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JH Football Wildcats beat Bullpups! Complete Undefeated Season!! (7-0)

The Cunningham JH Wildcat football team traveled to Pretty Prairie on Thursday, October 17, 2019 to take on the Pretty Prairie Bullpups in their final game of the season. The Wildcats got off to a bit of a slow start as they would find themselves on defense for much of the first quarter due to a turnover after stopping Pretty Prairie on their first drive. After the Bullpups regained possession for their second drive they were able to find the end-zone to take an 8-0 lead after the successful PAT.

The Wildcats were able to answer the Pretty Prairie touchdown with eight seconds remaining in the first quarter on a 26 yard run by Luke McGuire, McGuire would run in the PAT to tie the game at eight. Dagim Reed would give Cunningham their first lead of the night in the second quarter on a 35 yard run that was set up by a great block by Nate Sterneker, the Wildcats failed the extra point play but the score stood at 14-8 in favor of the Wildcats. The Wildcat defense then turned up their efforts and got a stop to get the ball back before the half ended. CJH was able to capitalize on the possession as McGuire would race 46 yards for a TD with 31 seconds remaining in the second quarter, McGuire then hooked up with

Jack Ruckle on the two-point conversion and Cunningham led 22-8 at the half. The Wildcats would get the ball to start the second half and would waste very little time adding to their lead. McGuire ran in from 16 yard out for a Wildcat touchdown just 15 seconds into the third quarter, Luke would then run in the PAT to extend the Cunningham lead to 30-8. Pretty Prairie was able to answer the score on a TD of their own to cut the lead to 30-14. McGuire would score from 47 yard out in the waning seconds of the third quarter to extend the lead back to 22 points, 36-14. Pretty Prairie quickly answered with a touchdown in the first minute of the fourth quarter to make the score 36-22. Just over a minute later Reed would take the

snap and dart up the middle untouched for a 40 yard touchdown run. McGuire would hook up with Will Wegerer on a pass play for the two point conversion, making it 44-22. On the ensuing kick-off, Reed was able to recover a muffed kick to give the Wildcats possession back when they would score the final touchdown of the game on a 26 yard run from McGuire bringing the final score to 50-22. The win moved the Wildcats record to an undefeated 7-0 for the second consecutive year. The coaches and players would like to thank all the parents, grand-parents and fans for their support throughout the season, success is fun especially when we have a great collection of fans to share it with.

by Bart Ricke
Amy McGuire photo

The City Council Met

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy, Council Members Bart Ricke, Jason Ruckle, Tim Schultz, Karl Vierthaler, and Matt Westerhaus; and City Attorney Greg Graffman. City Clerk David Steffen was absent.

Guests: Jamie Elliott, Assistant Fire Chief; Russell Rohlman, City Superintendent; Rebecca Post, ATC Accounting; Eric Ruckle, T&R Excavating.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Westerhaus, second by Ricke, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Westerhaus, to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2019 regular meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 special meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes – Motion by Ruckle, second by Westerhaus, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 special meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Fire Department – Mr. Elliott gave

the Fire Department report. One manual monitor is here for the new fire truck. Waiting for the automatic monitor. The truck, No. 332, is in service.

Fire Station, West Slope – Consensus of the Council was to leave the slope as is and not to cut the weeds at this time. Consensus of the Council was to purchase the correct size of plastic tubing for the drain spouts.

2018 Audit and Financial Statement – Rebecca Post, ATC Accounting, presented the audit report (attached to minutes). The audit went well with no violations. Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Ms. Post left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Swimming Pool – The CHS German Exchange students want to paint the pool this fall as a fundraiser. City maintenance will drain the pool and coordinate the painting. Molly Morgan, pool manager, will prepare a list of work to be done at the pool during the off season.

Football Field – Announcer's stand is all but finished. The first bleacher is finished. Waiting on the second bleacher to arrive next week. Timesch Electric will check on the ball field lights. Flag pole will be installed by the new scoreboard.

City Attorney Graffman left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Water Well No. 3 – Consensus of the Council was to call Todd Stephenson, KDHE Public Water Supply Section, regarding a copy of a letter received concerning underground and above ground petroleum storage tank facilities in and near Cunningham (attached to minutes).

