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City Council Met on October 28th

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 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; City Attorney Greg Graffman; City Superintendent Russell Rohlman; and City Clerk David Steffen.

Guests included Jamie Elliott, Assistant Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; and Lucas Baldwin.

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

The Council approved the evening's agenda as written and approved the minutes of the September 30, 2019 regular meeting as written.

Public Comments – Lucas Baldwin visited with the Council about his plan to bring his racing (homing) pigeons to town. As pigeons are not defined as "fowl" they would not be prohibited by the City Code. Mr. Baldwin stated that most of the time the birds would be in their coop and did not anticipate problems.

Fire Department – Jamie Elliott gave the Fire Department report. Truck No. 332 is in service, lacking only signage. Chief Stark took the truck to Emergency Fire Equipment in Mayfield, KS for installation of the monitor, which makes the truck a one-person vehicle if necessary. Stark also took the truck to the school for this year's Fire Safety

program.

Property Officer report – Jackie Ruckle reported that seven of the vehicles cited in the past month as inoperative were either removed from town or property tagged. The Council approved a request from a resident for more time to remove vehicles, giving him until the end of October. Jackie stated that she would help city maintenance with removal of piles of tree limbs around town to clean up areas not cleared during the Fall Clean Up.

Water Well No. 3 – Mayor Murphy gave the Council an update on the status of the water well project. He is in contact with KDHE in Topeka. KDHE received a set of updated plans from Harlan Foraker, Certified Engineering Design, on October 23 and will be reviewing them this week.

Fowl – Members of the Council discussed the city code regarding the keeping of chickens within the city limits. The Council approved a motion for the City Attorney to write a clear definition of the word "fowl" to include the word "chicken" by a 4/1 vote. Yes: Ruckle, Vierthaler, Ricke, and Schultz. No: Westerhaus.

A resident on South Douglas requested the Council reduce his water bill to an amount equal to his normal usage after repairing a leak in a line to an outside hydrant. The Council approved the request.

Executive Session – Motion by

Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Attorney and City Clerk to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from 6:59 to 7:04 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, for the governing body to meet in executive session for ten minutes with the City Attorney, City Clerk and City Superintendent to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall. Motion carried, 5/0.

The above met in executive session from 7:05 to 7:15 p.m. Mr. Rohlman left the executive session at 7:12 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. the meeting resumed in open session and Mayor Murphy stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

November meeting date – The Council approved a motion to hold a special meeting of the City Council at

3:30 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019 at City Hall. The purpose of the special meeting is to replace the Council's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019, which will not be held.

Maintenance Report – Russ Rohlman gave the maintenance report.

Fall Clean-up is finished. Three 40 cu. yd dumpsters were filled with debris and trash. One 30 cu. yd. dumpster was filled with scrap metal and appliances.

Streets were discussed. Loaded grain trucks are damaging the 100 block of S. Elliott. Consensus of the Council was to replace the signs prohibiting truck traffic on Elliott and Main Streets. Loaded trucks should use Valley Street and access the grain elevator using Santa Fe.

Rohlman has finished sweeping streets. The park restrooms have been winterized and closed for the season. The concession stand and pool house have also been winterized.

Trees – The Council discussed the need to trim trees on Main Street as low hanging branches are a traffic hazard.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – The Council reviewed the month's bills and financial report. The Council approved the financial report, including transfers, and paid the bills as presented.

Following approval of a motion to adjourn, Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting 7:52 p.m.

.... And on November 22

The Cunningham City Council met in special session at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. Notice of the special meeting was published in the Cunningham Courier and posted at several locations downtown.

Present were Council Members Bart Ricke, Jason Ruckle, and Karl Vierthaler; City Attorney Greg Graffman; City Superintendent Russell Rohlman; and City Clerk David Steffen. Councilman Matt Westerhaus arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Guests included Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; and Randy Shelman, City Maintenance.

President of the Council Ruckle the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The Council approved the evening's agenda with no additions and approved the minutes of the October 28, 2019 regular meeting as written.

Public Comments & Communications – A letter was read by the Council from two Kingman residents complimenting the city's swimming pool, lifeguards, and pool manager Molly Morgan.

A letter was received from Nisly Brothers, Inc., a notice of intent to increase rates in Cunningham effective January 1, 2020. The increase for a resident with one cart would increase 20¢ from the current \$27.50 per month to \$27.70. Other rates will also increase 20¢. The increase is tied to an increase in landfill charges.

Fire Department – Harold Stark gave the Fire Department report. The department has changed from one meeting per month to two per month. Each fire truck

is assigned to different firefighters on a rotating schedule for monthly maintenance checks.

Harold has participated in two tabletop incident command exercises set up by Kingman Emergency Management.

Brush truck No. 324 has been brought to town for maintenance. Chief Stark and the Council discussed putting the skid with the fire fighting equipment on a newer chassis.

Harold has written a letter of appreciation to Cheri and Heath Dorzweiler for making and donating the sign for the fire station.

The annual fire runs and meeting report was reviewed by the Council. There were seven fire runs and fourteen meetings in the period between November 24, 2018 and November 21, 2019. The Council approved the report and payment to the volunteer firefighters totaling \$2,640.00.

