receive such calls.

Local Folks Report Fraud/ Scam

This was on Facebook today: "Cunningham, Turon, Preston people!! Please be aware.... We had a door to door salesman stop by the farm today. It was very suspicious. He was selling window cleaner that did not have a label and kept asking to clean stuff at different places in the yard. He seemed to be casing out the place. There were also two other people in the vehicle that did not get out. Kingman County Sheriff was called. A deputy actually stopped by and talked to Jason. The deputy reported there was a break in at Penalosa this morning. The vehicle driven was a black early 2000’s Tahoe with Geary county tags." - Megan Osner
Folks, this is just one reason our County Commissioners run the ads in our local newspapers. REPORT!

Planning Commission Will Meet Friday

February 25, 2022 Agenda
Meeting at City Hall, 119 N. Main, 6:00 p.m.
Opening of meeting
Approval of Agenda
Oaths of Office
Zoning Hearing—Case No. SU-22-001
Review Zoning / Building Permits
Discus Chairman vacancy
Motion to adjourn.

City Council Will Meet Monday, February 28

AGENDA
City Hall, 119 N. Main St.
6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
Approval of Agenda
Oath of Office for Council Member elected in November
Approval of Minutes of January 31, 2021, special meeting
Public comments, concerns, & communications
Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief’s Report
Nisly Bros. Trash – increasing landfill costs
Consideration of Auto-Read Meter Purchase
Bulk Water Station
Skyland Grain Connection to Water Supply System
Reports
Property Officer
Planning & Zoning
Maintenance
Swimming Pool
Animal Control
Financial Report & payment of bills
Adjourn

Apologies to All!

In last week’s paper, the Public Notice about the bond project contained some errors. Please know those error do not reflect on the spelling and grammatical skills of Carol Noblit, our county clerk extraordinaire, nor on me, your oft-mistakes-making editor. We can blame technology.

For whatever reason, when I downloaded the PDF file (portable document format) to my computer, it didn’t read the file correctly; substituting in the letter ‘m’ for various other letter combinations: ‘ur’, ‘in’ and once ‘or’. Nor did it like the acronym “HVAC”, as it made it into two words both times it was used. Once the letter ‘f’ appeared as “ƒ”. Carol found the mistakes the next

day, too late for them to be fixed before printing.

I am not real proficient with using PDF’s, but I have a working knowledge of them. Since yesterday, I have worked hard to get those errors fixed. I spent hours proofreading and re-proofreading and checking over and over. Fixing and re-fixing. One thing I found toward the end of hour 4 of working -- every time I went to edit the piece to correct mistakes, I would get the message “fonts updated.” What? I then noticed the mistakes I’d fixed the last time were back in place. AARGH! Do you have any idea how many times this happened before I realized what was going on? AARGH! Again.

When I finally thought I had that

all fixed, I noticed some lines were uneven. One or two of the words were setting higher than the rest of the words on the line.

I worked another hour, frustrated and ready to pitch it all and have a good cry... I am not sure what I did or didn’t do, but it all finally dropped into place without any errors (that I could find). If you find any, you can keep it to yourself or tell others, but don’t tell me. I will then have to have a good cry.

I sincerely apologize to Carol, who worked hard to get this put together, the taxpayers, the school district and any other readers who were perplexed by the mistakes.

The corrected version can be found on page 12.



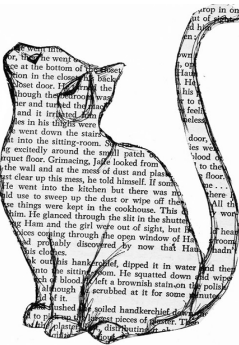
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Meanderings

You will not believe this. It is 10:49 on Tuesday night and I am just now starting meandering through my mind full of events and people and odds and ends of life.

Needless to say, this paper is going to get ‘put to bed’ rather late. The rest of the paper is done. D.O.N.E.

So hear goes!

Water is Life Project

Alan Albers had asked me to put something in the paper this week about the Kenyan “Water is Life” Project. A few weeks ago, Alan had an article in the paper about this endeavor. Funds are still being raised by our local Lions’ Club and the Methodist Churches in Penalosa and Cunningham to help finance a water well in a village in Kenya, Africa. \$10,000 dollars is needed for one well to be drilled.

Imagine, if you will, it is 2022, and some town and villages in this world still do not have running water or any water source within their community. Our Methodist minister, Mathew Musyoki, hails from Kakindu Village, Kenya. Like everywhere else in the world, “Water is Life”. But there is no running water. There is no water source within five miles of the village. The women and girls of Kakindu will walk five miles to a pond for their

water. They carry with them plastic five-gallon buckets to carry the water home. The full barrels of water they carry can weigh up to 50 pounds and one five-gallon container of water last about two days. TWO DAYS!

If you haven’t watched the video on our website, it is worth the few minutes it takes to view. Watching these young women lift and haul those enormous buckets makes my back hurt. Makes my neck hurt. Makes my head hurt. Makes by knees hurt. I cannot imagine walking five miles, stocking up with water, then walking home with it. Carrying the buckets there would be bad enough, even empty it would be a long and awkward trek, but to return with them full... If you had four buckets, there is no way you could carry all of them full of water. You’d walk one or two aways down the road, return for the others. Walk them up the road to where the others are setting. Then walk up the road with a couple of them, set them down, go back. Oh, my word, twice the distance!

Now sometimes the women can borrow a donkey to haul the water. I believe the video said a water haul on donkey can last the family four days. But what if you didn’t have a donkey?

The ball is rolling, folks. So far, a bit over \$3500 has been reached. These people need our assistance. But the end is a long way off.

Ladies! Please! Think of what your life would be like if you had to walk a ten mile trek every day

or every other day just for water. I will be sending a check this week. I hope others will as well. One well in a village today could be come two or more.

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Thinking of these women hauling water, dealing with the bitter cold we’ve had, I am thinking I would not have been a very sturdy and stoic pioneer. I’d never have made it very far on the old Oregon Trail. I don’t think I’d have made it past the Mississippi River. St. Louis is probably as far as I’d go. I’d plant my feet, throw a royal fit, and tie myself to the Arch.

You know, though, there is only one generation between me and a sod house. My Grandpa Wessel was born in a sod house on the plains a dozen miles east of Oakley, Kansas. He was 10 years old when he and his father built a true house to live in—the house my mom grew up in. I can, indeed, imagine the horrors of a sod house with a water well several yards away—I guess better to have it close the barn and the livestock because they’d need more water than the lowly folks in the house.

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For book club this month, we are reading “Becoming” by Michelle Obama. Another thing I can’t imagine surviving. Growing up in a typical middle-class home in Chicago; with a stay-at-home mom, a dad who worked for the city, an older brother, living in the upstairs apartment of an aunt and uncle. Then becoming First Lady of the United States.

I am pretty sure I could never pull that off. Never. I’d have to plead insanity after the first day, and hope they’d put me in a nice asylum with a well-stocked library.

Mrs. Obama admits she made many mistakes, and she owns those mistakes. But I’m pretty sure I’d just claim insanity and stick my nose in a good book. She was a brave woman to pull off a position she didn’t want in the first place.

I admire any person, man or woman, who is dragged into the fishbowl that is the political arena because the ambitions of their spouse.

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Did you hear the thunder last week? I heard it. If Clarence was here, I’d have been laying on the bed, holding his paw. He was so scared of thunder. He could hear it minutes before I could. He’d always be whining and yelping at the first small rumble, and I’d know a storm was just over the horizon. I sure do miss him, even if I had to spend most storm times holding his paw.

Today two jets flew low over our town. Clarence would have been in my lap. He was REALLY scared of those things. Quin was laying here in the chair snoozing. When the first went over, his head popped up, and he gave a ‘woof?’. The second one went over a few seconds later, and he gave a loud WOOF! Then he laid back down and went to sleep.

I’ll be interested to gauge his reaction when he is outside, and they

go over.