Maintenance Report – Rohlman gave the maintenance report. .

Eric Ruckle, T&R Excavating, arrived at 7:36 p.m. Motion by Westerhaus, second by Schultz, to accept Ruckle's bid for a 7 ft. block wall including dirt work and the drainage ditch west of the fire station (attached to minutes) in the amount of \$20,056.00. Motion carried, 4/0/1 with Jason Ruckle abstaining.

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

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

submitted by Dave Steffen

City Council Meeting Agenda for October 28th

6:30 p.m. – Meet at City Hall, 119 N. Main

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2019 meeting
- 3) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 4) Fire Department
 - Chief's Report
- 5) City Code: Fowl
- 6) Water Well No. 3
- 7) Executive session – nonelected personnel
- 8) Reports:
 - Property Officer
 - Maintenance
 - o Fall Clean Up
 - o Streets
 - o Water / Sewer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - o Permits
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
- 9) Financial Report & payment of bills
- 10) Adjourn

Hilltop Manor Honors Staff for Receiving NRC Health National Award

Hilltop Manor, Skilled Nursing by Americare held a staff appreciation day October 4 to honor their part in parent company Americare Senior Living earning the 2019 Customer Approved Award from Lincoln, Nebraska-based healthcare-intelligence firm NRC Health. The award recognizes the top twenty senior-care organizations across the country for creating an outstanding care experience for their residents.

Hilltop Manor in Cunningham is a 2019 deficiency free 50-bed Americare Senior Living community that offers outpatient therapy, adult day services, respite care, short term rehab to home, and long term care services.

"Americare is very proud of this recognition because it comes from our local residents and families telling others that they like what we do," explains Clay Crosson, President. "Our Hilltop Manor staff is dedicated to helping our seniors and their families live happier

lives by providing the essential care they need to maintain their independence. This day was set aside to honor and recognize Hilltop Manor's award-winning staff support for our residents and their families."

Only twenty Independent Living, Assisted Living, or Skilled Nursing organizations earned this

remarkable distinction. Winners were selected according to the results from NRC Health's 2018

Resident and Family Experience Survey. To qualify, organizations must have a high percentage of respondents willing to recommend their locations to friends and family. This measure is known as the Net Promoter Score (NPS), and it strongly correlates with both customer satisfaction and enduring loyalty.

About Americare

Established in 1981, Missouri-

based Americare is a privately held senior living provider serving over 3,500 seniors in assisted living, memory care assisted living, independent living and skilled nursing and rehabilitation communities. For more information, visit www.americareusa.net.

submitted by Beth Towns
photos courtesy of The Courier



Norma Golden, housekeeping/laundry supervisor, is recognized for her years of service at Hilltop Manor. Norma has served the residents since August of 1978; Hilltop Manor opened in 1978 (more photos on page 8)



Celebration Cake
(from Dillons' in Pratt)

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturday, October 26, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturday, October 26, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday, October 27, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sunday, October 27 2019
8:30 a.m.
Fr. Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

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

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

**Trinity
Medicine Lodge**
Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.
(3rd Sunday of each
month breakfast fellow-
ship at: 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist
Women meet the 1st
Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Catholic Masses:

Changes of Weekend Schedule starting November
2nd and 3rd:

Saturdays: 4:00pm - St. Peter,
5:30 pm - Sacred Heart

Sundays: 8:30 am - St. John,
10:00 am - St. Leo

November 1st, Friday, All Saints Day schedule:
Thursday (October 31st, anticipated mass for All
Saints Day) - 6:00pm-St. Leo

Friday, November 1st (All Saints Day) - 8:00am -
St. Peter, Willowdale,

12 Noon- St. John, Zenda, 6:00pm-Sacred Heart,
Cunningham

Saturday, November 2nd (All Souls Day & First
Saturday)-8am- St. Leo

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(Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774)

West Kingman County Education Foundation

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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Community Bulletin Board

