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“The Only Newspaper in the World that Cares about Cunningham, Kansas”

Lauren Murphy and Vitor Abreu Chosen as 2018 Homecoming King and Queen



Cunningham High School Homecoming Royalty: left to right: Brayden Schnittker, Isabelle Wegerer, Jace Oldham, Queen Lauren Murphy, King Vitor Abreu, Vaughn Preisser, Lillian Reed, and Zach Osner.

photo courtesy of Angie Murphy

Free Services at Your Public Library

By Kerri Steffen

Winter time is the perfect time to check out some of the free services offered at your public library. Whether you're in the mood to curl up with a great book or to get yourself and your toddlers out of the house for quality children's programming, Cunningham Public Library can help.

Your public library offers a large collection to help meet your reading goals including new titles in adult fiction, large print, young adult, junior fiction and children's picture books, non-fiction, movies, audio books, periodicals (kids and adults), and a large collection from the South Central Kansas Regional Library System's rotating collection.



Cindy Houtwed photo

In addition, as a patron of Cunningham Public Library you can have access to books, movies, music and more from over 600 public libraries through Interlibrary Loan and the Kansas Library Catalog (KLC), a service of The Kansas State Library. To search the KLC website, visit <https://ksuc-agent.auto-graphics.com/MVC/>. Bring your request to the library or email the librarian at cunninghamlibrary@yahoo.com. In most circum-

stances your item will arrive at the library within 4-7 business days. This service is free to anyone with a CPL library card. When you've finished with the item, simply return it to the library. We'll ship it back to the lending library.

Toddler Time at CPL

Beat the seasonal blues this winter by getting out the house with your toddlers and engaging in the early literacy programs offered by the library. Toddler Time is a program for children aged birth to two years and was developed by library volunteer and board member Jennette Rogers specifically for the two and under set. It is designed to spark curiosity, encourage exploration and to help your child build learning and social skills through the fun use of puppetry, stories, finger plays, music and physical movement.

According to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "The time between birth and kindergarten is very important for intellectual, language, physical, social, and emotional development of children. The early years—for most children before age eight—provide the foundation for academic and social success."

Toddler Time is offered the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the library beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Story Time at CPL

Story Time is offered for preschoolers the second Tuesday of each month. Cunningham Bridges to Learning Pre-K teacher Mrs. Houtwed and her helpers walk with their students to the library at

9:30 a.m. (3 year olds) and at 1:30 p.m. (4 year olds) to engage in fun activities that are paired with books that highlight the shapes, numbers and colors the preschoolers are studying in school during that week. Last month the students heard the story of "Harold and the Purple Crayon" by Crockett Johnson. The students participated in a movement activity and made a self-portrait. Using shapes and line art, they depicted an imaginary purple adventure of their own, and practiced their tracing skills by helping Harold escape from a maze.

If you have a toddler at home (aged 3 & up) that is not enrolled in preschool, and would like to participate in Story Time, we encourage you to join us. You may double-check the Story Time schedule by calling the library at 620-298-3163 during regular library hours, or email the library at cunninghamlibrary@yahoo.com.

Please note: This month Story time will be held on February 19th due to a scheduling conflict. The kids will be exploring the color red, the letter F, the star shape and numbers 11 and 2.



Cindy Houtwed photo

For free early learning resources check out Get Ready to Read! at <http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics>.



Kerri Steffen photo

Cheney Lake Watershed Winter Workshop

Dale Strickler will be the featured speaker at a Winter Workshop offered by the Cheney Lake Watershed on Thursday, February 14th. Soup and pie will be served at noon with Strickler speaking at approximately 12:30. The workshop will be at the Lumber Yard, 100 E. Main, in Pretty Prairie.

Dale Strickler is a leader in the soil health movement and an agronomist

for Green Cover Seed, the nation's leading cover crop-specific seed company. Strickler holds degrees in agronomy from Kansas State University, taught for 15 years at Cloud County Community College, and currently works as an agronomist, but admits that some of his most valuable education comes from his farming experience.

Strickler grew up on a farm in southeast Kansas where frequent spring rains delayed planting and shallow soils invited drought conditions

in late summer. Midway through his career as a teacher and an agronomist in north central Kansas, he began to farm again with rented land near Courtland, Kansas. His story includes rejuvenation of the soil with the use of livestock, cover crops, no-till, and perennial grasses. He estimates that he has been able to increase the water holding capacity of his soil from 3 inches of available moisture to more than 12 inches.

Strickler is the author of Managing Pasture and The Drought-Resilient

Farm. The latter book will be available for purchase at the workshop. It is written in an easy-to-read style with a wealth of photos and illustrations providing the reader with a good understanding of the principles of soil health as well as practical tips and information on building soil health and managed grazing.

Sponsors for the day include the Cheney Lake Watershed and Green Cover Seeds. For more information call or text Howard Miller at 620-727-6546.

View from the Capitol

by Senator Ed Berger
Kansas 34th District

It is always important to solicit feedback from constituents so that they have an opportunity to weigh in on some of the issues that the Kansas Legislature will be working on this session. As a result, I sent out a survey in December so that I could have most of the results by the time the Legislative Session began. I wanted to keep the survey very simple and give room for the respondent to comment or vent in order to get a real sense of their concerns. To this point I have received nearly 600 returns and have read every response and appreciate the feedback.