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I had a few interesting e-mails come through my mailbox the last couple of weeks. I always flag them as a possibility of using them. Usually the ‘subject’ line is what causes me to flag them. They are usually ‘quirky’

The favorite pie in Kansas? Obviously, no one asked me. I’d have chosen pecan. But that seems to a pie that most folks in the south like the most. In Kansas the favorite pie is cherry. Hm. Cherry is okay, but it is probably not even in my top five favorites.

Then “If state flags were ‘rebranded’ what would you like to see on Kansas’ flag? I’d vote for wheat. And guess what? Wheat was the number one choice. However, I have to wonder what some folks were thinking because the headline read “1 in 10 Kansans want The Wizard of Oz on their state flag.” Seriously? How hocky is that?

Now this last bit of a survey really made me laugh because it seems marketing surveys are getting a bit ridiculous. Every state’s favorite.... Periodic element!!! Isn’t that a hoot?

Well, I did have to investigate this. If someone had asked me, I’d have said “Gold” or maybe ‘oxygen’ no way would this Kansas girl have said “Sodium”. Ha! Isn’t THAT a hoot? I read a bit more to find out how exactly they arrived at this bit of nonsense:

Infobloom.com: Methodology

"We looked at the search volume for all 118 periodic elements

in Google Trends and analyzed the data for each state to find out which element is every state’s favorite. For any states that had a tie between two or more elements, we used the element with the highest search volume according to Ahrefs."

So there you have it. They didn’t ask anyone. They just used Google. In Kansas, Googlers no doubt googled “salt mines”, and, lo and behold, it is now our favorite periodic element.

We have to start watching what we google.

Not always googling, but always reading, and currently reading, "Becoming" by Michelle Obama Roberta

“To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float.”

— Alan Wilson Watts

“A recent survey or North American males found 42% were overweight, 34% were critically obese and 8% ate the survey.”

— Banksy

“In politics, If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman.”

— Margaret Thatcher

And it is now 1:00 a.m. This is done. I am tired. I am going to send this on to Hutch and go to bed

Why I May Start Swearing More

by Dorothy Rosby

I don’t swear—much. But I did today. Not out loud though. For the fourth time this week, I was forced to come up with a new password. I tried the family friendly PleaseNoNotAnotherPassword first, but it was too long and didn’t contain the required symbol and number. So out of sheer frustration, I typed in #1 and the cussword that had just popped into my head. I’m not sorry either. It made me feel better and it will be easy to remember.

Of course, I also needed a username. I’ve never understood why the username on every account isn’t... well... the user’s name. Sometimes it is, but sometimes it’s an account number or a phone number. And sometimes it’s your birthdate, your weight multiplied by your height or the last lottery quick pick you bought.

Today it was an email address. Unfortunately, I have four of those because the spammers keep finding me. That has further complicated my online existence. I recently spent several days doing battle with an account that somehow had two of my email addresses and therefore two usernames. I don’t know how that happened, but I suspect that at some point username had made a user error.

Nothing strikes fear into the heart of a technophobe like me more than those four little words: “wrong password or username.” So, which is it? The password or the username? I’m so impressed when a tech person on a TV show breaks into someone’s account by guessing their username and password. I can’t even guess my own.

I don’t know how many usernames everyone has, but I read that the average American has 100 passwords. For once, I’m above average. As of this writing, I have 109. And lately it seems like I’m asked to create another one every day, because a password a day keeps the hackers away. But I’m running out of ideas. I may have to start swearing more.

I must not be the only one struggling with this issue. According to Wikipedia, “password” and “password1” were among the 20 most commonly breached passwords in 2020. Clearly, those were created by desperate people who were out of ideas.

Despite also making the list of most breached passwords, “123456” is still used by 23 million account holders. If that’s your password, go change it right now. I’ll wait. There were no cusswords on the list, so you might try one of those.

None of this would be necessary if it weren’t for hackers and identity thieves. I have a little daydream

where they all suddenly need passwords and usernames to start their cars, turn on their televisions, open their refrigerators and get into their bathrooms.

A friend told me he uses a password manager to make his online life easier and protect himself from the bad guys. At first, I thought that sounded like a great idea. I pictured an efficient, handsome young man named Frans who would sit quietly in my office until I asked him to create a new password or remember an old one. Maybe he could even do some cooking and light housekeeping.

But no. My friend said a password manager is a computer program that generates, stores and remembers passwords for you. If I used one of those, I’d only have to come up with one username and one password. That would be grand, until I forgot one or the other—or both.

I think I’ll wait for the day an eye scan or even a thumbprint is all I need to access all my accounts. Then all I’ll have to remember is which thumb I used.

Or maybe I’ll just hold out for Frans.

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The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden trea-

sure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184

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Thursday, February 24th 9:00 a.m. Kingman County Spelling Bee *** HS BB Boys Sub-state quarterfinals TBD	Tuesday, March 1st Lions Club
Friday, February 25th HS BB Girls Sub-state Quarterfinals TBD *** FFA Week ends *** 6:00 at City Hall Planning and Zoning	Wednesday, March 2nd Ash Wednesday
Monday, February 28th Academic Olympics at Pratt Community College *** Spring Area FFA Meeting *** 6:30 City Council Meeting	Thursday, March 3rd HS BB Sub-state semifinals for boys
	Friday, March 4th HS BB Sub-state semifinals for girls
	Saturday, March 5th HS Forensics at Fairfield *** HS BB Sub-state finals
	Monday, March 7th 6:00 p.m. Parent meeting for Track athletes *** 7:00 p.m. BOE meeting

Billie Milford ... Retired!



photo by Jean Depenbusch



On a sunny and beautiful February 16th, Billie Milford spent her last day at work accepting congratulations, we-will-miss-yous, cards, flowers, and best wishes.

The next morning blew in a cold and nasty snowstorm, and Billie didn't have to drive into town to come to work! Perfect timing, Billie, perfect timing!

Pratt Pilot Club's 38th Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner

Monday, March 21 - 5-7 pm
@Pratt Municipal Building
Carry Out Only - \$7 per meal
Buy a ticket from any Pilot Member beginning February 23 or purchase at the door.

B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield - 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Track Parent Meetings Scheduled

The high school and junior high track athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 7th, 2022 in the Cunningham School cafeteria. The junior high meeting begins at 6:00pm with the high school meeting to follow at 6:20pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend.

Athletes must have a physical, concussion form and waiver on file before they can begin practice.

Call the school office at 298-2473 if you have any questions.

Grilled Cheese Challenge



Monday, February 28 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Come taste and vote on your favorite grilled cheese at the Pratt Public Library

The Grilled Cheese with the most votes by the end of the night will win the Golden Spatula!

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298-3163



Zenda Public Library

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Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791



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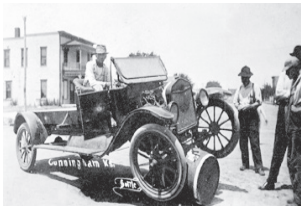
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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Cunningham High School will enjoy a holiday Thursday afternoon and Friday in order that all those who can may go to the State Basketball Tournament for girls held in Wichita this week end.

The first game in which the Cunningham girls play is called at 3:00 p.m. Thursday.

J. M. Ratcliff returned home Wednesday from several days spent in western Kansas on business. He reports the wheat in that part of the state in fair condition for this time of year.

We are informed that there is a petition being circulated over town getting enough signers to put to a vote in the coming City Election, the proposition to vote on a city waterworks system.

1932

The City Golf Tournament, which has been in progress for some time, has finally been completed and the prizes awarded. Elmo Huffman is responsible for getting the tournament over. All participants in the Golf Tournament report a fine time. Another tournament will probably be held this spring.

The Skelly Oil company unloaded three carloads of material for their new rotary outfit oil well, which is located on the Liesman farm. They expect to be drilling in two or three more weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Joplin, Mo., were here last week end to attend the Ratcliff funeral on Friday. Mrs. Brown is the niece of Mrs. Ratcliff.

The basket ball last Friday night with Spivey, was well attended. At the half of the boys game the score was 9 to 9. Our boys picked up pep and won by a score of 22-15.

The girls played a very hard game. At the close of the game the score was 25-11 in favor of Spivey.