Friday, October 25th
5:00 p.m. HS FB at
home vs. Natoma

Friday, October 25th
2:00 p.m.
KU College Visit

Saturday, October 26th
HS Cross-Country
Regionals

Saturday, October 26th
8:00 a.m.
Robotics Game Day

Saturday, October 26th
HS VB Sub-State
Tournament

Monday, October 28th
4:00 p.m. Scholars'
Bowl Macksville

Monday, October 28th
6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 29th
7:00 p.m.
6 - 12 Concert

Thursday, October 31st
HALLOWEEN

Friday, November 1st
NO SCHOOL
In-Service

Friday, November 1st
8:30 a.m. HS VB
Class 1A State
Tournament at
Dodge City

Saturday,
November 2nd
10:00 a.m. HS VB
Class 1A State
Tournament continues



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**Oct.
24-25th**

The HS and JH Cheerleaders raised money last year to help a local person in our community who was battling cancer. Thanks to the students and community, it was a huge success! We want to do it again this year. We love the idea that 100% of the money goes to someone in our community! The money helps with Dr. bills, missed work, gasoline expenses, etc. Here's how you can help:
Last Home Football Game- Friday, Oct. 25:

Come support the Wildcats while drinking a cup of hot chocolate for \$1, the cheerleaders will have it set up by the student section.

Shining Light for the Fight!-

The cheerleaders are also selling the paper bag luminaries for \$5. If you know of someone who has/had cancer and want to show a great way to honor them, this is it. The cheerleaders will sell the bags at the football game. They will write your loved one's name on the bag or a word that represents them such as "strength" "hope" "love" etc. We will line the bags up along the field that night.

St. John Lutheran Church to Hold Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

It's that time of year again for a Chicken Noodle Dinner at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, KS! It is sponsored by the Dorcas Society. It will be on October 27, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Free will donation.

Got Drugs?

Drop off your unused medications for safe disposal.

National Drug Take-Back Day

**Saturday, October 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Visit **www.ag.ks.gov**
to find a location near you.



**Kansas Attorney General
Derek Schmidt**

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The next **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** will be October 26, 2019. National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

The April 2019 Take Back Day brought in **937,443 pounds (468.72 tons)** of unused or expired prescription medication.

This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to **11,816,393 pounds**.

The drop-off location for Kingman County will be at the Kingman Law Enforcement Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

For more information, visit the DEATakeBack.com website.

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Kingman Co. Humane Society
Receives Grant

The Kingman County Humane Society announced it has been awarded a \$500 grant from the South Central Community Foundation to replace flooring the animal housing and adoption areas to control disease and maintain a safe environment for animals and potential adopters.

The SCCF investment will be used to purchase new flooring materials that can be effectively disinfected with standard cleaning protocols.

“Maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our animals, volunteers and visitors is critical to our mission of providing for homeless and unwanted animals in Kingman and the surrounding area” said CJ Jergenson, President of the Kingman County Humane Society. “We’re grateful to the South Central Community Foundation for recognizing the benefit that an animal organization can provide to a community and its citizens.

The Kingman County Humane Society is a volunteer based nonprofit organization committed to providing food, shelter and medical care to any companion animal in Kingman County and the surrounding area. Started in 2001, the Kingman County Humane Society has more than doubled its volunteer base since 2014, increased public donations, and grown the number of pets saved from 25 in 2013 to over 125 in the last year.

For more information about the Kingman County Humane Society, visit www.kingmancountyhumane-society.org or join the conversation on Facebook. For more information on the South Central Community Foundation, visit www.sccfks.org

About the Kingman County Humane Society

We believe all pets deserve a loving home, free from fear, pain and discomfort and the freedom to live a happy, healthy life. For more information about the Kingman County Humane Society, visit www.kingmancountyhumanesociety.org.

About the South Central Community Foundation

The South Central Community Foundation can best be described by the words of Margaret Mead, “Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has”. The South Central Community Foundation was incorporated September 26, 1994 as a not for profit corporation for charitable purposes and began to work toward the mission of “Assuring a Bright Future for South Central Kansas.”

They benefit charities in central Kansas counties including: Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice and Stafford.