Fowl – The City Attorney informed the Council that the City Code has a section that includes a definition of the word "fowl" as it applies to the Code (2-101, which reads: "FOWL. All animals that are included in the zoological class aves, which shall include, but not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas, and pigeons."). Therefore, no new ordinance is needed (as requested by the Council at the October meeting) since "fowl" includes "chickens" in the code.

Water Well No. 3 – The City received a letter dated November 4, 2019 from KDHE that the PWS Well #3, Waterline and Sodium Hypochlorite

Storage Building Improvements project has been approved and that the City of Cunningham is authorized to advertise for bids. Harlan Foraker, Certified Engineering Design (CED), is working on the advertisement for bids. Bids are to be received by 11:00 a.m., December 20, 2019 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham.

Property Officer report – Jackie Ruckle reported that she had designed a door hanger to use in contacting owners and/or tenants of properties not in compliance with City Code. Consensus of the Council was for Jackie to have Taylor Printing make the door hangers. Several properties and vehicles were discussed for possible action by the property officer.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Attorney and City Clerk to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall. Motion carried, 3/0.

The above met in executive session from 3:57 to 4:02 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mr. Ruckle stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, for the governing body to meet in executive session for five minutes with the City Attorney, City Clerk and City

Superintendent to discuss an individual employee's performance with the justification being K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the non-elected personnel matter exception, with the meeting to resume in open session in the meeting room of City Hall. Motion carried, 3/0.

The above met in executive session from 4:03 to 4:08 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Mr. Ruckle stated that no action had been taken during the executive session.

The City Attorney left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Maintenance Report – Russ Rohlman gave the maintenance report. Rohlman and Shelman attended a KRWA water workshop in Wellington on November 21. The Stenner pumps used by the City for chlorination of the water were discussed in detail with information on maintenance and repair of the pumps included. Maintenance is checking the buildings winterized in the park regularly. The swimming pool was discussed, including using city maintenance personnel to power-wash and paint the pool this spring.

Council member Matt Westerhaus arrived at 4:20 p.m.

The Council reviewed the month's bills and financial report approved a motion to approve the financial report, including transfers, and pay the bills as presented.

Following approval of a motion to adjourn, Mr. Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Sunday, December 15, 2019
10:00 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sunday, December 15, 2019
8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday, December 14, 2019
5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturday, December 14, 2019
4:00 p.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
10:30 a.m.

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

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship
8:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

UNITED METHODIST Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Zenda
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

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

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at: 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, December 12th 5:00 p.m. JH BB at Skyline	Monday, December 16th 7:00 p.m. PreK - 12 Christmas Concert bring a canned good
Thursday, December 12th 7:30 p.m. HS BB T-Bird Classic at Skyline	Tuesday, December 17th Hs BB at Home vs. Argonia
Friday, December 13th HS BB T-Bird Classic Tournament at Skyline	Thursday, December 19th JH BB at South Barber
Saturday, Dec. 14th 8:00 a.m. ACT	Friday, December 20th 11:30 a.m. School dismissed
Saturday, December 14th Cunningham Santa Claus Day	Friday, December 20th End of semester
Saturday, December 14th HS BB T-Bird Classic Tournament at Skyline	Friday, December 20th HS Basketball at Udall



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http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

December 13th - 15th
Ford vs. Ferrari
Rated PG - 13
Showtimes :
Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 5:30 p.m.

December 16th
Wichita Grand Opera Presents:
All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914
Rated PG - 13
Showtime: 7:00 p.m.
Free will donation to benefit the Kingman Theatre and USD 331 Art and Music Dept.

December 19th
Free Throwback Thursday Movie
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Rated PG-13
Showtime: 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Wheatlands Health Care Center/RiverCross Hospice

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com
(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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YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

December 12, 1968
– Plans are “shaping up” for the big welcome to be accorded Santa Claus when he comes to Cunningham, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 14, according to Dean Cooley, General Chairman.

The Cunningham Wildcats won their first basketball game of the season at Alden last Friday night, trimming the Tigers, 47 to 42.

John McCune paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 20 points, 10 of them from the free throw line.

The Nashville-Zenda Thunderbirds broke into the win column last Friday night, thumping the Sharon Cardinals, 67 to 60, in a Golden Plains League game played at Zenda.

Steve Adelhardt led the N-Z scoring attack with 28 points.

Bells will ring from the United Methodist Church this Sunday. The bells, a gift to the church and community by Mrs. Ferd Burnett, are a memorial to her respected husband, the late Dr. Ferd Burnett, who game many years of his life to the Cunningham community as a physician.

Workmen installed the bells Wednesday.

The Cunningham Post Office will be open all day Saturday for the convenience of Christmas mailers, according to Postmaster Evan Thornhill.

The City of Cunningham water tower is attractively lighted this year at Christmas-time with red and blue lights representing a huge Christmas bell in the sky.

The tower lights were installed by Harry DeArmond and Don Becker.

Roy Ellis, 57, a resident of Cunningham for 36 years, died Monday west of Garden City from an apparent heart attack while driving his truck.