There was a box supper after the basket ball game. Eleven boxes were sold at auction.

1937

The annual Father and Son Banquet was held in the high school auditorium last Monday evening, with one hundred and twenty-five fathers and sons of the community attending.

The Cunningham Redskins met the Belmont cagers Friday night, on the local gym. This was the last league game of the season, and the season was properly ushered out with a victory. The score was 22-14.

The Redskins met the Penalosa quintet on their court last Tuesday, and handed them a decisive defeat. The local team got an early lead which they held throughout the game. There was no exceptional playing exhibited on either side.

Seth Whitmore hauled a load of machinery out of Hutchinson for Fee Hardware Co. Tuesday.

At a quiet and simple wedding ceremony, Miss Jennie Franks and Mr. Dan German were united in marriage at 6:30 o'clock, last Saturday evening, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Franks.

1942

There was no doubt in anyone's mind Saturday morning as to which county – Pratt or Kingman – produced the best basketball teams this year, as Coats, the Pratt county champs, were recovering from a 53 to 25 loss to Cunningham, Kingman county league champs. Junior Neagle scored 19 points for Cunningham, Charles Cooley 14, Austin Luce 9, Bobby Crow 7, and Jack Bradley 4.

Two more Cunningham boys have enlisted in the Coast Guard service this week, when Leland Harris and Bob Rimmer signed applications at the Wichita office.

Gordon Talbot and Vance Baker miraculously escaped injury Wednesday evening when their car struck a culvert five miles east of Kingman. The two men were riding in Mr. Talbot's car and Mr. Talbot was driving. Visibility was poor and the highway was slippery due to the snowstorm, and the car hit the culvert, rolled over twice, and crashed into a tree.

Museum Winter Hours

Contact:

Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or

Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

1947

The Cunningham Wildcats eked out a 35-34 win over the Turon Eagles in the first round game in the Preston tournament Wednesday night. With Jim Stanley dumping in nine points in the first half, the Wildcats managed a 18-17 halftime lead. Dean Dyche kept Cunningham in the game in the second half with four goals. Urban sunk the winning free throw in the final half-minute to save the ball game.

K.A. Thornhill Grocery

Weekend Specials
Bartlett Pears, 2 ½ size, 47c
Black Cherries, 2 ½ size, 51c
Sweet Peas, no. 2 can, 21c
Clothes Pins, 1 dozen, 10c
Mackeral, no. 2 can, 31c

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Rome Beauty Apples, box of 113, \$3.98
Sunkist Oranges, dozen, 23c
Texas Seedless Grapefruit, dozen, 23c
Sunkist Lemons, 6 for 14c
Texas Fresh Radishes, 2 bunches, 5c
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1952

The curtain came down on the 1951-52 basketball season of the Cunningham Rural High School Wildcats when they were defeated in the first round of the Class B District Tournament at Haven Tuesday evening. Their record for the season stands at eleven wins and eight defeats.

Billy DeWeese was the high scorer for the Wildcats this year with 302 points in eighteen games, for an average of seventeen points per game.

Russell Stanley returned to Cunningham, Saturday, after spending last week in Waco, Texas. Russell recently received his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Kansas, and passed his Kansas bar examination in Topeka two weeks ago.

E. C. Dafforn, and Francis Dafforn and son, Alan, attended a Chevrolet dealers meeting and banquet in Kansas City, Missouri, Monday.

A 33-foot house trailer burst into flames and burned to a crisp of metal about one-half mile east of the Cairo Corner on Highway 54, Tuesday afternoon. The trailer was owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Phillips of Key West, Florida, who were enroute to Chicago from Las Angeles. Accompanying them was their three-year-old daughter. No one was injured. The car pulling the trailer was uncoupled and was not damaged. The trailer was insured. Cause of the fire was unknown.

1957

Kay Wilson and Bill Schnittker were crowned Basketball King and Queen at the annual homecoming game here last Friday evening. Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, an dBill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schnittker.

Their attendants were Melva Fitzsimmons, Virginia McClellan, Lois Baker, and Pat Becker. Flower girl and boy were Patty Fouse and Monte Steve Rose.

The coronation ceremonies took place during the half-time of the Haviland-Cunningham game, which was won by Cunningham, 55 to 45.

A Cunningham team had enough left at the finish to provide the Class B District Tournament here with an upset when they edged out Cheney by a 41-39 score in a first round game, Tuesday evening. Cunningham, who has tasted defeat nine times this year, refused to give up against the Cheney team which has only been beaten twice this season.

Donald Becker paced the local scoring attack with 13 points, with Jerry Hazlett getting 9 points.

J. J. Amick of Cunningham celebrated his 100th birthday last Monday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Digby in Harper. Over 250 cards and two telegrams were received. All the members of Mr. Amick's immediate family were present for the day. Approximately 100 friends who called during the afternoon were served cake and coffee.

Mr. Amick had been released from the hospital in Harper only last week, following an operation, and on account of this and also the inclement weather, was unable to be brought to his home here for the occasion.

1962

Weather permitting, ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Methodist Church parsonage will be held at the building site in the northwest part of town next Sunday afternoon, March 4, at 2:30 o'clock.

Cunningham closed out their regular basketball season here last Friday evening with an easy 68-40 romp over Partridge. It was the Wildcats' 14th straight Ninnescah League victory, and their 18th victory for the regular season against one loss.

Four Wildcats scored in double figures – Eugene Huston had 20 points, Roger Krug 16, Marshall Swander 12, and Kenneth Spade 11.

1967

Did you ever wonder just how much one of the glass backboards in the high school gym-auditorium would "set you back" if you had to buy one? About \$200.00. The north one was broken at a town team game a couple of weeks ago. The backboard shattered when Ron Murphey "stuffed" a basket.

First Lieut. Gale Harris, son of Mrs. Carmen Harris of Cunningham, with his wife, Bonnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hazlett, also of Cunningham, were honored guests at a recent Air Force Association Convention in Washington, D. C. Lieut. Harris was cited for his outstanding achievements in nuclear structure physics at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1972

February 24 – The Cunningham Wildcats dropped their last regularly scheduled game of the 1971-72 season at Pawnee Rock last Friday night. The final score was 55 to 50, and gave Cunningham a 13-5 record heading into the District Tournament at Skyline (Pratt) this week.

Wildcat Center Mike Schrant had a big night, getting 28 points on 11 field goals and six free shots; Steve Albers made 11 points; Dean Simon 9; and Mark Stillwell 2.



The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Douglas J. Miller farm, three and one-half miles east of town, Friday afternoon, to extinguish a car fire. Mr. Miller had gotten stuck in the sand with his car, and in an attempt to get out, the automobile caught on fire and was totally destroyed.



“My walk through the cemetery was an acquaintance with local history.”
— Christopher S. Wren,
Walking to Vermont: From Times Square into the Green Mountains
-- a Homeward Adventure

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JH 'Cats Lose to Thunderbirds

The Wildcats earned a shot at the Skyline T-Birds in the consolation game of the HOPL tournament after a hard fought loss to Central Christian in the semifinal game. The Thunderbirds and the Cats tangled earlier in the season; the Cats coming out on top with a one point win. The two evenly matched teams entered the court knowing it would be a good game. The Wildcats won the first quarter by a point and then the second quarter by a point. A two-point lead at half felt good, but we all knew the game was far from over. The third quarter flipped the game with the Thunderbirds outscoring the Cats by 7. Down by 5, the always aggressive Cats upped their intensity. They won the final quarter but could not overcome the 5 point deficit. The Cats lost 42-46. It is disheartening to

lose a game when you win 3 of the 4 quarters. The game was in reach! Dylan, Skyler, and Stephen all had 3 rebounds. Kendall, Logan, and Layne all had 2 steals. -Coach Lance McGuire

Wildcat Scorers	
Stephen Kerschen	20
Kendall Rogers	9
Skyler Thimesch	4
Layne Green	3
Dylan Halderson	2
Logan Kinsler	2



Molly Morgan Photos



Lane Halderson



Layne Green



Kendall Rogers

Congratulations to these State Scholars Bowl qualifiers! They went 2-3 in pool play and **NARROWLY** missed finals. So proud of them and the whole team!