What About
History?
October 2019

I was hoping to get to Ark City to see the Etzanoa site in September, but another rainstorm kept that from happening, so we’ll try again in the spring.

I did take part in a fun mini dig in Scott County State Park. I had attended the Summer dig at Scott State Park ten years ago. A pueblo was found in 1889 at this site. Kansas didn’t have a Historical Society at that time, so a group of geologists from KU was called to explore the findings. These explorers found a 6- room foundation of a pueblo. They marked this site and rocks from the area were added to make the dwelling more viewable. The Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution made it a Historical Site and put up a monument.

The story of this site is that it is believed to be the farthest north and east ever found of a Pueblo dwelling people. This site is called El Quartejejo. In 1604 the Picuris Tribe from what is now New Mexico escaped to the Latter River area. The reason that they left the southern area was that they were being persecuted by the Spaniard Christians who moved into their home area. The Spaniards were torturing and killing them if they refused to convert to Christianity.

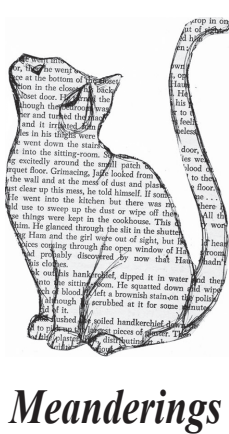
A large part of the 2010 dig was doing what is called survey. We would walk across an area of interest to find artifacts on the surface. We would be in a straight line about 3 feet between us searching the ground for items of interest. One of the best areas to explore is gopher mounds.

I found a really cool scraper the size of a silver dollar on the top of one mound. The native stone that this scraper was made from was Smokey Hills Jasper. This stone is native to the area and is found in many other areas in the State because of trade between tribes. The Jasper comes in multiple colors, a solid red is one, the brown is the most common and they call the third white, but it is more a tannish.

For those who might be interested in finding artifacts in the Cunningham area, gopher mounds are a good place to start. Yes, artifacts have been found here in town. They aren’t common, but some have been found. I’ve found a Florence (from the Flint Hills) point on the south side of town and a fossilized finger bone on the east side of town.

Speaking of human bones, you don’t want to find any! We found a burial when on the Scott Park dig 10 years ago. It was in a cave on the steep bank that borders the valley. Any human remains will shut a dig down. The local law enforcement had to come and check out the grave site. By the second week they had cleared the site as being an ancient burial and we left it alone. On one of the evening entertainment sessions during the dig we traveled to Logan County to the north of Scott County. This area is referred to as the chalk beds and is where great Permian fossils have been found. This is also close to the new state park that was just opened (Little Jerusalem).

Till next month. Alan Albers



Meanderings

ah, folks. I am not very motivated to write this week. I thought I had an idea, but it is rather depressing, and I think I'll hold off for another week. I'll still probably write about it, but I need to do a bit more research before I start in on it again. Maybe by next week, I'll have read something more uplifting and be able to write about that as well.

Because of my lack of motivation, I am once again digging into the archives: September 14, 2017:

I recently saw a t-shirt with the words “A Day without reading is like a day without.....just kidding, I have no idea” written across it. I want that shirt. It is me. I read. Every. Single. Day.

My favorite reads would be those that fall in the coming-of-age genre. Coming of age can be defined as “a focus on the growth of a protagonist from youth to adulthood.” There is something refreshing and poignant, and often hilarious about the innocence and confusion of young people who are trying to figure out the adult world and how they fit into it. I don’t know that young people reading these stories can truly appreciate the art of growing up. As adults, we can bring our own life experiences into our reading, and we glean so much more from it than a young person. The books I am listing today would be excellent for adult reading.

Before I begin on the books, though, I’m going to plug one of my all-time favorite movies-- “Stand by Me.” A coming-of-age movie directed by Rob Reiner and based on the novella “The Body” by Stephen King. Not your usual King fare, but a story of friendship and adventure in small town America in 1959; and full of great quotes.

There are many coming-of-age stories I truly love. Everyone knows or is somewhat familiar with: To Kill a Mockingbird, The Outsiders, Great Expectations, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Anne of Green Gables, Little Women, and The Diary of Anne Frank.