December 11, 1958
– Major Willis E. Brady, 39, a former Penalosa boy, was listed as missing after the crash of a B-52 jet near Altus, Okla., Tuesday night.

His mother, Mrs. Lizzie Brady, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Stillwell, live at Penalosa, and another sister is Mrs. Harold DeWeese of Cunningham; a third sister, Mrs. Ruth Wise, lives in Falls Church, Va. A brother, Howard, lives in Wichita.

Thanks for recycling The Courier on
December 16th
December 30th



The high school basketball team evened up their season at two wins and two losses with a 54 to 43 victory over Goddard at Goddard, Tuesday evening.

Bill Ridge, Richard Kerschen, and Tony Hartle paced the Cunningham scoring attack. Ridge and Kerschen each connected for 12 points, and Hartle counted 10 points.

December 18, 1958
– Santa Claus will make his annual visit to Cunningham, Saturday, December 20.

Last week-end's snow caused postponement of St. Nick's visit here until this coming on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Allbritten of Cunningham, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Tuesday. They were married at the home of her parents near Cairo, December 16, 1908. She is the former Frances Grier.

Although no special celebration was planned, Mr. and Mrs. Allbritten were honored with a family dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Rufus Leiter, and family, Sunday. All their children and grandchildren were present.

They are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten Jr. and family, Nancy, Cynthia, Margie, Frank III, and Martha, of Kansas City, Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pronko of Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and family, Mary and Robert.

December 11, 1953
– Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halderson of Glasco, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, December 5, at the Concordia Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces, and has been named Kevin Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall of Cunningham, are the maternal grandparents.

The Cunningham Wildcats lost a thrilling over-time basketball game to Plevna High School last Friday night on the Plevna court. The final score was 59 to 57, and the regular game ended with the score tied at 55-all.

Cunningham's center, Ronnie Adelhardt, used his six-foot, seven-inch height to good advantage and scored twenty-five points for high scoring honors in the game. Billy DeWeese scored twenty-one points.

December 18, 1953
– The Cunningham Wildcats pulled the game out of the lost column in

the last two minutes of their game with Hazelton High School last Friday night in the local gymnasium, winning by a score of 69 to 65. The Wildcats were behind 65-60 with about two minutes to play, but came up with four field goals and one free shot in the final 120 seconds while holding Hazelton scoreless.

Victor Becker scored 25 points to lead the Wildcat scoring attack. Ronnie Adelhardt made 21, Billy DeWeese made 13, and Wally Becker counted 10 points to complete the Cunningham scoring.

The Santa Claus Day Committee ordered a nice day, a large crowd, Santa Claus, and a big parade, and they got what they wanted last Saturday as the people of Cunningham and the surrounding community enjoyed one of the best Santa Claus Day celebrations. After watching one of the largest parades in the town's history, Santa Claus and his helpers distributed about nine hundred treat to children and then the kids were treated to a free show at the Cunningham Theatre. The success of this year's Santa Claus Day belongs to the Cunningham businessmen, the Community Men's Club, the churches, the schools, and the many individuals who gave their time that the day might be an enjoyable one – which indeed it was.

December 10, 1948
– Bids on the new grade school building were opened Wednesday and were found to be about twenty-five thousand dollars greater than the funds available for the project. A new bond issue of twenty-five thousand dollars will be necessary if the Board of Education sticks by its set of original plans for the new building. Last month patrons of the grade school district voted one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in bonds for a new building.

Cunningham defeated Nashville in a basketball game played at Nashville Friday night by the score of 41 to 31. Bobby Urban and Jack Watkins paced the Wildcat scoring attack with 12 points each.

Mr. John Kaster opened his law office in Cunningham this week. Mr. Kaster married a former Cunningham girl, Emma Jane Baber, and has previously practiced law in Topeka. He was released from active duty with the United

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Library Recycling!
Please keep batteries, CDs/CD cases, ink pens and markers out of the landfill. Bring those unwanted items to Cunningham Public Library to be recycled. The program will continue until the zero waste boxes are full.

Museum Hours
During the winter months look for Donna's red car or her golf cart in front of the museum. OR you can call her at 620-388-5602



Cunningham Schools' Christmas Concert



On Monday, December 16th, the Cunningham Pre-School, Grade School, Junior High School and High School will present their Christmas Program. The concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. Donations to the local food bank will be collected. If you are unable to attend the concert, you may bring your donation to the school office.

The set will be the same as last year: We will be setting up in front of the stage with the 2 bands, choral shells and risers. Public seating will be on the floor and the two sections of bleachers on both sides of the gym (two sections are reserved for students-these will be marked.) "The Christmas Song," will be the signature closing piece of the Main Street Singers. If you have been a member of MSS within the last 29 years, you have sung this piece and I am inviting you to come join us and sing along.



Meanderings

I read a many books. I read current bestsellers (mostly the mystery ones). I have always loved mysteries. I read bestsellers that were bestsellers years ago, because I didn't get them read when they first came out as bestsellers because I was reading other bestsellers. Half of the books I read are children's or young adult novels. I do not read many "classics". I read some in high school, of course. Didn't we all? Or we should have read them. As an adult I re-read "Silas Marner" (George Eliot) and "Great Expectations" and "A Christmas Carol". A few others.