Pictured above: Coach Sebastian Huelskamp, Ava Bock, Alice Huelskamp, Taylor Schultz, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, Luke McGuire
photo and caption courtesy of USD 332 Facebook page



PCC Hosts All-Girl Welding Clinic at Kingman High School

KINGMAN, KS. - Pratt Community College hosted an all-girl Welding clinic at Kingman High School. The clinic was hosted by PCC Welding Technology instructors Jason Birkenbaugh and Daryl Lucas and current Pratt CC welding students. While all students are invited to check out PCC’s Welding Technology programs, some need a little more of a welcome to get comfortable. And the young ladies had no problem jumping right in! The All-Girl Clinic allows PCC to expose students to a career they may not have considered before, while adding valuable life experience no matter which career path they choose. Career Technical Education (CTE) programs allow high students to get a jump start on a career by being able to earn college credits while still in high school. PCC offers several career pathways available at multiple locations, check out the College Start - CTE program page and learn more about Welding Technology at Prattcc.edu
photos and story submitted by PCC



“Shrouded in the black thunderheads the distant lightning glowed mutely like welding seen through foundry smoke. As if repairs were under way at some flawed place n the iron dark of the world”
— Cormac McCarthy, All the Pretty Horses

“The technology that made possible long-distance pipeline construction was electric arc welding.”
— Richard Rhodes, Energy: A Human History



Lady Cats Drop the Ball Against Skyline

The Lady Cats made the short trip to Skyline to take on the Thunderbirds on February the 11th. The Cats showed some good spurts during the game but could not string enough together to get the win. Rebounding was better and the posts were more aggressive on both ends of the court. Shooting overall was not as good, and turnovers made it hard to come back from a deficit. There was a stretch in the third quarter that showed a glimpse of our improvement as 3 different Lady Cats scored and we won the quarter 8-7. Consistency and improvement are still goals every week and it is rewarding to win a few battles here and there. Scoring was spread out this week, which is a sign of improvement as well. Six different Lady Cats got the ball in the basket in some fashion

- Coach Lance McGuire



Ada Adams



Alice Huelskamp



Elizabeth Paris



Ellie McGuire

Molly Morgan Photos



	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Maranda	10	Ellie	6	Kaitlyn	5	AA/MJ	3
Steals Leaders	Maranda	2	Kaitlyn	2	AH/AB/AA	1		
Assists Leaders	ML/EM	1	KH/MJ	1				

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	7
Kaitlyn Hennessee	5
Ada Adams	4
Maranda Lohrke	1
Alice Huelskamp	1

Lady 'Cats WIN!

Lady Cats Win is the headline!! The Wildcats traveled to Stafford to take on the Trojans with a few games left in the season. The Lady Cats started off as hot as they have all year out scoring the home team 13-3 in the first quarter. It was not a fluke as the Cats piled on another 13 in the second to lead 26 to 10 at the half. The second half was a little slower as the Wildcats pounded the ball inside looking for high percentage shots, but the overall score was a 37 to 19 win. The Cats had a great night on the boards with 4 girls getting 6 or more rebounds. The girls also took better care of the ball with only around 10 turnovers. That was our best of the year. Offensively, Ellie had her best shooting night behind the arc going 6 for 12.

-Coach Lance McGuire



Ada Adams



Maranda Lohrke
and Ava Bock



Kaitlyn Hennessee

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Ellie	7	Matilyn	7	Ava	6	Kaitlyn	6
Steals Leaders	Maranda	3	EP/EM	1				
Assists Leaders	Ava	2	Matilyn	2	Kaitlyn	2	EM/ML	1

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	20
Maranda Lohrke	11
Ava Bock	2
Matilyn Jump	2
Kaitlyn Hennessee	1
Alice Huelskamp	1

Lady 'Cats Lose to Pretty Prairie

The Lady Cats hosted the Pretty Prairie Bulldogs on Feb 18th. The girls were sizable underdogs to the state-ranked Pretty Prairie team and went into the game with goals not necessarily defined by the score. The Lady Cats got baskets from Alice and Kaitlyn in the first quarter, but were down 16 points as Pretty Prairie hit from outside and inside at will. Kaitlyn spaced out two more buckets in the final 3 quarters. Ellie heated up in the 3rd with four 3pt shots. The scoring was rounded out with Ellie and Maranda each sinking 2 free throws. The Cats were not a threat in this one taking the loss 27 to 60,

but this team continues to show improvements game after game. They will have one more opportunity before sub-state to showcase their improvement against the Attica Bulldogs on Tuesday.

- Coach Lance McGuire

Lady Wildcat Scorers	
Ellie McGuire	17
Kaitlyn Hennessee	6
Alice Huelskamp	2
Maranda Lohrke	2

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT #1	OT #2	TOTAL
PP	20	19	10	11			60
CHS	4	6	14	3			27

Rebound Leaders	Ellie	6	Kaitlyn	5	Maranda	2	Ava	1
Steals Leaders	Kaitlyn	2	Ellie	1	Ada	1	Alice	1
Assists Leaders	Kaitlyn	3	Matilyn	2	Maranda	1	Ellie	1



Ava Bock

Wildcats Fall to the Trojans

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Stafford on February 15, 2022 and fell to the Trojans 44-50.

The Cats had their poorest shooting night of the season making just 17 out of 63 attempts for 27% which included 9% shooting from the three-point line. Lane Halderson and Will Wegerer each scored two points for the Cats first quarter total. Stafford managed eight points in the low scoring game.

Erik Paris made six of the eight second quarter points along with two points from Trey DeWeese. Stafford extended their lead with an 11-point quarter. The half ended with a score of 19 to 12 in favor of the Trojans.

Cunningham shot a little better in the third quarter with a 14-point effort but gave up 16 points to Stafford who extended their lead to nine going into the fourth quarter.



Cunningham did not quit in the fourth quarter and forced some turn-overs by the Trojans. The Cats had their best scoring quarter with 18 points but came up short allowing 15 points to be scored by Stafford. DeWeese went five for five from the free throw line. Halderson and Dagim Reed scored six and five points respectively to keep the Cats in contention.

-Coach Bob Stackhouse



Luke McGuire



Erik Paris



Trey DeWeese

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire					5	1		
Halderson	5		0/2	10	10		2	
Wegerer	2	1		7	3	1	4	
DeWeese	3		7/7	13	5	5	2	
D Reed	2	1	1/1	8	3	3	2	
Paris	3			6	3			
I Reed					7	1	1	
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final			
Cunningham	4	8	14	18	44			
Stafford	8	11	16	15	50			

Wildcats Defeat the Bulldogs

The Cunningham Wildcats played host to the Bulldogs from Pretty Prairie on February 18, 2022. The final score was Cunningham 60, Pretty Prairie 31.

The first six baskets the Cats made were the three-point variety. The final basket was a two-pointer to finish the first quarter with 20 points. Pretty Prairie scored 11 points. Luke McGuire made three three-point baskets. Will Wegerer made two and Trey DeWeese made one. Dagim Reed made the two-point basket.

Cunningham extended the lead in the second quarter by scoring 11 points and holding the Bulldogs to five points. Isaiah Reed led with four points. Lane Halderson scored three points and

Wegerer and D. Reed each had two points. The halftime score was Cunningham 31 and Pretty Prairie 16.

Cunningham put the game away in the third quarter with 17 points. The Bulldogs added six points. McGuire scored five points in the balanced attack. Wegerer made another of his five three-point baskets. D. Reed, DeWeese, Erik Paris, and I. Reed each scored two points and Halderson made a free throw.

The Cats put the lead over the thirty-point mercy rule in the fourth quarter with the conclusion being with a running clock. Wegerer scored six points. Halderson had four points and Paris added two points. The junior varsity finished out the game with a final score of Cunningham 60 and Pretty Prairie 31.

-Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		4	2/2	14	1	1	1	1
Halderson	3		2/5	8	5	4	2	
Wegerer	1	5		17	3	3	4	
DeWeese		1	2/2	5	4	5	5	
D Reed	3			6	9	2	3	
Paris	2			4	6		1	
I Reed	3			6	3	1	1	
Kel Mills					1			
Wyatt					1			
Sterneker					3	1	1	
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final			
Cunningham	20	11	17	12	60			
Pretty Prairie	11	5	6	9	31			



“One billion b-balls dribbling simultaneously throughout the galaxy. One trillion b-balls being slam dunked through a hoop throughout the cosmos. I can feel every single b-ball that has ever existed at my fingertips, I can feel their collective knowledge channeling through my veins. Every jumpshot, every rebound and three-pointer, every layup, dunk, and free throw. I am there.”

— Charles Barkley

Dennis McKinney Appointed to Serve as State Executive Director for USDA’s Farm Service Agency in Kansas

WASHINGTON, The Biden Administration recently appointed Dennis McKinney as the new State Executive Director (SED) for the USDA Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA). McKinney joined the Kansas FSA team on Feb. 14, 2022.

“Individuals selected

to serve as FSA State Executive Directors are incredible public servants who have a proven track record when it comes to their commitment to advance their states and communities,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “Each will serve on the frontlines, carrying out USDA’s mission at the state level and ensuring the voice of each and every USDA customer is heard. We are fortunate to have each of these talented individuals at this critical time for farmers and producers and rural communities across America.”

McKinney is a Kansas farmer and cattle producer whose family farm operates in southern Kiowa and north-

ern Comanche counties. He served as a Kiowa County Commissioner from 1989 to 1992 before being appointed to the Kansas House of Representatives, where he served until 2009. In 2009, McKinney was appointed as the 38th State Treasurer of Kansas. A resident of Greensburg, he has also served as a member of the board of the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital and the Kansas Historical Foundation.

As SED, McKinney will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of FSA programs to agricultural producers in Kansas. These commodity, conservation, credit, and disaster assistance programs ensure

a safe, affordable, abundant, and nutritious food, fiber, and fuel supply for consumers.

“The State Executive Director is a pivotal leadership position for the Agency and for the agricultural producers we serve,” said Marcus Graham, FSA Deputy Administrator for Field Operations. “These leaders, appointed by the Biden-Harris Administration, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their respective states. We are happy to have them on board and wish them much success.”

Farm Service Agency serves farmers, ranchers, foresters, and agricultural partners through the effective, efficient, and eq-

uitable delivery of federal agricultural programs. The Agency offers producers a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity and disaster programs. Additionally, through conservation programs, FSA continues to preserve and protect natural resources and provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, including targeted loan funds for beginning, underserved, women and military veterans involved in production agriculture.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming

America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Wheat Scoop: Kansas Women Celebrate Gathering Together Again for Women Managing the Farm Conference

For audio version, visit kansaswheat.org.

Fancy cowgirls and ag professionals alike gathered together in Manhattan February 10-11, for the 2022 Women Managing the Farm Conference. From new mothers to proud grandmothers, the conference provided updates on critical farm management topics, introductions to new practices and the opportunity to reconnect

with peers.

“Since 2005, Women Managing the Farm has brought together Kansas women who are working to grow their businesses and create positive changes in their communities,” said Marsha Boswell, Kansas Wheat vice president of communications. “This year’s conference offered attendees not only the chance to learn more about risk management tools and professional resources but also come together again with others working in similar roles in Kansas agriculture.”

Courtenay DeHoff — a television personality, keynote speaker and podcast host known as “Fancy Lady Cowgirl” — kicked off the conference by discussing how she celebrates a cowgirl spirit and an urban life-

style. She encouraged attendees to embrace both the commonalities of those with ties to agriculture and the attributes that make them “fancy” and unique.

During Thursday’s luncheon, DeHoff moderated a panel of Kansas leaders to discuss the opportunities and challenges they faced over their career paths. Panelists included Kelsey Olson, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture; Meagan Cramer, Kansas Farm Bureau director of communications and marketing; and Karol Fike, Kansas State University faculty member in the Department of Animal Science.

Friday’s breakfast keynote focused on the mechanics of building a farm legacy.

Shannon Ferrell, professor at Oklahoma State University, led a stimulating call to action for farm families to develop a farm transition approach and create the mechanisms needed to make those transitions successful.

The conference ended with an agricultural economic outlook by Tanner Ehmke, a CoBank economist. From inflation to commodity prices to nitrogen, Ehmke broke down the macroeconomic factors influencing both farm prices and the U.S. economy. Attendees left with a clearer picture of how to position their operations to take advantage of current low interest rates and higher commodity price projections while guarding against inflation and steep increases in farm

input prices.

Additional breakout sessions throughout the two-day conference focused on on-farm management issues, opportunities to explore cover crops and soil health and discussions of physical and mental health resources for rural Americans.

A particular highlight for conference attendees was the networking roundtables, which allowed attendees to connect with other women working in similar roles within agriculture. Agriculture partners discussed the challenges of farm decision-making, while agriculture industry career women coalesced around the changes in the workplace during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other roundtables gathered indepen-

dent agriculture producers, agriculture helpers, absentee landowners and business managers. The sessions, like the entire conference, offered women the chance to reconnect and re-inspire each other for tackling agriculture’s challenges and exploring new growth opportunities.

Missed the conference? Mark the calendars for next year’s Women Managing the Farm Conference, scheduled for February 15 to 17, 2023. Keep up with conference updates at <http://womenmanagingthefarm.com/> and follow the conference on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/womenmanagingthefarm>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

New Data Shows FTC Received 16,940 Fraud Reports from Kansas Consumers in 2021

Kansas consumers reported losing \$19,916,988 to scams last year

The Federal Trade Commission received 16,940 fraud reports from consumers in Kansas in 2021, according to newly released data.

Kansas consumers reported losing a total of \$19,916,988 to fraud, with a median loss of \$429.

The FTC’s Consumer Sentinel Network is a database that receives

reports directly from consumers, as well as from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, the Better Business Bureau, industry members, and non-profit organizations. Reports from around the country about consumer protection issues—including identity theft, fraud, and other categories—are a key resource for FTC investigations that stop illegal activities and, when possible, provide refunds to consumers.

Across all types of reports, the FTC received a total of 64,076 reports from consumers in Kansas in 2021.

The top category of reports received from consumers in Kansas was Identity Theft; followed by Imposter

Scams; Online Shopping and Negative Reviews; Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries; and Credit Bureaus, Information Furnishers and Report Users.

Fraud Losses Up Nationwide

Nationally, consumers reported losing more than \$5.8 billion to fraud in 2021, up from \$3.4 billion in 2020. More than \$2.3 billion of losses reported last year were due to imposter scams, while online shopping accounted for about \$392 million in reported losses from consumers.

The FTC received 2.8 million fraud reports from consumers in 2021, with imposter scams remaining the most common type of fraud reported to the agency.

Online shopping was the second-most common fraud category reported by consumers.

Prizes, sweepstakes, and lotteries; internet services; and business and job opportunities rounded out the top five fraud categories nationally.

Sentinel received more than 5.7 million reports overall in 2021. Of these, more than 1.4 million were identity theft reports received through the FTC’s IdentityTheft.gov website.

The FTC uses the reports it receives through Sentinel as the starting point for many of its law enforcement investigations, and the agency also shares these reports with approximately 2,800 federal, state, local, and international law en-

forcement professionals. While the FTC does not intervene in individual complaints, Sentinel reports are a vital part of the agency’s law enforcement mission.