Mildred Taylor’s “Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry” is a book I’ve read many times. The setting is Depression-era Mississippi. The main character is ten-year-old Cassie Logan, the lone daughter of the only land-owning African-American family in the area. The Logans are proud and strong and independent. They battle the social injustices of their time with dignity and respect. There are eight books Ms. Taylor has written about this family and they are all incredible stories.

“The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian” is Sherman Alexie’s novel based on his own story growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Frequently censored, the book still garnered a host of awards.

No author has the lyrical prose of Maya Angelou. “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” is the first in her autobiographical series. She learned to love reading and literature and words after a harrowing incident in her life that left her without speech. A classic to be read and savored.

Another favorite coming-of-age story is by science-fiction writer Ray Bradbury. “Dandelion Wine” tells the story of one summer in the life of 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding. The opening chapter vividly recalls the excitement and expectation of the long summer days ahead after the last school bell rings for the year. That chapter hooked me. I absolutely love it.

“The Book Thief” by Australian writer Markus Zusak is yet another interesting and novel read. The thief of the title is a young girl witnessing the horrors of the Nazi regime. She begins the stealing books the Nazi’s are collecting to burn. Learning to love the written word, Liesel begins writing her own stories. The novel is narrated by Death, an unusual and what could be perceived as a morbid narrator, but one who is “haunted by humans” and does, indeed, “have a heart.” I had to read this in small parts because there was much to absorb and think about. Death is a riveting storyteller.

“Red Sky at Morning” by Richard Bradford is a story set in a small New Mexico town during the second World War. Josh Arnold and his mother have been relocated there by his father who believes it is safer there than in New Orleans. A book I highly recommend to anyone.

Gary Paulsen’s books are about young boys (and occasionally girls) who must learn to deal with the world in ways they can only guess at. “Harris and Me” while the language is rough, is absolutely laugh out-loud funny and a page turning delight. Another riotously funny book is his memoir “How Angel Peterson Got His Name”. On the dedication page, he sums up coming-of-age perfectly: “This book is dedicated to all boys in their thirteenth year: the miracle is that we live through it.”

Always Reading, and currently reading, "Flipped" by Wendelin Van Draanen

Roberta

“The beginning of wisdom, as they say. When you're seventeen you know everything. When you're twenty-seven if you still know everything you're still seventeen.”

— Ray Bradbury, Dandelion Wine



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CJH Volleyball

Cunningham Junior High Volleyball ended their season on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in the pool play division of the HOPL tournament. The young Cat team began their season on a high note with one loss in the first seven outings.

CJH beat Central Christian (26-24; 25-3); Skyline (25-11; 25-17); Stafford (25-11; 25-20); Fairfield (25-21; 25-14); Burrton (25-23; 25-21) and Skyline (25-19; 26-24) and loss to Attica (25-22; 25-27; 9-15).

After the midpoint in the season, the Wildcats seemed to lose focus and desire which in turn meant they did not play aggressively or play with hustle. During a Monday home match with Attica and Argonia the slide began. The Cats played one set in each of the matches fairly well but would ultimately lose both matches. Attica defeated Cunningham 25-12; 25-18. Argonia toppled the Cats 25-21; 25-17. Next on the schedule was Norwich and they proved to be a very tough team. We also made them look really tough because we had our feet stuck in the mud and could just not get anything going consistently. We dropped the match 25-11; 25-8. The following week, it was a repeat. During the first set with Pretty Prairie, we were not hustling and this leads to many other things not happening and we lost 11-25. Set two however, was much better and we lost a very close game 24-26. But, at least we played well during that set.