The survey respondents were very favorable about providing salary increases to correctional officers. Many recognized not only the importance of their jobs, but also the risks that are part of that profes-

sion. However, funding concerns also were shared.

Medicaid expansion is another topic that will be receiving considerable attention in this legislative session and continues to be a topic for debate and concern. In the survey results, there was strong support for expansion; however, funding Medicaid and the risk of federal cutbacks was a consistent concern referenced by respondents.

Of course, highways in Kansas are always a point of discussion. The Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force has developed a Transportation Plan to address some of the broader issues of transportation in Kansas. My survey question was how to pay for the plan. Most respondents indicated that they would be supportive of a gas tax and, to a lesser extent, bonding to fund the plan. The rationale most people used for the gas tax was that it was a user tax considered to be a more equitable form of taxation.

In addition, I asked a question about a constitu-

tional amendment defining suitable in the constitution. I was careful not to exclude the courts from their role but only to define "suitable." It seemed to me that when there is ambiguity, such as with the term "suitable," there is fertile ground for a lawsuit. A majority of respondents opposed a constitutional amendment, but some expressed considerable concern about Unified School Districts using money for administrative salaries and positions as well as athletics instead of teacher salaries.

In the area of taxation, the survey question asked if constituents supported selective reductions in sales tax or decoupling from the federal tax code. Most respondents were more supportive of sales tax reductions. Some expressed uncertainty about the impact of decoupling and what it meant to them as individual taxpayers.

I continually receive requests for legalization of medicinal marijuana. Most respondents to the survey

were supportive of legalizing medicinal marijuana but were very adamant that physicians must regulate it as a controlled substance. Then, on the far ends of the spectrum, a number of respondents supported complete legalization of marijuana with many others being adamantly opposed, citing the experiences of other states.

Finally. There was strong support for expanding broadband access across Kansas but most were not supportive of the state funding the expansion. Many felt that the expansion should be a private enterprise endeavor.

Please contact me anytime via email, Ed.Berger@senate.ks.gov

A survey of this nature is not intended to be scientific, but rather a snapshot of opinion at a particular point in time. It does, however, offer constituents the opportunity to express their preferences and concerns. I always want to be open to concerns of the residents of the 34th Senatorial District.



Meanderings

Folks, I'm taking a week off from my column. I have ideas percolating in my head, but they seem to be frozen, much like the weather we are experiencing.

I think about ideas be-

fore I fall asleep at night, I write part of a column in my head, and I doze off to the sound of purring kitties and snoring dogs, and when I wake up, I can't remember what it was I "wrote" in my head....

I promise to return to my meandering roots next week.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Justice Returns" (Ben Kincaid #19)

by William Bernhardt Roberta

Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural: Laura Martin, Sew Loved Quilt Shop

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

Laura was six years old. There was a big present for her under the Christmas tree. She excitedly opened the package and was delighted to find it was a sewing machine from her grandmother. Her interest in sewing grew, and decades later it became a sort of magic carpet which would bring her and her husband back to Kansas.

Laura and Ronn Martin live at Elkhart. They went off to the big city for their careers but came back to Kansas.

Ronn grew up at Elkhart. Laura grew up on a farm near McCracken, a rural community of 190 people. Now, that's rural.

The two met at Tabor College in Hillsboro. Ronn earned degrees in computer science, and Laura earned degrees in psychology and counseling. They followed his career to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas where he worked in information technology. They also raised a daughter and son.

When Laura was a little girl, her mother had been a seamstress on the farm. "One of my earliest recollections was sitting on my mom's lap while she sewed," Laura said. One Christmas, Laura received the aforementioned sewing machine from her grandmother. With help from her other grandma, she even did a 4-H sewing project. Laura loved sewing, but when her mother encouraged her to try quilting, Laura had no interest at the time.

Years later when family came for a visit in Texas, Laura's mother-in-law went to a local quilt shop. Laura observed the results. "I saw the entire process, from when she took the fabric out of the bag, handed the receipt to her husband, studied the pattern, and carefully cut out the pieces," Laura said. Then Laura watched a beautiful quilt come to life.

"I thought to myself, 'I could do that,'" Laura said – "especially the part about handing the receipt to my husband...." She tried quilting and was hooked. She even worked part-time at a quilt shop in Texas.

When their children graduated, Laura and Ronn decided to make a change and move back closer to family. Ronn's computer job enabled him to work from anywhere, as long as he had high-quality internet access which they found in Elkhart. It also meant that Laura could have her own quilt shop.

Laura and Ronn bought and remodeled a historic building in downtown Elkhart. In June 2018, Laura opened her new store. She called it Sew Loved Quilt Shop. In addition to the obvious reference to sewing, she cites as inspiration the Bible verse which says God so loved the world.

"There are a hundred women that quilt in our area," Laura said. "Some of them can make quilts as beautiful as anything you will see at the international quilt show in Houston," she said.

Quilters can purchase fabric, notions and other supplies at Laura's quilt shop. Laura offers classes for all levels of experience.

"We offer kids' sew day on days when there is no school," Laura said. "Kids can spend a couple of hours and leave with a finished product."

That was so popular that it led to a moms' sewing time, which is scheduled later in the evening after supper. Laura also has a longarm device, which is like a giant, automated sewing machine that can quilt great big pieces of fabric.