A full breakdown of reports received in 2021 is now available on the FTC’s data analysis site at <https://ftc.gov/exploredata>. The data dashboards there break down the reports across a number of categories, including by state and metropolitan area.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, stop deceptive and unfair business practices and scams, and educate consumers. Report fraud, scams, or bad business practices at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov). Get consumer ad-

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“*Facts are threatening to those invested in fraud.*”
— *DaShanne Stokes*

“*All men are frauds. The only difference between them is that some admit it. I myself deny it.*”
— *H. L. Mencken*

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, February 13th

Traffic stops	13
Traffic control	11000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal	400 block W. C Ave Kingman
Public lockout	2000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
Theft	2000 block NW 50 Ave. Kingman
Vehicle disabled	NE 40 Ave & NE 20 St. area Kingman

Monday, February 14th

Traffic stops	4
Traffic complaint	5000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 90 Ave & SW 150 Ave area, Zenda
Traffic complaint	NW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Traffic complaint	9000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Animal	700 block SE 100 Ave Murdock
Harrassment	9000 block NW 20 St. Cunningham
Theft	2000 block NE 10 Ave Kingman
Welfare check	200 block S Briarwood St. Norwich

Tuesday, February 15th

Animal	200 block E Fourth Ave. Kingman
Assist other agencies	16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Fire outside	2000 block N Hwy 11 Kingman

Wednesday, February 16th

Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	6000 block W 54 Kingman
Fire outside	SW 30 St & SW 60 Ave area, Kingman
Vehicle abandoned	SE 100 Ae & SE 150 St. area Norwich
Vehicle disabled	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11 area Kingman

Thursday, February 17th

Disturbance	600 block W. B Ave Kingman
Fraud	400 block S. Elliot St. Cunningham
Vehicle disabled	NE 20 Ave & E Hwy 54 are Kingman
Harassment	200 block S Wilmot St Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	600 block S Morningside St Norwich

Friday, February 18th

Traffic stop	5
Traffic debris in road	SW 120 Ave & W Hwy 54 area, Cunningham,
Animal	13000 SE 60 St. Norwich
Parking complaint	300 block N Main St. Cunningham
Welfare check	N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman

Saturday, February 19th

Traffic stops	3
Animal	3000 block NW 120 Ave Cunningham

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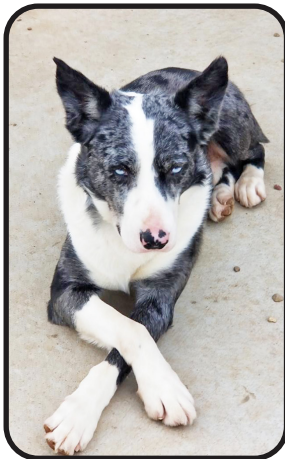
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Adoption Fee: \$75
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Chattahoochee



Male Shepherd, Australian / Collie, Border
Weight 51.6 lbs
Age 4Y/8M/1W
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ATTRIBUTES
This pup is super smart! Ask him anything....go ahead....he has all the answers. Great conversationalist. Fluent in several languages. Loves to play chess, go to the opera, watch PBS and generally anything any highly sophisticated, aristocrat would do.

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Diesel

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

Auctions were used in the Roman Empire.
Auctions have been recorded as early as 500 B.C. The word "auction" comes from the Latin word for "I increase" or "I augment". This makes sense because this is exactly what bidders do in auctions when they add to the previous bid. The entire Roman Empire was put up for auction.
Many people get a thrill from big auctions, but this auction in 193 A.D. took big auctions to the next level. The Praetorian Guard killed emperor Pertinax and proceeded to offer the Roman Empire to the highest bidder. Didius Julianus bid 6,250 drachmas per guard, outbidding everyone else and causing a brief civil war. Two months later, Septimius Severus conquered Rome and Didius Julianus was beheaded.
The first-known auction house dates back 341 years.
The Stockholm Auction House in Sweden, founded in 1674, is the first known auction house in the world. The second-largest auction house, Sotheby's, was founded in London in March 1744. The world's largest auction house is also located in London and was founded by James Christie in 1766.
(source: ianwhittock.com)

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"Into the valley of death rode the six hundred." This famous phrase is part of the poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," written by Alfred Lord Tennyson, the British Poet Laureate. Put to paper only a few days after he heard of the disastrous event, this poem remains with us in modern times with its phrases "half a league, half a league, half a league onward," "cannon to right of them, cannon to left of them," and "theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die."

of Ukraine in 1954 and then annexed back to Russia in 2014, it has a history that deserves our understanding.

The Crimean War raged from October of 1853 to early in 1856. France and Russia had been in increasing disputes between their Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches. Russians had concerns about protecting Orthodox members in Palestine and Ottoman regions. Thus, the French, British and Ottoman Turkish found themselves fighting against Russian forces.

The heralded sense of bravery and duty became a senseless slaughter when, on October 25, 1854, 670 soldiers in the British Light Cavalry Brigade charged into a valley where nearly 25,000 Russian soldiers with artillery inflicted

over 270 casualties in crossfire.

Many of the wounded in this Crimean War were ferried across to hospitals that provided the minimal care of the time, roughly the minimal care our soldiers would experience in our about-to-occur Civil War. This is where a genuine hero, Florence Nightingale, and a staff of nearly 40 volunteer nurses and 15 Catholic nuns were sent to serve. Wounded soldiers from the Crimean War were in Selimiye Barracks in Scutari, where Nightingale's group arrived in November 1854.

Florence Nightingale would organize the care of the wounded soldiers and train nurses. Nursing grew in reputation and began to be seen as a profession. Visiting and caring for the wounded both day and night led to

reverence for her as "The Lady with the Lamp." Returning to England, she established her nursing school in London at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Due to its critical port location and mixture of ethnic groups, Crimea continued to have internal strife and suffer from Imperial Germany and both World Wars. But aside from wartime disruption, Crimea had always been a part of Russia.

Then in 1954, Nikita Khrushchev as General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, transferred Crimea from under the Russian Federation to become a region within Ukraine. Here it is important to realize that Sevastopol, the largest city in Crimea, has always been an important naval base. While Russia does have other

naval bases that are ice free in winter, this was to some extent Russia's equivalent of our Pearl Harbor. So why would Khrushchev merge it with Ukraine?

Crimea's population was over three-fourths Russian. There was a large minority of Russians in Ukraine. By fusing Crimea with Ukraine, the 860,000 Russians in Crimea would increase Russian influence in Ukraine. Indeed, Khrushchev had no reason to foresee the collapse of the Soviet Union. His hubris seemed reasonable at that time. But in 1991, the Soviet Union did collapse. Ukraine was now independent with Crimea as an autonomous republic within its borders.

In 2014, a popular revolt ousted the head of the Ukrainian government. The Parliament of the

Autonomous Republic of Crimea then voted to secede from Ukraine and be annexed by the Russian Federation. A referendum was held in Sevastopol on March 16, 2014 with a nearly 90 percent participation and over 95 percent of voters choosing to join Russia. Insofar as this was a Russian majority city, we do not hear of claims of voter fraud despite many nations refusing to accept Crimea as now divorced from the Ukraine.

Today it is our duty to reason why. There is no longer any excuse to just blindly “do and die.” And were she alive today, Florence Nightingale would be the first to discourage reckless actions that would fill military hospital wards.