I have learned many words in all the reading I have done. I have a fairly competent vocabulary... or so I thought...that being said --I have not read much by Edgar Allan Poe.

I have a set of literature books that Mom gave me. They are red and there are about a dozen of them in the collection. One of them is titled "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" by Poe. As a young reader, the "Mystery" part intrigued me, as did the "Imagination" part. But just looking at the illustrations were horrifying. I couldn't even imagine what was going on in the story that such brutality would be necessary. There was the man tied to a table with rats (shudder) crawling all over him and the pendulum hanging above. "They swarmed up me in ever accumulating heaps" was the caption. I hate rats.

From "The Murder in the Rue Morgue" is a picture of this slaving monster (it certainly didn't look like an orangutan) with a razor dripping with blood. He is holding down a woman who has blood seeping under her. The caption "Gnashing its teeth, and flashing fire from its eyes..."

Those pictures and others in the book (8 total) crept me out.

I know I have a difficult time reading Poe because of those pictures from my childhood. I've read "The Tale-Tell Heart" and two of his poems "Annabel Lee" and "The Raven". I like mysteries. I like murder-mysteries. But I don't care for Edgar Allan Poe's "mysteries and imagination."

Last week I read "Dark Eye" by William Bernhardt. The first book in a short duo of a series. Dark mysteries. Serial killers. In "Dark Eye" the killer believes Edgar Allan Poe was a prophet, and he believed if he killed people in the way Poe killed off his characters, he would be able to find his dead sister, Virginia. (Virginia was also the name of Poe child

bride; she married him when she was 13 years old.)

I didn't care for the story, but I enjoyed the killer's character. The character's name was not Edgar, it was Ernie. And, although I found his character evil and cruel, his vocabulary was phenomenal: "He was forced to prevaricate, for his own safety, and he wasn't happy about that. A Southern gentleman does not tell tarradiddles." Isn't 'tarradiddles' a pip of a word?!

As much as I read, I'd have thought I'd have come across that word before. But I don't think I have. There were several other words I "discovered" in my reading of this mediocre novel.

Upon watching a press conference Ernie thinks: "Solipsistic firebrand. Quarrelsome quidnunc." Solipsistic means "extreme egocentrism". I had to check the dictionary for that one. The word quidnunc I've read before. A quidnunc is a busybody or a tattler.

"He had always been an edacious (of or relating to eating; voracious) reader.... Subjecting them to the most intense lucubration (laborious or intense study)."

He uses the phrase "ad hominem" which means "appealing to feelings or prejudices rather than intellect."

"Animadversions" you ask? Adverse criticism.

"And she had sent them hunting for him, enticing them with her petty little cumshaw" What a great word for a payoff or a bribe.

When he confronts the police detective, he tells her, "You've damaged that poor girl with your drinking, your temper, your self-indulgent weltschmerz, your flights of martyrdom." Weltschmerz didn't even show up red on my spell check, so it is a word. I once again consulted Merriam-Webster: weltschmerz is sadness, depression, apathy. (but I have a dickens of a time spelling it.)

I really loved the words in this book. Almost to the point I'm thinking I should read some Poe. HOWEVER... I had a difficult time sleeping; weird, unpleasant and bothersome dreams haunted what sleep I was able to get.

Maybe I should NOT read some Poe. Merriam-Webster has a sign up spot for a "word of the day" .. maybe that is what I should do. But would they have "tarradiddles" as a word of the day?

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Same Stuff as Stars" by Katherine Paterson, Roberta

"Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality."
— Edgar Allen Poe

"Our choice of words often reveal the depth of our knowledge ... or ignorance ... or that of our desire to be deemed knowledgeable."
—Mokokoma Mokhonoana

Jr. Lady Cats Drop a Close One to Central Christian

by Coach Bart Ricke

The Jr. High Lady Wildcats played host to the Central Christian Lady Cougars on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in the opening game of the Heart of the Plains League. The Cunningham girls got off to a bit of a slow start as they couldn't seem to get

a shot to fall early on and found themselves down by four, 2-6 after the first quarter of play. The Lady Wildcats scored five points in the second quarter as they cut into the Cougar lead by one and trailed 10-7 at the half. Central Christian stretched their lead out to five to end the third quarter as they outscored Cunningham 4-2 to lead 14-9 heading into the final period. The Lady Cats played with more energy and urgency in

the fourth quarter and cut the lead to one, 15-16 with a chance to take the lead late, but Central Christian would get the ball back and add another basket to bring the final score to 15-18 in favor of the Lady Cougars. The heart-breaking defeat dropped the Lady Cats record to 1-4 overall, and 0-1 in league. Scoring for Cunningham: Maranda Lohrke 9, Taylor Schultz 4, Ellie McGuire 2. In the b-game the Lady Cats lost to Central

Christian 8-19. Scoring for the B-team: Kaitlyn Hennessee 2, Ada Adams 2, Ava Bock 2, Krya Morgan 2.