"People come to the shop by the carloads," Laura said. "We serve five states."

What about the transition from the big city to small-town Kansas? "The people are so wonderful and down-to-earth," Laura said. "We had forgotten what pretty sunsets looked like," Ronn said.

For more information, go to the Sew Loved website.

It's time to leave this quilt shop in Elkhart. We commend Ronn and Laura Martin for making a difference by returning to their Kansas roots. As we go, we observe one final treasure on display: It's the original sewing machine which Laura received as a present when she was six years old. It's a reminder that she was so loved.

And there's more. Remember how Ronn's job required high-quality internet access? We'll learn about that next week.

Storm Fury on the Plains - Storm Identification 2019 training schedule

Meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Wichita have partnered with your local Emergency Management office and will be presenting information that will help pre-

pare storm spotters and weather enthusiasts for the upcoming storm season. Our staff will provide an in depth weather presentation that will engage the audience by teaching them about the different types of storms, the individual storm features that help a person to recognize a storms potential severity, how to report hazardous weather, and severe weather safety.

The presentations are

hosted by local county Emergency Management agencies and typically last up to two hours. They are open to anyone that has an interest in weather. There are no fees to attend, you do not have to register, and you do not have to sign up to be a spotter. So, if you are interested in learning more about severe thunderstorms and their hazards, please take the time to come out and join us for a very

interesting and enjoyable evening.

For more information please contact your local county Emergency Manager or NWS. Wichita@noaa.gov.

Tues. 2/19/19 6:30 p.m. Kingman Expo Center - 121 S. Main

Wed. 2/20/19 6:30 p.m. Hutchinson Hutch Fire Training Center - 3201 E. 4th

Education Front Lines

By John Richard Schrock

Worst President in American History

"You should probably know that one of your ancestors was an American President," my Mom told me one day. I was in fifth grade, so probably about 11 years old. And I had never heard my relatives talk about an ancestor who was President.

"Which one?" I asked.

"James K. Polk," she answered, and went on with her housework with no further words.

I could hardly wait to get to school. I was a kid who did my homework. So I always had extra time while the teacher worked with other students. A nod from the teacher and I headed straight back to the reference books. I was already working my way through the encyclopedia page-by-page, reading those things that were most interesting (and most were). But I had not yet arrived at the "P's".

And there it was: James K. Polk.

My first question was what his middle initial "K" stood for (remember, I am just in fifth grade).

It is "Knox." My Dad worked on road construction—we moved around a lot—and I had just spent the prior semester going to school in Knox, Indiana. Strange to name a place after a person's middle name. "Probably some other Knox" I correctly guessed. But what did this president do? I read on.

Oh, dear!

You do not see prominent statues of President Knox in the Capitol or read much about him today. He was the great invader, the man who put our nation's "Manifest Destiny" into action with vengeance. At that time, the U.S. had no West Coast. Mexico extended up through what is now California. And Britain held all property from there northward to Alaska (at that time Russian).

There were two major parties back then, the Whigs and the Democrats. Polk was an expansionist and the 1844 Democratic platform advocated that the entire region held by Britain, from Oregon north to the southern edge of Alaska, should be claimed for America. That northern limit was at a latitude of 54 degrees 40 minutes North, leading expansionists to shout "Fifty-four forty

or fight!"

At the Democratic Convention, Polk was a "dark horse" candidate, only nominated by the ninth ballot. As our 11th President, Polk settled the dispute with Britain by extending the Canadian boundary along the 49th parallel. Britain wanted to avoid war. The treaty was signed in 1846.

Then he started "Polk's War." Most Americans, including Congress, were not in favor of this war just to seize land. Polk was a skilled liar, a politician and supremely arrogant.

As a little kid, I could read between the lines where the encyclopedia tried to smooth over the atrocities. Today, the book "Invading Mexico" by Joe Wheelan provides even more details.

What is now New Mexico, Arizona and California belonged to Mexico. Mexico had won them in a war with Spain 25 years earlier. But Mexico was no military power, having lost their war with Texas 10 years earlier.

Polk sent a message to the retired General Santa Anna (the general who lost Texas) in Cuba asking him to now help the U.S. against Mexico. Instead, Santa Anna returned to Mexico, be-

prosperous land surveyor, planter and businessman. The younger Polk was often sick as a child, and as a teen he survived a major operation for urinary stones. The surgery was done before the advent of modern antiseptics and anesthe-

sia; Polk was reportedly given some brandy as a sedative. A top student, Polk graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1818 and studied law under a leading Nashville attorney. He was admitted to the bar in 1820 and

came president, and led their unsuccessful defense of Mexico.

The Polk War took a terrible toll on Mexico civilians due to our massive shelling of villages. American troops eventually occupied Mexico City. Polk's War ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo on February 2, 1848. Our North and South now debated how slavery would expand into these new territories and the drumbeat to our Civil War quickened. That is why you will find no national monuments to this Mexican War of 1846-48. Polk was a one-term President and died in 1949.

It takes the long hindsight of history to fully evaluate a Presidency. There are certainly other candidates for "worst President in history." Andrew Jackson, William McKinley, Warren Harding and James Buchanan often make scholars' "worst list" too. That is a lot of embarrassed descendants.