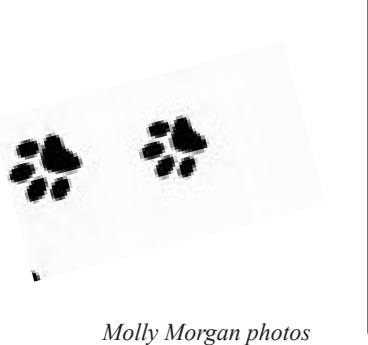
This leads us to the

HOPL tournament that was held at Burrton. We played four matches that day which is quite a change from our usual one match nights. Central Christian was the first opponent and we beat them 25-17; 25-15 even though we were still moving slowly. Up next was Burrton. Again, we started off slowly and lost 10-25 but made a nice run during set two and almost beat the Chargers. The third set ended 20-25. Stafford was our third match in a row. We played better at moments, but just like the rest of the day, we could not maintain any consistency and lost 19-25; 20-25. The final match for the day and for the season would be against Attica. Even though we would lose the match, the team of old showed up!!!! 17-25 was the final score for set one. Set two was close at 22-25, but the best part of that score is that we made a great comeback. Taylor Schultz closed the 10-17 gap with six great swings. Attica added four more and as the ball was back in the hands of Katie Hennessee at 17-22, she popped five in a row and we had a 22-23 game! The Cats were unable to capture those final necessary points, but we had ended on a great note and had a bit of redemption for ourselves.

These thirteen young ladies made great improvements during the season and I’m sure during the last few games, they learned some lessons as well. One of these lessons was to never give up. Although it took us a bit to get back to that spot, we did it!



Back row: Coach Nadine Hope, Taylor Schultz, Ada Adams, Ellie McGuire, Maranda Lohrke, Brianna Dittmer, Julia Hageman,
Front Row: Ava Bock, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Joanna Hansen, Kyra Morgan, Emma Harden, Emily Ogg



Molly Morgan photos



Left: Kyra Morgan sets the ball.
Right: Maranda Lohrke returns a volley.
Below: Ellie McGuire hits over the net.



courtesy USD 332

Dagim Reed Wins State Recognition

Congratulations to Dagim Reed for winning the 6-8 grade school bus safety poster contest. He received his award from Governor Kelly on October 11th. His artwork will now be sent on to the national level.



It Is School Bus Safety Week

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School Bus Trivia

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he famous yellow school buses used in North America first appeared in 1939. This may explain the delay in the US entering the Second World War. They were busy picking bus colors. The color is now officially known as National School Bus Glossy Yellow. So, all that hard work didn’t go to waste.

It wasn’t until the 1930’s when truck designs were being customized into the more modern school bus chassis.

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Third Graders Visit Wildlife and Parks Museum



The 3rd grade class enjoyed a trip to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Museum in Pratt on Friday, October 11th. They learned about snakes that are native to Kansas, and their ecosystems. Students were then given a scavenger hunt to complete, which allowed them to explore all rooms in the museum and learn many interesting facts about Kansas creatures!



Students were greeted by Diedre Kramer and Eggo, a western rat snake, who was caught stealing eggs from the neighbor’s chickens.

Photos and captions by Cindy Panek

All Out All Game All Seaoon Part 10

by Coach Nadine Hope

The last home game for the 2019 Volleyball season on October 15, 2019 was a very memorable night, especially for our seniors! Not only were we hosting Stafford and Pretty Prairie, but it was also our time to recognize our seniors.

To begin the special evening, Holly DeWeese and Hunter McGuire did a beautiful job of singing the National Anthem. These two ladies along with Macy Huhman, and Bekka McDonald were then presented with nice gifts and flowers. These young ladies will certainly be missed next year and we are very thankful for all their contributions to this team. Thank you ladies!

Now for the volleyball action! First on the court for the competition was the Trojans from Stafford. As per our season motto, CHS came out pounding and working hard and made short work of the Trojans with a 25-8 trouncing. So what happened in set two? Why did we allow Stafford to

score 15 points to our 25? Possibly it could have been a lack of focus (all out?!) which in turn created slow motion movements and decisions. But we knew that and were ready to focus on the next match.

Lady Cats were excited to avenge their early season loss to the Bulldogs during this final regular season match. However, the slow movement action from the previous match carried over and we found ourselves in a very tight set. So tight, in fact, that we waited too long to get moving and the set fell to the Bulldogs 23-25. Finally in set two we found our mojo and made a statement with a 25-9 thrashing. Maddison McGuire served the final eight points. Holly DeWeese had a sweet six point stretch.