JH Wildcats Outscore Central Christian

by Coach Lance McGuire

The Junior High boys worked their way out of pre-season and started the league schedule with Central Christian on 12/5. We got on top early and held our lead throughout the game outscoring Central each of the four quarters. The boys were all over the court chasing down loose balls and pushing the ball down the

court. Shot attempts were spread out very evenly because of some excellent ball sharing, and our shooting percentage is slowly coming up. Six different boys scored between 4 and 8 points which is exactly what most coaches want. We worked the ball and took what they gave us. Dagim Reed led the

team in rebounds with 6 followed by Luke McGuire with 5. Will Wegerer, Jack Ruckle, Dagim, and Luke had 13 of the team's 15 steals.

Wildcat Scorers

Will Wegerer	8
Nate Sterneker	7
Dagim Reed	6
Luke McGuire	6
Wylan Betzen	4
Gage Elliott	4

TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	6	11	8	10	35
Gen. Christian	2	6	2	9	16

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States Army in 1947, after attaining the rank of Colonel in the Army's legal department.

Publication is suspended for the duration of the war.

Cunningham, and a senior at Southwestern College in Winfield, won first prize with her poem, "Desert Song," in the 1938 Southwest Poetry Contest.

Cannon are driving a new Model A Ford purchased last week from the Dafforn Motor Company in Zenda.

A number of business men and farmers are meeting in the High School Auditorium each Monday night and playing a few games of volleyball.

Wetherall Brothers have just mailed out about a thousand large double-page bills announcing a big Christmas Sale. They have arranged a nice holiday stock and are offering many rare bargains in seasonable merchandise.

Quite a number of prizes will be given away during the sale, among them a Crosley Band-Box radio set. These prizes will be given away without any purchase on the customer's part.

The sand which was hauled on the streets Community Day and the days following was certainly a life-saver to the streets this week when a steady rain fell all night Wednesday.



December 17, 1948 – For the second time last week, the Lighthouse station at Cairo was the victim of robbers.

Thursday evening the station, owned by W. S. (Pat) Grier, was broken into and five tires and a quantity of candy stolen. Theives entered by breaking the glass in a door, then reaching in and unbolting it.

A week ago Monday night, the station was entered and merchandise to the value of approximately \$50.00 was taken.

A passerby reported a green Plymouth with an out-of-state license tag on it standing near the station about the time of the Monday night robbery.

The high school basketball team lost both games to Isabel High School last Friday night. The first team dropped their game by a 29-27 score, and the second team lost by a 27-22 score.

December 9, 1938 – Students of both the grade and high schools are receiving free musical instrument instruction through the federal government's WPA agency. Mrs. Carl Schwake of Kingman, is the instructor.

The Wildcatters won their first game of the current basketball season from Turon High School last Friday night by a score of 13 to 5. Only half of the game was played at Turon because of an electric power failure which ended the game at half-time.

December 16, 1938 – Mr. George Miles of Wichita, eldest brother of Mr. Frank Miles of Cunningham, passed away last Saturday. Forty years ago Mr. Miles lived thirteen miles east of Kingman and helped build the little Baptist Church that still stands by Highway 54.

Miss Rubie Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon of

December 8, 1933 – Mr. Wiley Doty suffered a very painful and serious accident, Tuesday morning, when he fell from a load of hay at the Jane Morton farm, breaking both arms just above the wrists.

December 15, 1933 – Ford Motor Company's new 1934 model automobile is on display at the Dafforn Motor Company.

The framework of the new Sacred Heart Church has been erected and work is progressing rapidly on the structure. Martin Pelzl is the contractor and most of the work is being done by men members of the Cunningham parish.

December 14, 1928 – Mr. Fred Ball is busy this week moving his cream station into the new building erected by the Fairmont Creamery Company. The former building was destroyed by fire about two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carde

December 1943 –

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JH Wildcats Beat Trojans

by Coach Lance McGuire
The Stafford Trojans came to town to face the junior high Wildcats on Monday. Last year the Trojans won it all, taking the league tournament championship, and they graduated their "fab five" on to high school leaving some rebuilding years ahead. We've been there and tried to use the opportunity for lots of Wildcats to see the court. We went 10 for 16 from the field in the first quarter, while Stafford went 1 for 4, making the score a dominating 23-2. Our starters then took a seat and cheered on the next group of hungry Cats who kept the score in the second frame pretty even. To get some minutes in the 3rd quarter, the starters worked on ball control with fewer shots and lots of passing. The rest of the game all 18 Wildcats took turns on the Trojans. The result was

a running clock in part of the 4th quarter as the younger players pushed the point difference over 30. The starters have been good sports, but they have lost minutes and experience due to how big our lead has been in some games. The varsity group should get plenty of playing time against Skyline, one of the top teams in the league, this Thursday. Rebounds (15) were spread over 8 Wildcats from all over the roster. Steals(14) were led by a trio of Dagim Reed, Luke McGuire, and Jack Ruckle who combined for 10 in limited minutes.