As a little kid, I remember thinking how it might be wise if we let people run for President only if they had no offspring. Then there would be no need for little kids to hide their ancestry.

opened a law practice in Columbia. He entered politics in 1823, when he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

information from history.com

Cunningham Suffers Loss to Chieftains

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

Cunningham travelled to Kiowa to take on the Chieftains of South Barber on January 29, 2019. The Wildcats fell to defeat 29 to 68.

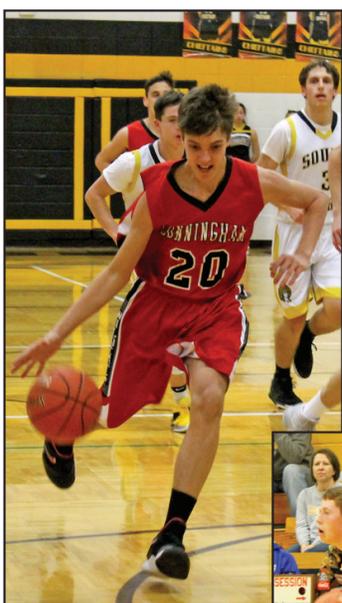
The Chieftains jumped out to a ten-point lead in the first quarter scoring 13 points to three for the Cats. Isaiah Reed was one out of two from the free throw line and Daylen Schnittker added a two-point field goal.

South Barber broke the game open in the second quarter with a 30-point effort. Cunningham managed nine points and went in to the locker room at halftime trailing 12 to 43. Schnittker, Reed and Erik

Paris each scored three points.

Cunningham played better defensively in the third quarter holding the Chieftains to 18 points, but did not have an answer for Cole Coggins who scored 12 points. Cunningham added eight points to their total. Nathan Lohrke made a three-point basket, Schnittker scored three with an old fashion three-point play and Paris added two points.

Cunningham outscored South Barber in the fourth quarter under the running clock rule, nine to seven. Schnittker led the way with five points, Lohrke had three points and Reed made a free throw to round out the scoring. The final score was Cunningham 29, South Barber 68.



Above: Erik Paris brings the ball to the basket;

Right: Isaiah Reed readies a pass.



Above left: Daylen Schnittker controls the ball.

Erik Paris completes a layup

photos by Molly Morgan

Slow Start Dooms Lady Wildcats

by Coach Eric Meyers

Perhaps it was not so much a slow start for us as it was a fast start for South Barber. The Chieftains won the tip and scored on their first 3 possessions while we failed on our first two and the 7-0 early deficit would prove to be the difference. I was proud of our girls for staying the course and forging an 11-11 tie by the end of the first quarter. South Barber would have the advantage in the second quarter and we trailed at halftime by three, 18-21. We returned the favor in the third quarter by outscoring South Barber by three. We actually did manage to take a 2 point lead during the middle part of the 4th quarter, but timely baskets by South Barber inched them ahead and we were forced to rush things offensively late in the game and then foul to get the ball back. In the end, South Barber took control of the league race with a 37-32 win. Overall, we didn't play

well, though there were a couple bright spots. I thought Lauren Murphy shot the ball well, and Maddison Panek was super. We just didn't get much offense from our two leading scorers, Morgan Meyers and Holly DeWeese, and in a game like this, that can't happen. To make matters worse, turnovers hampered us. South Barber doesn't make it easy, but 20 turnovers proved far too many, far too costly.

We actually shot better from the field than South Barber, making good on 13 of 32 for 41 vs. the Chieftains' 3% on 11 of 31. The difference was at the free throw line where we only shot 5 free throws, making 3. Perplexing to me it is that the more aggressive team shot 22 free throws while we shot but 5. Lauren Murphy led us in scoring with 10 and close behind was Maddison Panek with 9. Others scoring were Morgan Meyers (5), Holly DeWeese (4), Mackenzie Wright (2), and Alayna McGuire (2).

Maddison led the team in rebounds with 7, 3 of them offensive. Holly also grabbed a significant

number of rebounds with 5. Morgan, Holly, and Lauren each accounted for two steals in a game in which we had just 7 as a team. Finally, Morgan led us in assists with 4.

January didn't end on a positive note, but the good news is we play again Friday and have a chance to redeem ourselves. It helps to have amnesia as a basketball player so neither painful losses nor gratifying wins linger. Every game is a new game and a new challenge. To a degree, we have become a victim of our success because teams just get up for us. It's our job to deal with it.



Above: Morgan Meyers eyes the basket. Above right: Hunter McGuire brings the ball into home court.



Above: the team waits for the throw in. Right: Lauren Murphy shoots.



photos by Molly Morgan

Wildcats Win First Game of the Season

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

It was February 16, 2016 when the Cunningham Wildcats won their last varsity game 48-36 vs Stafford. That was 60 losses ago. The 2018-19 team took care of that with a 46-38 victory over the Fairfield Falcons on February 2, 2019.

The stage was set for the game with Fairfield coming in with one win and the Wildcats struggling, but improving this season. Cunningham

didn't show any nerves early with Nathan Lohrke making a three-point basket to open up the scoring. Daylen Schnittker made a layup and Erik Paris made a three-point shot to give the Cats an eight to zero lead before Fairfield got on the board. Isaiah Reed and Mikhail Donskoy each scored two points to finish the first quarter with a 12-7 lead.