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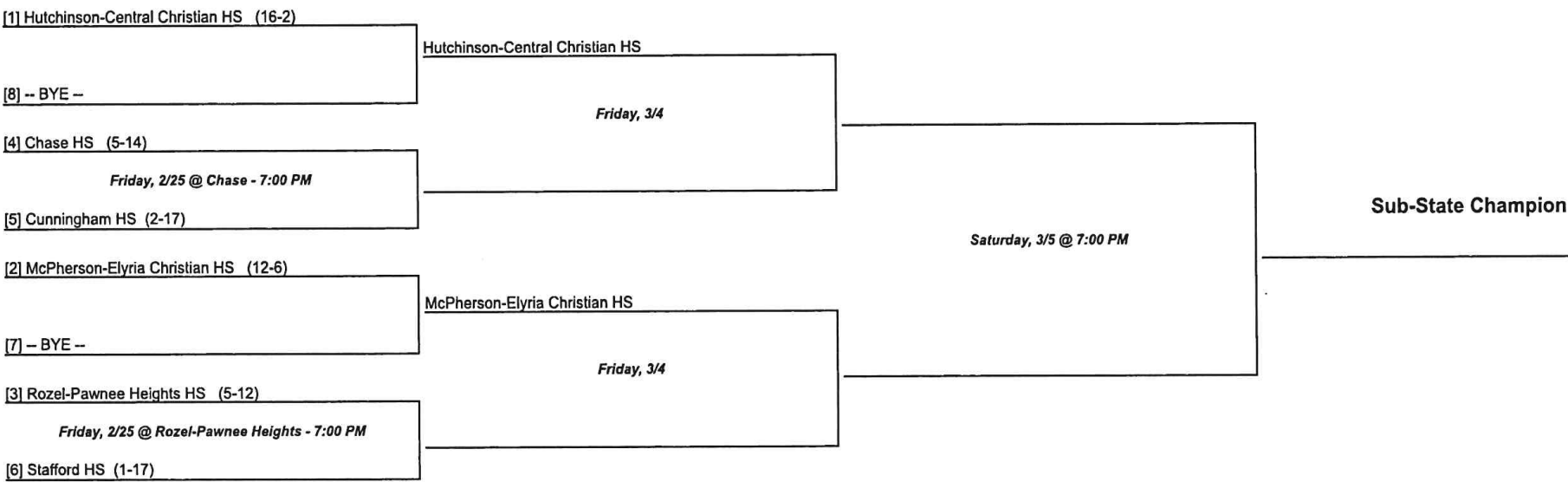
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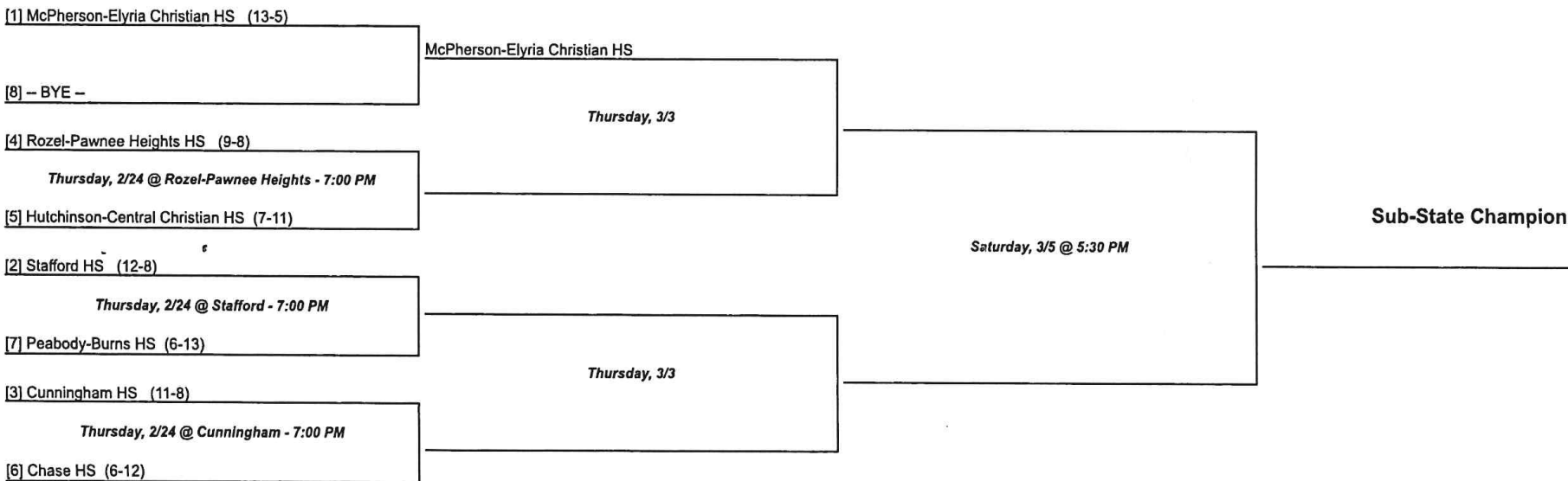
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Public Notice

(First published in *The Cunningham Courier*, February 24, 2022)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 14, 2022, the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, will consider the following application at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N. Main, Cunningham, Kansas:

A letter of application has been filed with the City of Cunningham by Angela Murphy, dba Cozy's LLC, 115 N. Main St., Cunningham, KS, requesting a waiver of the distance limitation as required by 3-206 of the Code of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, which states:

3-206(b) "It shall be unlawful to sell or dispense at retail any cereal malt beverage at any place within the city limits that is within a 200-foot radius of any church, school or library."

306(d) "The distance limitation of subsection (b) above shall not apply to any establishment holding a cereal malt beverage license issued by the city when the licensee has petitioned for and received a waiver of the distance limitation. The governing body shall grant such a waiver only following public notice and hearing."

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on this matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested, the governing body may close the hearing and consider the request. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 15th day of February 2022.

/s/ Molly Morgan

Molly Morgan

Cunningham City Clerk

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

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

CASE NO. 2022 PR 8

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

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

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

Larry Noakes, Petitioner

Matthew W. Ricke

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Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

LOIS L. KOSTNER, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 7

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

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

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

Janet Voran and Matthew W. Ricke, Co-Petitioners

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Attorney for Petitioners

“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes...you're Doing Something.”

— Neil Gaiman

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

— George Bernard Shaw

“Have no fear of perfection - you'll never reach it.”

— Salvador Dali

“I make mistakes; I'll be the second to admit it.”

— Jean Kerr, *The Snake Has All the Lines*

Public Notice

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

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332,

KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS (CUNNINGHAM-WEST KINGMAN COUNTY)

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

Shall the following be adopted?

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

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

☐ YES

☐ NO

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

[To be updated by the County Clerk]


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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Projected Summary of Project Costs			
Sources of Funds		Uses of Funds	
Bonds to be Issued	\$13,245,000	Project Costs (including architectural engineering services)	\$12,853,394
Interest Earnings	6,427	Interest During Construction Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	179,490
Total	\$13,251,427	Total	\$13,251,427
Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments			
Principal payments over 25 years	Average Interest Rate	2.75%	
Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$5,531,763	Assessed Valuation (2021)	Average Annual
Principal and Interest Payments			\$69,991,696
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid			\$751,071
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds			\$0
			\$751,071
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments			
Total (without any Bond State Aid)			9.90 Mills
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)			9.90 Mills
The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Kingman County, Kansas, whose address is Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068.			
		DATED: 2-14-22	
		Carol Noblit, County Clerk Kingman County, Kansas	

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

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Lil Cron

Lily Mae Cron, 86, of Kingman, Kansas passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at her home in Kingman.

Lily was born the daughter of Leonard and Artive Fite on December 13, 1935 on the family farm near Rocky, OK. Lily was baptized at the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn on January 20, 1950 by Brother Clinton Smart.



Lily and Jimmie Leroy Cron were united in marriage on Dec. 13, 1954 in Perryton, TX. Together they celebrated 49 years of marriage before his passing in October of 2004.

Over the years she operated a daycare and helped run the family business of Cron’s Music Store in Hobart, OK. She worked at multiple Senior Centers as a cook over the years and greatly enjoyed co-workers and senior citizens.

When she could no longer work at the Senior Centers she became a frequent visitor, she enjoyed the fellowship and playing games. She simply loved people. She loved large family gatherings and spent great effort preparing huge meals. She never met a stranger and immensely enjoyed games of any kind. She was extremely competitive and loved to talk trash in the process.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter; Mary LaKrisha Cron, grandson; David Marcus Rhodes, granddaughter; Rachel LeAnne Cron, siblings; Glenn Fite, Claud Fite, Joe Fite and Troy Fite.

Survivors include her children; Nancy Rhodes of Custer City, OK, Linda (Richard) Nation of Spencer, IN, David (Shauna) Cron of Kingman, KS, Jonathan (Brenda) Cron of Kernersville, NC, Darla Sandefur of Hobart, OK, siblings; Lou Deutschendorf of Amarillo, TX, Pat Sullins, Clinton, OK, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral Services were Monday February 14, 2022 at General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, 3742 S. West, Wichita, Kansas. Graveside service was at Hobart Rose Cemetery in Hobart, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers; memorials can be made to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, Wichita, Kansas.

Sue Christensen

Beulah Wauneta “Sue” Christensen joined her beloved Savior on Friday, February 18, 2022, in Topeka, Kansas.