Wildcat Scorers

Will Wegerer	10
Luke McGuire	8
Scott Wyatt	6
Gage Elliott	6
Jack Ruckle	4
Wylan Betzen	4
Dagim Reed	4
Nate Sterneker	4
Dylan Halderson	1



TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	23	9	9	6	47
Stafford	2	10	1	4	17

Jr. Lady Cats Defeat Stafford

by Coach Bart Ricke
The Cunningham Jr. High girls got the first league win of the season as they defeated the Stafford Trojans 22-10 at home on Monday 12-9-19. Both teams struggled to get a basket to fall in the first quarter as the Lady Cats were only able to get a free throw to go through the hoop,

but their defense held Stafford scoreless during the first period as the Lady Cats led 1-0 after one. Relatively speaking the flood gates opened in the second quarter as both teams made four field goals and the Wildcats also added to free-throws to outscore the Trojans 10-8 in the second to take a 11-8 lead into the locker room. The Lady Wildcats defense was able to hold the visitors to a single

basket the entire second half all while they added 11 points for themselves to come away with the convincing 22-10 victory. The Lady Wildcats record now stands at 1-1 in the HOPL and 2-4 overall. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Kaitlyn Hennessee 2, Maranda Lohrke 5, Taylor Schultz 11, Ellie McGuire 4. The B-teamers made it sweep for the night as they were able to make a late bas-

ket to come away with a 10-9 victory in the two quarter game. Scoring for the b-team: Elizabeth Paris 2, Ava Bock 2, Kyra Morgan 6.



CHS Scholars' Bowl Team Takes Third Place

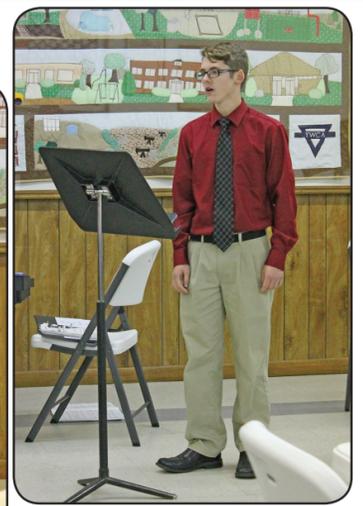


Congratulations to the CHS Scholars' Bowl team for taking 3rd at the St. John Invitational on December 2nd. (courtesy of USD 332 Facebook page)

Construction Begins on Addition to Law Enforcement Center in Kingman



Lions' Club Held Annual Christmas Dinner



Molly Morgan photos



Entertainment for the Lions' Club Annual Christmas Dinner was varied: Clockwise from above right: Mary Stackhouse sang "Merry Christmas, Darling" with Eric Kerschen accompanist. Mr Kerschen also accompanied Mike McGovney in "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and Kendra Morgan singing "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Henry Huelskamp sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and Hannah Ellis performed "I'll Be Home for Christmas. Eric Kerschen is a member of a brass band and they played Christmas songs as well.

Lady Cats Click in Season Opener at Minneola

by Coach Eric Meyers

The Cunningham Lady Wildcats seemed in mid-season form as the 2019-20 season got underway, but as their coach I know better. We aren't fully greased and synchronized by any means. We were able to hit the ground running in large part because we are, by now, a veteran team and we faced an opponent that is on the young side, and there is no substitute for experience. But in fairness to Minneola, we threw the kitchen sink at them in terms of half court and full court defense and adjusting often which kept them off balance. I wanted to

test my players' retention of the various alignments and responsibilities tied to each defense and I would give them a passing grade. We were not able to work on much variation when on offense due to the 3-2 defense Minneola employed most of the night. I could have forced them to play man-to-man but didn't see the need. Cunningham raced to a 17-6 first quarter lead and the comfortable lead swelled to 28 points by halftime, 36-8. We pride ourselves on defense so it's the number 8 that impresses me more than the 36! With a running clock for the entire third quarter, the final score was 66-20.

I asked the girls to give me a "40-20-15-10" game (FG% - rebounds - steals - turn-

overs). What they gave me was a 41-25-25-7 game. Apparently, I set the bar too low. I'm most proud of the turnover number for the first game of the year. As a team, our 41% field goal percentage was produced by 26 makes in 63 attempts, but 6 of the made shots were from behind the arc. Effectively, our field goal percentage was 46%.

Morgan Meyers was on target, scoring 18 at halftime on her way to 27 points, a career high. Two others nearly cracked double digits as Alayna McGuire and Mackenzie Wright tallied 9 points apiece. Madie McGuire netted 7 points on 3 of 4 shooting while the balance of our scoring came from Holly Deweese (6), Maddi Panek (4), Abby Hansen (2), and Reese

McGuire (2).

Mackenzie and Holly each grabbed 8 rebounds to pace our team output and Maddi Panek was on their heels with 7 rebounds of her own. Mackenzie was in the thieving mood with 6 steals while Morgan had 5. Finally, it was Alayna easily outdistancing the others in the assist category with 6.

A better start to the season would be hard to imagine, but much work lies ahead. We play in a tournament at Skyline next week with games against Wichita Prep Academy, Medicine Lodge, and Skyline. Be assured, we won't overlook anyone.



Above right: Holly DeWeese scores on this one. Right: Madie McGuire scores two for the Wildcats. Above: Maddi Panek scores.