Many decisions were dependent upon the outcome of the third and final set and the Cats knew they had to continue their ALL OUT play. Cunningham came out hard and pounded and pounded and made spectacular plays, some off of the ceiling, some made by

diving, and others made only by determination! When the team is in the zone, great things happen. Hunter McGuire started the team off with three nice serves. On her second service rotation, Hunter served the final eight points! During these final serves, there was a lot of action! The Lady Cats left the court with the 25-14 victory.

Not only did the Lady Cats win their final two matches, on their home court, on Senior night, in front of their families and this very supportive community, but they also won the Season League Championship! As we dug through some history of the HOPL league, we found that the last time CHS won the tournament was in 2004; the last time Cunningham won Season Champs was in 2014; and the last time to win both in the same year was never, until now!!!!!!

The 2019 team also earned the number one seed in the Regional Volleyball tournament by capturing these two victories which put us ahead of Attica by one less loss! Congratulations Lady Cats!!!



photos by Tina Meyers



above: Abby Hansen
above right: Morgan Meyers and Maddi Panek



Above: Mackenzie Wright
Left: Holly DeWeese
Far left: Hunter McGuire and Madie McGuire



Hannah Ellis

Wildcat Robotics to Attend B.E.S.T Tournament

This Saturday the Wildcat Robotics team will be competing in the B.E.S.T. (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) Robotics Tournament at WSU's Koch Arena in Wichita. The team would like to invite everyone to come cheer them on Saturday. The environment at the tournament is very intense and energetic, and having fans in the stadium will help the Wildcats score points in one of their competitions.

Cunningham will be competing against approximately 30 schools from around Kansas. Most of the schools in the tournament are from the Wichita area, with a handful of schools traveling farther distances. Many of the



teams the Wildcats will be competing against are much larger schools. The Wildcats are one of the only 1A schools in the competition.

The robot tournament starts at 8:00 am. The morning will have

several seeding rounds where teams compete four at a time. The top eight teams qualify to compete in the finals round. Finals rounds should start around 2:00 pm.

In addition to the ro-

bot tournament, Wildcat Robotics will be competing in the "BEST Award" this year. The BEST Award focuses on documenting the engineering process used to design the team's robot. The team will be judged on their engineering notebook, marketing presentation, team display, and on their spirit and sportsmanship. The Wildcats have already submitted their engineering notebook and will be giving their marketing presentation Thursday morning.

Placing in the top two of either the robot tournament or the BEST Award will qualify the Wildcats to compete at the regional level. This year's regional tournament will be held in Denver, Colorado.

story and photo by Sebastian Huelskamp

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Huelskamp wins All League Honors



Henry Huelskamp competed in the league cross country meet at Burrtown on Thursday, Oct. 17th. Henry ran his best race of the year by running a 20:14 in the 5K race placing him 9th. His top ten finish earned him a medal and All League honors. Henry worked hard every day and showed perseverance all season long and I couldn't be more proud of him. Congratulations Henry!

Ingrid Ricke photo/article



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Celebrations of Life

Marcellus Schwartz

Memorial Mass for Marcellus B. Schwartz, 90, Olathe, KS, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Leo Catholic Church in St. Leo, KS. The Rosary will be said at 10:30 a.m. prior to the Mass. Inurnment will be held at St. Leo Cemetery in St. Leo, Kansas.

Marcellus was born January 8, 1929 in Cunningham, KS, the son of Charles and Annie (Fischer) Schwartz. He was raised on the family farm near St. Leo, Kansas.

He graduated from K-State University, with a degree in Physical Education (PE), where he was also a member of the ROTC.

He married Patricia Patterson on September 1, 1951. She passed away on August 5, 2005.

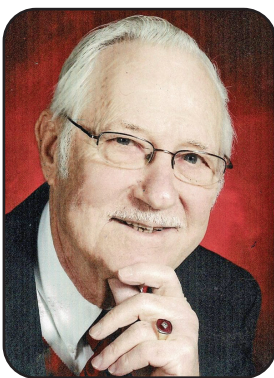
After graduation he served in the United States Airforce, where he was stationed at Sandia Airbase in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After his service was over, he returned to K-State and received his Master's in PE. Once he completed his schooling he coached high school sports in Osborne Kansas, for 1 year.