Sue was born in Pratt County, Kansas, on February 28, 1926. She is survived by her devoted son, Gary Christensen and his wife, Jayne, of Topeka; her sister, Dorothy Keevert of Elk City, Oklahoma; many nieces, nephews and extended family. Sue is preceded in death by her parents, Merle and Beulah Stover Robbins; her husband, William “Bill” Christensen; brothers, Earl Robbins and Vernon Robbins; and sisters, Wanda Green and Rita Whitfield.



Sue loved Barber County, Kansas, where she grew up on a horse farm near Lake City. She attended elementary school taught by her mother in a one room schoolhouse near Lake City. She graduated at the top of her class from Pratt High School in 1944. Sue loved being outdoors with her horse, Flash. An excellent rider, she competed in barrel racing competitions, once winning the top prize of a saddle. After high School she began working for KP&L, and after 44 years of service to that company, retired in 1988.

In 1946, Sue married William Christensen and they welcomed their son, Gary, in 1954. Bill, Sue and Gary traveled the western United States in the summers, camping, fishing and sightseeing. Many happy years were spent as members of the Pratt Fire Lighters Camping Club and the Pratt Promenaders square dancing club. After Sue retired, she and Bill spent winters in Rockport, Texas, with Pratt friends, and the summers were spent RVing across the US and Canada. Gary and Jayne would join them for great weekends of boating and fishing and grilling the catch of the day.

Sue was an active, lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Pratt. In 2015, Sue moved to Presbyterian Manor in Topeka, to be near Gary and Jayne. She leaves many new friends who will miss her kind nature and sweet smile.

Her funeral service was Tuesday, February 22, at Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene in Topeka, graveside service was Wednesday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene or the Salvation Army, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to <http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com>.

Delpha Clarkson

Delpha Mae Clarkson, 99, passed away February 15, 2022 at Parkwood Village. She was born October 17, 1922 in Pratt to Henry Ellis and Edith (Allen) Davis. Delpha married Glenn Clarkson June 1, 1941. Together they farmed and ranched in the Haviland area. They were married for 54 years upon Glenn’s passing on November 27th, 1995.



Delpha attended and graduated from Haviland High School. She worked as a Homemaker. She was a member of Haviland Friends Church. She enjoyed Art, The Historical Museum of Pratt, KS, and she loved walking in Lemon Park.

She is survived by Sons, Larry (Gay) Clarkson of Pratt, KS, Terry (Linda) Clarkson of Pratt, KS, Jerry (Mary) Clarkson of Pratt, KS, Gary (Cindy) Clarkson of Hot Springs, AK, there are 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren;

Delpha is preceded in death by her Husband, Glenn Willis Clarkson; Parents, Henry Ellis Davis, Edith (Allen) Davis; Two Brothers, Allen Davis, Justin “Jud” Davis; Sister, Carolyn Bridenstine; .

Funeral service was Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary- Pratt, KS with Gary and Neil Clarkson presiding. Burial follow edat Haviland Cemetery, Haviland.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.

Bruce Tackett

Bruce Wesley Tackett, 73, passed away Monday, February 14, 2022. He was born on November 11, 1948 in Long Island, New York to Royce Olivia and Ruth Virginia (Hastings) Tackett. Bruce married Gail Dorlene (Swisher) Tackett on December 31, 1980. They were married for 41 years.

Bruce graduated from Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1966. He served as Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam. He worked as a computer automated draftsmen for architectural firms most of his life and later was self employed making fitness equipment. He served as President of Putnam County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a street artist that did pen and ink drawings of Victorian houses in San Francisco, California and enjoyed reading.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; daughter, Robyn (Michael) Moore of Pratt; son, David Tackett of Lawrence; stepdaughter, Christina (Ty) Clinesmith of Amarillo, Texas; stepson, Jason (Anita) Rojas of Pratt; brothers, Howard Tackett of San Diego, California and Lowell Tackett of Bel Air, Maryland; and seven step-grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date with inurnment at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Lois West

Lois E. West, 75, died Feb. 16, 2022 in Wichita. She was born April 30, 1946, in Kingman the daughter of Julian and Ethel Boydston Walter. A longtime resident of Wichita, she was a retired manager in the Deli and Bakery departments at Mitchell-Miller IGA.

On Jan. 29, 1968, she married Eddie West. Other survivors include sons Richard and wife Lori and Ronald and wife Anna; sister Joyce Hix; grandchildren James Ackley-West (Jessica), Cody West (Kayla), Haleyanna West Olson (Chance), Jaiden West (Jacob), Logan West (Cherish), Hunter West (Kierra), Taylorann West, Alannalee West and Kasen West; and great-grandchildren. Georgia Ann and Riverlynnmay, Charles Eugene Ackley and Raelynn Grace and Cross Russell Olson She was preceded in death by brother Jerry, Gerald and Loyd; and sisters Connie Town and Barbara Blanton.

Funeral services were, Saturday at the Norwich Baptist Church.

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John Meuten

John Joseph Meuten, Jr., 82, passed away Monday, February 14, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born on January 5, 1940 in Waterbury, Connecticut to John Joseph, Sr. and Thelma Eileen (Waters) Meuten. John married Sue Elayne (Swonger) Meuten on October 11, 1974 in Hugoton. She survives.



John graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1958. He worked as an over the road truck driver. He was a member of Family Church, National Rifle Association and Kansas Sherriff Association. He enjoyed guns, fishing, boating, hunting, watching westerns, front porch sitting and being outside and spending time with his family. He always loved his coffee, donuts and Copenhagen.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; children, Christine Eyestone of Wyoming, Matt (Ruth) Meuten of Ogdensburg, New York, Charles (Dawn) Meuten of Ogdensburg, New York, Steve (Tina) Meuten of Jacksonville, Florida, Rosa (Gary) Valentine of Warsaw, Missouri, Dustin Meuten of Wichita, Brandon (Angie) Meuten of Wichita and Chelsea (Kendall) Snyder of Wichita; brother, Donald (Virginia) Meuten of Cripple Creek, Virginia; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Judy Mylock.

Funeral service was Monday, February 21, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Pastor Boone Baker presiding. Burial will follow at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to ASPCA in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Jake Hamm

Jacob “Jake” Warren Hamm, 98, passed away February 16, 2022 at his home. He was born July 7, 1923, in rural Pratt County to Jacob William and Zola (Megaffin) Hamm. Warren married Helen Sleeper on July 2, 1944, at the Isabel Church of Christ. They were married 71 years.



Warren graduated from Isabel High School in 1941. He graduated from the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago in Electricity in March 1942., and later, a diploma in Radio. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp in Feb, 1943. He received his Advanced Single Engine Pilot School Diploma in June, 1944, and was a Pilot instructor during WW2 on the AT-6. He was honorably discharged Oct. 1945. He was recalled during the Korean conflict, and served from Jan. 1951-July 1952, again as a Pilot instructor, this time on the P-52 Mustang. He worked for Boeing for 20 years, returning to the Pratt/Isabel area in Feb. 1970 from Seattle. After returning, he continued to do electrical work for individuals, and a variety of other jobs. He had a gift for anything mechanical. and could fix anything, including rebuilding several old tractors. He loved nature, especially his bluebirds, and enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and the little birds grow to maturity. He was a member of the Isabel Church of Christ, loved the Lord, his wife Helen, and his family. Helen was the love of his life and life was never the same for him after her death March, 2016. He was a wonderful example to all of what a good Christian man looks like! He will be sorely missed.

Warren is survived by sons: David (Rose) Hamm, Wichita; Larry (Linda) Hamm, Pratt, Daughter-in-law Candace Hamm, Colorado Springs, and brother Lee Hamm, Pratt., 13 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 21 great, great grandchildren plus many more family and friends..

Warren was preceded in death by parents; wife, Helen; sons Jerry Gene and Alan, daughter Cheryl Ann.

Memorial service will be March 7, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Isabel Church of Christ with John Hamm and the family officiating. Interment will follow in the Isabel cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Isabel Church of Christ, Kindred Hospice, or Silver Maple Camp in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd. Online Condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com .

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