Cunningham opened up their lead in the second quarter, scoring a game high 17 points. Lohrke and Schnittker each scored six points and Donskoy added five

points. The team when 9 for 12 from the free throw line.

Reed stepped up in the third quarter scoring five of the teams 10 points. Schnittker and Paris added two points and Lohrke made one out of two technical free throws.

It is hard to teach a team how to play in a game where they have the lead going into the fourth quarter when you have never been there before in any of your high school games. We had to learn on the fly with a 39 to 25 lead. The nerves were obvious from the free throw line

as the team went 5 for 13 in the final quarter. Reed scored the only basket for Cunningham. After Fairfield whittled down the score to a five point Cunningham lead, the Cats showed some composure and were able to score seven points to overcome the 13-point output by Fairfield. It was a great Homecoming victory for the Cats as they defeated the

Fairfield Falcons 46 to 38.

Donskoy led the team in rebounds with 12. After averaging about 30 turnovers per

game for the season, Cunningham took better care of the basketball and totaled just 15 for the game.



Lady Cats Roll Over Fairfield

by Coach Eric Meyers

The Fairfield Falcons put up little resistance as the Lady Cats got out of the gate fast and never looked back. Our defense was good, but Fairfield simply lacked enough firepower to keep pace with a Wildcat team that hit a season high 9 three pointers.

Cunningham pitched a shutout in the first quarter to claim a 13-0 lead and would match that output in the second while Fairfield tallied 7 points by halftime. The Lady Cats lost their edge as the second half opened by committing turnovers on its first four possessions, not even getting a shot off. A timeout served as an attention getter and after

that we got back on track to finish the game with just 11 turnovers and post a 49-18 win.

The Lady Cats shot 40% from the field but when considering 9 three pointers, our effective field goal percentage was 49%. Long range accuracy coupled with low turnover numbers were key in generating a 1.03 point per possession performance. We

made just 2 trips to the free throw line for 4 attempts in all, cashing in on two. Eight different players scored, which is enviable by any measure. Mackenzie Wright led the way with 12 points showing sniper-like accuracy by canning 4 of 5 three-point shots. Also in double digits was Lauren Murphy with 11. Rounding out our scoring in a good mix

was Maddison Panek (6), Morgan Meyers (5), Holly DeWeese (4), Hunter McGuire (4), Madie McGuire (4), and Jessamy Stalcup (3).

We out rebounded Fairfield 34-17, holding a 14-5 advantage in offensive rebounding. Leading the way for the Lady Cats was Maddison Panek with 8 rebounds followed by Hunter McGuire with 5

and three others with 4 apiece. Alayna McGuire led the team in steals with 4 while Morgan and Holly each earned 3 steals. Lastly, it was Alayna also pacing us in assists with 4 as Morgan dished out 3.

Skyline on Tuesday followed by 15-1 Central Christian on Friday, both road games, await us in the week ahead.

Eagles Drop the Wildcats

by Coach Lance McGuire

The CJHS boys struggled to get in sync Thursday night, ending the regular season with a loss to Norwich. You know you're in trouble when your statistician notes that the team had as many turnovers in the first half as they had shot attempts. We trailed the entire game, finally showing some life in the 4th quarter when we out-scored Norwich by 6 to close the gap. Too little too late as the Eagles made their free throws to seal the win.

Passive play is not who we are, but no amount of timeouts and raised voices could make the boys play more physical ball that night. Getting beat inside and outside was not fun. We're looking forward to turning it

around this weekend for the first round of what is sure to be an intense league tournament.



Wyland Betzen steals the ball.

photos by Molly Morgan

Some JH Girls' Action from the Norwich Game



Above left: Briana Dittmer looks for an assist from her team mates

Above: Alice Huelskamp brings the ball down the court.

Maranda Lohrke controls the ball in the Cats' court.



JH Cats Bounce Over Cougars

by Coach Lance McGuire

The CJHS boys saved their best game of the season for the first round of the league tournament on Saturday. Seeded 4th, we were surrounded by higher seeds that we'd already beaten and lower seeds that have beaten us. "Who's feel-

ing it today?!" would be the name of each game. I remember our post-game talk after losing at Central Christian weeks ago; the boys WANTED a chance to play them again, and we got it.

Our Wildcats came out with energy and excitement. The score bounced back and forth even though it felt like we were outplaying and

outworking them. The Cougars chased us with easy 3-point shots to keep up with our hard-earned buckets, but we still led by 2 at half. Defense ruled the 3rd period and was the difference of the game with the Wildcats holding CC scoreless. They worked hard to limit the opposing team's chances and clean up the rebounds.

In the final stats, we held their top scorer to 6 points and their big man to 0 points for the game. What a fun game to watch and coach! The boys were clicking and were complimented on their play by several spectators from other schools. Lane Halderson cleaned up 7 rebounds with Dagim Reed and Luke McGuire each getting 6. That did not leave many rebounds for the opposing team. Dagim also had 5



steals with Lane and Trey DeWeese each had 3.

photos by Molly Morgan



Far left: Dagim Reed takes the ball to the basket.

Above: Luke McGuire makes a lay-up.