Wildcats Fall to Minneola

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Minneola on December 6, 2019 to take on the Wildcats. Cunningham came up on the short end of a 65 to 46 score.

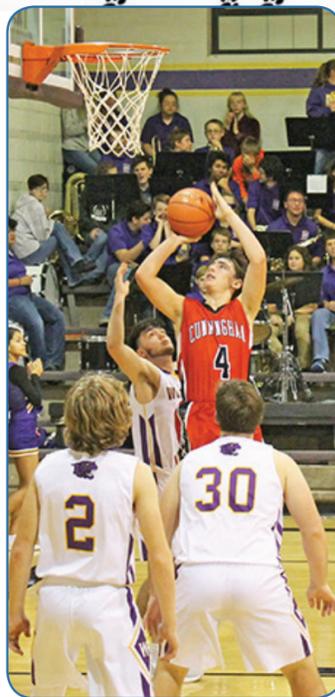
Minneola came out fast behind the shooting of Tuck Lang who scored all 18 of their first quarter points. Cunningham did not roll over as they put up nine points of their own. The scoring was shared by Daylen Schnittker, Nathan Lohrke, Isaiah Reed who each had a two-point basket and Trey DeWeese who scored on a three-point shot.

Cunningham was able to slow the hot shooting Lang and held him to three points in the second quarter. Lane Halderson warmed up and put in seven points with Erik Paris adding a basket to lead Cunningham to a nine to eight-point advantage for the quarter. Cunningham trailed at the half, 18 to 26.

Both teams scored often in the third quarter. Five of the six players for Cunningham put points on the board with Halderson leading the way with seven points. Cunningham trailed by 10 going into the fourth quarter.

The lack of players caught up with the Cats in the fourth quarter with Minneola extending their lead to 19 for the final score of 65 to 46.

This was our first chance to play against a high school defense with only seven players out. Austin Snow was unable to play due to a shoulder injury caused from a car-deer accident.



Clockwise from left: Isaiah Reed drives toward the basket.



Lane Halderson shoots for 2 points (and scores)

Nathan Lohrke scores 3 points for the Wildcats.

Trey DeWeese brings the ball down the court. CHS Cheer Squad.



TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	9	9	15	13	46
Minneola	18	8	17	22	65

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
Halderson	6		5/7	17	10	1		
DeWeese	2	1	1/4	8	3	2	1	
Schnittker	3		2/4	8	8	3	1	
Lohrke	1	2		8	4	2		
Paris	1			2	3			
Reed	1		1/2	3	3	2		1

photos on this page taken by Molly Morgan



Minutes from the County Commission Meeting December 2nd, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 2nd, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; John Caton, County Counselor; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Jason Jump, The Leader-Courier;

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said he was glad to see Jason Jump here to report on the newsworthy items.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed abatements and escape:

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to give the Commissioners an update on the taxes that have already been collected. Ms. Luntsford asked the Commissioners for overtime if needed during the tax season.

The Commissioners discussed the overtime with Ms. Luntsford and would like for her to only

use overtime if needed.

John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director was in for his performance review. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:30 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Rob Davis, The Law Company was in with OAC Agenda for Meeting #1. Discussed outstanding design issues. There were no current RFI's and submittals at this time.

Mr. Davis let the Commissioners know that there were change events which included AT & T Relocation Costs, Gas Line Relocation and VAC Location of Phone and Fiber Lines that are used for tracking costs.

Observations had none at this time.

Mr. Davis discussed the schedule and would be giving an updated schedule at least once a month.

Mr. Davis let the Commissioners and Sheriff Hill know that an app with Procore will need to be set up by each

of them and they will then get to see all information on the LEC project which includes pictures, minutes, diagrams and daily changes are updated.

Mr. Davis discussed general items, daily coordination; pay application and September pay application.

The County Commissioners discussed with The Law Company that Sheriff Hill will be the contact on changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session with Richard Schott, Emergency Management Director and John Caton, County Counselor at 10:00 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Stan Goetz was in with the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz discussed the closing of a road recommended by the Planning Commission and would like to have the Commissioners make a decision at the December 9th Commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed a rezone that was pre-

sented to the Planning/Zoning Commission for Farmers Coop Equity Company. Mr. Goetz let them know that there is a protest period and would need a decision during the December 16, 2019 Commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed a nuisance in Murdock with the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz and John Caton, County Counselor at 11:08 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Mr. Goetz discussed a raise in the Planning/Commission member pay. The County Commissioners would like to raise the meeting pay to \$60.00 starting January 1, 2020.

The County Commissioners discussed the Economic Development Director pay and the County share.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to discuss annual solicitation for funding

from HRRR (High Risk Rural Road) and if the Commissioners wanted to submit an application.

Commissioners discussed receiving copies of all RFP's that are being sent out by departments.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to give a 2.5% pay raise across the board for all employees. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed having trees removed by the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Jerry Henning to get quotes and proceed with the tree removal. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural Chris Broeckelman, Natoma woodworking

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

"If you can dream it, you can do it." That inspirational slogan might describe the work of Chris Broeckelman and his industrial technology students at Natoma High School. They are using their classes to develop skills, not just in the shop, but in life. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Chris Broeckelman is the industrial technology instructor at Natoma High School in northwest Kansas. Chris grew up on a farm near Selden, one of eight children of Joe and Cathy Broeckelman.