He and his family moved to Garden City where he worked for Farm Bureau Insurance as a claims adjuster. In 1961 he and family moved to Wichita, where he worked for the same company at the same job. In 1972 he and family moved to Great Bend, Kansas where he became the regional claims manager for Farm Bureau. Upon his retirement, he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he remained until his move to Villa St Francis, Olathe, Kansas. He passed away on September 30, 2019, at the nursing home, Villa St. Francis, surrounded by family.

He was much beloved by his family and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his son, Charles Schwartz and fiancé, Cheryl Strecker, Lawrence; three daughters, Theresa Marcel Schwartz, husband, Warren Lampe of Lawrence, Lois Joan Ray, husband, Brad Ray, Olathe, KS, Paula Kathryn Blair and partner, Mark Seymour, Garfield, Victoria, Australia; his sister, Dixie Hageman, Fowler, KS, sister-in-law, Loretta Schwartz, Kingman, KS; five grandchildren, Trey Nuckolls, Regina Wells, Erick Gowen, Luke Ray and Mary Clare Schwartz and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Schwartz, his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Schwartz, his granddaughter, Heather Gowen, three brothers, Delbert, Carlos, Robert and his second wife, Theresa (Jones) Schwartz.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Foundation or may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.M



Hilltop Manor Celebrates National Award



clockwise from upper left: Beth Towns, administrator, acknowledges those who have served one year; employees enjoyed a fajita bar provided by El Dos De Oros Mexican Restaurant in Pratt; Missy Sheets, housekeeping picks up her gift of a bag and T-shirt (T-shirt from Factory 233 in Kingman; employees enjoy their meal; Beth Towns hands out service pins to staff who have served 3 years.



Mark Thimesch Wins First Place



Local artist, Mark Thimesch, placed 1st in the amateur mixed media division at Russell's Original Art Review (R.O.A.R) Juried Art Show with his piece "The Gallant" (shown above).

The 51st exhibition was held from October 11th through the 13th in Russell, Kansas. Three hundred eleven entries were submitted by 110 artists from 26 cities.

The second piece exhibited at the show is shown below and titled "Nature's Beauty".

About his award, the artist said, "Sometimes even a blind squirrel finds a nut. Today....I am that blind squirrel."

Harold Riner

Harold Gene Riner, age 84, beloved son, husband, father, grandad, uncle, mentor, artist, coach, defender, homemaker, musician, color commentator, poet, shootist, counselor and "Doc", passed away on Oct. 9, 2019 at Hilltop Manor, Cunningham, KS. He was born on May 19, 1935 at Sterling, KS, the son of Harold H. and Ruby M. (Savage) Riner.

He was a retired measurement supervisor and truck driver working with Skelly, Getty, Texaco, Jayhawk Pipeline and Wynne Transport companies. On Apr. 8, 1959 he married Sharon Faye (Hitz) at Hudson, KS., she survives of the home. He has resided in the communities of Sterling, Great Bend, Stafford, Lyons, Madison, El Dorado, Hudson, Towanda and Pratt. Harold was a US Army Veteran Paratrooper in the Korean Conflict, 1954-56 408th airborne regimental combat team, 1956-57 101st airborne division of the 320th airborne field artillery division. He was a lifetime member of the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Association and member of the NRA.

Other survivors include a son, Matthew Wade Riner (Katrina), Pratt, KS; a daughter, Paula Jean Hephner (Kevin), Towanda, KS; 15 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son Cullen Gene Riner; a brother, William "Bud" Riner and a sister, Margaret "Maggie" Swalley.

A memorial graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 at Trinity Cemetery, Hudson, KS. Reception immediately following at the Hudson Community Center.

Memorials may be given to the National Rifle Association or the donor's choice, in care of Minnis Chapel, P.O. Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

USDA Reminds Producers of 2020 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that December 15, 2019, is the deadline to file an acreage report for fall seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by December 15, 2019. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

Timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility for all farm programs."

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applica-

ble final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the December 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their fall-seeded crops.

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