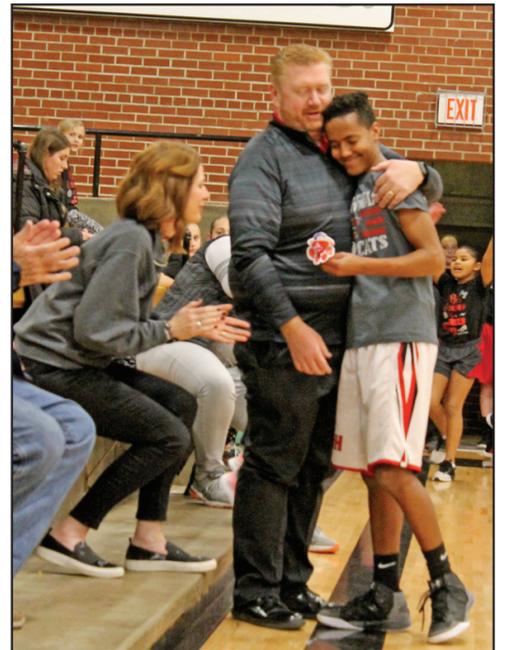
Right: Lane Halderson scores 2

CJH Parents' Recognition Night



Left: Wyland Betzen with his dad, Jeremy.
Above: Ava Bock with her parents Abby and Branden Bock.
Right: Dagim Reed with his parents, Robin and Robert Reed.

photos by Molly Morgna



The Night of the Young Cheerleaders



photos by Molly Morgna



County Commission Meeting

January 28th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on January 28th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Gayle Dye; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Steffen would like to add discussion of the Public Building Commission Terms of Office and insurance information.

The County Clerk would like to add discussion of the vendors she had come show election equipment.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Building Commission Terms of Office; insurance information discussion and election equipment vendor discussion. Commissioner

Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran discussed that there have been a lot of sicknesses within the County and the passing of Donna Rohlman's husband. Also, Mr. Crow who handled the airport passed away this morning.

Also, Ms. Voran let the Commissioners know that Jim Rowland is working on marketing for Kingman.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 14th, 2018 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the January 14th, 2018 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open fuel bids from the following:

- Farmers Coop Garden Plain
- Unleaded Gasoline 2.1003 per gallon
- #1 Diesel 2.5282 per gallon
- #2 Diesel 2..3282 per gallon
- Farmers Coop Equity Isabel
- Unleaded Gasoline 1.88 per gallon

- #1 Clear Diesel 2.55 per gallon
- #2 Clear Diesel 2.35 per gallon
- Southwest Kansas Coop Service Co LLC Unleaded Gasoline 2.07 per gallon
- #1 Clear Diesel 2.45 per gallon
- #2 Clear Diesel 2.20 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the fuel bid from Southwest Kansas Coop Service Co LLC for unleaded gas at \$2.07 per gallon ; \$2.45 per gallon for #1 Diesel and \$2.20 per gallon for #2 Clear Diesel. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. Commissioner Steffen abstained from the bid approval.

Josh Beckham was in to discuss the bid opening for 1:30 p.m. and that it is for Rural Township Bridge #2.

The following bids were received:
Donlinger Construction for \$262,119.50 with a start date of June 3, 2019

L & M Contractors for \$182,861.49 with a start date of August 5, 2019

Reece Construction for \$198,975.90 with a start date of August 1, 2019

The Engineer's estimate was \$238,755.00. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the bid from L & M Contractors in the amount of \$182,861.49 for the Rural Bridge B.0-10.4 Replacement contingent on the Engineer's approval. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed with the Engineer from Kirkham Michael about North Main and the way the concrete was placed and cured. The curing was not handled correctly because the weather blew off the cover and no one came to fix it so he took care of it himself.

Stan Goetz, was in with the Flat Ridge 3 and Flat Ridge 4 drafts of the road agreement for the Commissioners to review. Also, Mr. Goetz submitted maps of the proposed haul routes for the wind farms.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Biometric Screening and let the Commissioners know how many employees participated.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the Sheriff has hired a new officer for the County and he will start February 4th, 2019.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the Commissioners that detention officer candidates were interviewed last week.

Mr. Goetz discussed the applications that have been received for the Emergency Management position.

The County Commissioners discussed the interview process they would like to do for the Emergency Management position.

Mr. Goetz went over our website usage with the County Commissioners.

Jim Carlson, Kansas National Resource Coalition Executive

Director was in to go over what the Coalition provides. Mr. Carlson let the Commissioners know that the dues for the Coalition are \$5,000.00 per year.

There are 23 Counties currently in the Coalition.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with monthly reports for November, December and the end of the year.

Sheriff Hill presented a grant letter he received. The County will receive \$69,023.00 Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Sheriff Hill submitted the EMPG Grant information to the County Commissioners and this grant is to help promote Emergency Management. Sheriff Hill discussed that some of the wording in the Grant he had questions on and that he talked with the State.

Sheriff Hill discussed a contract with VOIANCE for language interpretation services.

The County Commissioners asked the Sheriff about the roof of the Sheriff's Department and if it had been finished.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that the roof had not been finished.

The County Commissioners asked the County Clerk to send a letter to Mr. Giefer about when it will get done.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that on February 25th, 2019 the Planning Commission will have a hearing for a cell tower North of Rago. Also, a hearing for a subdivision that would be

east of Norwich.

Mr. Goetz discussed a possible Hemp plant in Kingman County.

Commissioner Henning discussed the Expo Center being used for a three day swap meet. The Commissioners said they would work with the person to make it work.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Greg Reno to the Public Building Commission for four years. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint John Steffen to the Public Building Commission for four years. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the County financial reports received from the internal auditor.

The Commissioners talked about the south addition to the Expo Center and some of the other things that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Henning said it is a nice facility and it needs to look like a nice facility.

The County Commissioners signed County Vouchers in the amount of \$237,645.07.

The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge Vouchers in the amount of \$15,562.61.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Agriculture Scholarship

Applications due March 15

Between sports, clubs, volunteering, studying for the ACT and SAT, part-time jobs, chores at home and just plain

homework, most Kansas high school seniors are working toward building foundations for their future. Soon, the agricultural industry will need these vibrant young men and women to step up and take the reins. For now, though, these students are making plans for college,

and more importantly, how to pay for it.

High school seniors pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for the 2019 Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship. The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers and is administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG).

The scholarship fund will award one \$500 scholarship per year, to a college or university-bound incoming freshman from Kansas, pursuing a career in the field of agriculture. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must plan to be a full-time student at any two or four year, Kansas college or university. Recipients will be selected based on

academic achievement, leadership qualities and career objectives focused around the field of agriculture. Recipients will receive the scholarship to be applied toward tuition for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

"KAWG is proud to support the young men and women who are the future of the wheat industry," said Jordan Hildebrand, program assistant for Kansas Wheat. "We're looking for students who are passionate about agriculture and not only excel in the classroom, but also in their communities and extracurricular activities."

The Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship was established through a fund in memory of Herbert W. Clutter, a farmer from Holcomb and the first president of the National Association of Wheat Growers,

which was established in 1948. Clutter encouraged Kansas wheat farmers to organize as a strong, unified voice, which led to the formation of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in 1952. He encouraged research in education and industrial uses of wheat, improved variety development and methods to produce the best product at the lowest cost. Clutter's efforts led to the formation of the Kansas Wheat Commission by the Kansas legislature, in 1957.

"Mr. Clutter's enthusiasm and leadership for the wheat industry serves as an excellent example for young adults as they take this next step in their lives," said Hildebrand. "We are honored to offer a scholarship in remembrance of Herb Clutter, and to share his passion

for the industry and his community with future generations of wheat leaders."

Applicants of the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship must complete the scholarship application, which includes a 400-500 word essay discussing why they have chosen to pursue a career in agriculture. The selection committee will use this essay along with the student's application in determining the scholarship winner. The scholarship and attached documents must be submitted to the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers at 1990 Kimball Ave, Manhattan, Kansas by March 15, 2019.

For more information about the Herb Clutter Memorial Scholarship, please visit kansaswheat.org.

2 Land Sales Feb. 18th, 2019

LAND AUCTIONS

585 Acres Irrigated & Dryland in Pratt County KS
Feb. 18th, 2019 Start Time: 11:00am
Sale Site-Hamm Auction Center-107 NE SR 61, Pratt KS
Sellers: S&T Farming LLC.

Tract 1: S2 NE4 & N2 SE4 & S2 SE4 of 6-26-13, Pratt County KS; Irrigated and Dry Land. 235 +/- acres; Water Right No.#5292; Located 5 mi. North & 2 mi. West of Iuka KS. **Tract 2:** Lots 1 & 2 of 6-26-15 Pratt County KS. Dryland; 190 +/- acres (Long Quarter); Located 1 mi. North of Hopewell KS. **Tract 3:** NW 4 of 16-26-13 Pratt County KS. Dry land 160 +/- acres; Active Mineral Lease; Located 4 mi. North & 1 mi. West of Iuka KS.

480 Acres Crop Land in Pratt County KS
Feb. 18th, 2019 Start Time: 1:30 pm
Sale Site: Hamm Auction Center-107 NE SR 61, Pratt, KS
Sellers: David & Emily Lunghino

Tract 1: NW4 of 14-29-12 Pratt County KS; Dry Land; 160 acres +/-; Located 4 mi. East of Sawyer KS on Hwy 42, then 1 1/2 mi. North on SE 70th Avenue; **Tract 2:** E2 NE4 of 34-29-12, Pratt County KS; Dryland; 80 acres +/-; Located 4 mi. East of Sawyer KS on Hwy 42, then 1 mi. South on SE 70th Avenue. **Tract 3:** S2 SW4 of 35-29-12 Pratt County KS; Dryland; 80 +/- acres; Located 4 mi. East of Sawyer KS on Hwy 42, then 1 3/4 mi. South on SE 70th Avenue; **Tract 4:** NW4 of 36-29-11 Pratt County KS; Dryland; 160 +/- acres; Located 4 mi. East of Isabel KS. then 1/2 mi. North on SE 140th Avenue.

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

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Effective November 6, 2014: Display ads are \$5.00 per column inch, \$5.50 for full-color ads. Front page box ads are \$8.00 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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The Cunningham Community Center is selling 100 metal folding chairs. The cost per chair is \$6.00.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Plaintiff,
vs.
Thad David Rosenhagen, et al.,
Defendants.
Case No. 15CV26
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 15CV26, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 02/28/2019, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas, to wit:

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (W/2 NE/4) OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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"The noblest motive is the public good."

- Virgil

KFB Testifies in Support of Member Health Care Benefit Coverage

Manhattan, Kansas - Today Kansas Farm Bureau provided testimony in the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee to seek authority for the state's largest farm organization to develop member health care benefit coverage.

"Health coverage costs for farmers and ranchers in Kansas is the most significant expense in their budgets," says Terry Holdren, CEO/General Counsel of Kansas Farm Bureau. "At times this represents 30 to 40 percent of annual budgeted expenses. Most do not qualify for federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidized products and many seek employment off the farm solely for the health care benefit. A recent study

shows 65% of agriculture producers view health care as the number one threat to the future of their operation."

SB 32 will allow Kansas Farm Bureau to establish health care benefit that offers coverage specifically and solely for Farm Bureau members in Kansas. Preliminary studies show cost savings of greater than 30 percent for Kansans compared to health care options currently available to many farm and ranch families.

If approved, the program will aim to reduce the number of uninsured Kansans by offering coverage at attractive premiums, and will create competition and free-market options for health coverage while supporting rural hospitals and providers.

Kansas Farm Bureau's mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Young farmers and ranchers attend statewide leadership conference

Manhattan, KS - Farmers and ranchers from across Kansas gathered in Manhattan Jan. 25-27 for the annual Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) leaders conference. More than 530 young crop and livestock producers from across the state attended a three-day Kansas Farm Bureau conference designed to maximize efficiency on their family operations.

The conference provided young ag producers between the ages of 18-35 with agricultural education, motivational speakers and opportunities to connect with industry resources and network with peers.

Attendees heard from KFB President Rich Felts; Russ Kohler, American

Farm Bureau Federation YF&R Committee Chair from Utah; Max Harman, Kansas FFA President; and New Mexico farmer Matt Rush. Kansas Senator Jerry Moran and Representative Roger Marshall also addressed the group.

State committee members from each of the 10 Kansas Farm Bureau districts planned and hosted the Honoring Tradition, Cultivating Progress themed conference. The conference included workshops, speakers, tours and competitions. The YF&R state committee played an integral part in making this year's conference a success.

Winners of the conference competitions included:

- Collegiate Discussion Meet - Shiloh Murray, Kansas State University
- YF&R Discussion Meet - Jacquelyne Leffler, Lyon County
- Ag Quiz Bowl -



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Health Information - Stomach "flu" versus Influenza



This time of year, we hear of many people battling "the flu", but what symptoms and what bug are they truly fighting?

Although it is oftentimes referred to as the "stomach flu", viral gastroenteritis is not caused by influenza. The symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, stomach cramps, body aches, headache, and low-grade fever are typically caused by a virus in your intestines. Symptoms typically last for 1-3 days but can linger for up to two weeks. You can be contagious two days before and up to two weeks after symptoms appear, so frequent handwashing, limiting exposure to those infected, and proper disinfection techniques can help prevent spread of the virus. Treatment for the

stomach flu should be geared towards adequate fluids, bland diet, and promoting rest. If you are unable to keep small amounts of fluids down, try sucking on ice chips to help maintain hydration. Antibiotics will not improve your symptoms, and the flu shot will not help prevent this type of infection. You should seek medical attention if you are unable to keep fluids down for over 24 hours, if you've been vomiting for longer than 48 hours, if you notice blood in your vomit or stools, if your fever is over 104 degrees, or if you develop symptoms of severe dehydration including dark urine or poor urine output, excessive thirst, dry mouth, severe weakness, dizziness, or lightheadedness.

Birth Announcement Nora Rose Schonlau



Nora Rose is the new daughter of Roxy and Alex Schonlau of Peck, Kansas.

Born January 27th, 2019, Nora weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Welcoming her home are two older brothers, Callan, 4, and Camden, 2.

Nora's grandparents are Ray and Jackie Schonlau and Mike and the late Carolyn Henning.

Nora is the great-granddaughter of Gilbert Beat and the late Rosie Beat, Judy Schonlau and the late Tom Schonlau, Herman and Nancy Henning, and Bob and Joan Thimesch.

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Cunningham High School German Exchange Fundraisers

Community Supper

Saturday, February 9th
5:00 p.m.

Cunningham Community Center
Grilled Brats, Hotdogs & All the fixings

Coyote Calling Contest

Registration and Meeting
Saturday, Feb 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center following the Community Supper

THIS IS A CALLING CONTEST ONLY, no traps, no hunting from running vehicles, no dogs and no hunting off of dead piles.

Bobcats are worth 2 coyotes
\$100.00 fee per team (cash)

All coyotes and bobcats will be donated to the German Exchange
50% of team fees will be donated and 50% to be payback.

1st place 50% plus \$50.00 from **Grassland Management, LLC**

2nd place 30% plus \$30.00 from **Grassland Management, LLC**

3rd place 20% plus \$20.00 from **Grassland Management, LLC**

Largest and smallest coyotes \$20.00

Check-in will be promptly at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 10th at the East side of the Cunningham City Park, by the volleyball courts and pool.

For more info call: Roger Panek (620) 243-4043 or Martin Lohrke (620) 243-3407



This is a fundraiser, honesty and sportsmanship is expected!
All proceeds benefit the German Exchange Group

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