"I always had an interest in carpentry," Chris said. During high school, he worked at the local lumberyard. "I had a high school woodworking teacher that I thought very highly of."

Chris studied Technology Studies and Secondary Education at Fort Hays State with a minor in business. He also worked at a cabinet shop. After graduation, he took the teaching position at Natoma. He married Megan. They now have six children.

"When I was five or six years old, I said I wanted to be a carpenter or a vegetable farmer when I grew up," Chris

said. "Now I'm teaching woodworking and have a big garden, so I'm about there."

His industrial technology program begins with basic mechanical drafting, autocad, and woodworking classes during junior high. At the high school level, the elective classes in computer aided design and woodworking become progressively more challenging each year.

The woodworking program begins with wood processing where students learn about milling methods, identifying trees, and different drying processes. It progresses to the students imagining, designing and building a project of their own. Safety is the top emphasis throughout.

The wood is sourced locally. Farmers or power companies often donate logs which the students can cut. This year, windstorms uprooted several trees. "Ninety percent of our wood comes from salvage," Chris said. "We resell the wood at cost to the students, which saves parents and kids thousands of dollars and supports the program." Walnut, hackberry and white oak are popular.

The state technology competition is a motivational tool for Chris's students. For more than 50 years, Fort Hays State University has conducted a Western Kansas Technology Fair competition open to any school in the state. Outside judges evaluate the quality of the entries. There are competitions in drafting, graphic communications, power, energy and transportation systems,

plus production systems, including metalwork and woodwork, which is the largest category.

Participants receive white, red, or blue ribbons depending on the quality of the work. Superior products can be awarded a gold rosette. "It takes a lot of work to get that," Chris said. "The kids make a big deal of it."

More than 300 projects were entered last year. "Eleven of my 19 high school students brought home rosettes," Chris said. Among Chris's students, a sixth grader, eighth grader and freshman won best in class overall. Natoma has consistently been a top winner.

That's a remarkable record for students from a school in a rural community such as Natoma, population 335 people. Now, that's rural.

What products do students build? "The sky's the limit," Chris said. "I tell them, 'If you can dream it up, we'll find a way to build it.' And they challenge me." Projects typically include bedroom sets, dressers, dining room tables, coffee tables, and many more.

"Quality is our goal," Chris said. "I tell them that they're building a project that their grandkids can fight over after they're gone."

Not only are they building a project that will last, they are learning life skills. "To see a kid who starts with no confidence and see them grow is huge," Chris said. "It's about having a challenge and overcoming it, problem-solving and learning to work with others. It's more than just

wood-working, we're teaching life."

"If you can dream it, you can do it." This teacher and his students are making that motto reality. We salute Chris Broeckelman and his students at Natoma High for making a difference with their creativity and skill. When a young student earns that rosette at the state competition, it can be like a dream come true.

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Lorraine Janet Johnson

Lorraine Janet Johnson, 87, went to her Heavenly reward on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. She was born November 30, 1931, to Clarence Anderson and Violet (Koons) Anderson on the family farm in McPherson County. She attended West Kentucky School and graduated from Marquette High School.



She married Armin Wayne Johnson on June 19, 1949, at the Covenant Church in Marquette. Following their marriage, Lorraine worked as a secretary/book keeper for Train's Construction in Lindsborg.

Upon Armin's graduation from Bethany College they moved to Mulvane. Lorraine resided in Mulvane for 63 years and moved to Pleasant Hills in Hutchinson in 2017. Lorraine worked outside of the home for the Mulvane School System as a cook at Bloomenshine Grade School. Her last job was in the Mulvane Summer Recreation Art Department.

She loved to work with flowers both inside and outside and pursued interests in camping, ceramics, collecting Fenton birds, and was an avid rock hound.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Armin Wayne Johnson; son, Douglas Wayne Johnson; sister, Aileen Christenson. Lorraine is survived by her children; Janet Fairbank of Wichita, KS, Gregory Scott (Marla) Johnson of Hutchinson, KS; two grandchildren, Christina (Nick) Smith of Wichita, KS, Lindsey (Aidan Cattermole) Fairbank of Wichita, KS; great-grandchild, Jaycen Smith of Wichita, KS; sister, Erma (Don) Roberts of Winfield, KS; brother-in-law, Rev. J. Rolland Christenson of Lindsborg, KS. Lorraine's Funeral Service was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 2, 2019, at Smith Mortuary, Mulvane, KS with Chaplain Linda Ewert, Serenity Hospice - Hutchinson officiating. Music was provided by Gregory Johnson and Michelle Brady. Interment followed at Mulvane Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mulvane United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, in care of Gregory Johnson, 500 Columbia Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67502.

Barbara Shinkle

Barbara Ruth Shinkle, 88, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2019, at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born May 22, 1931, in Independence, the daughter of Harley and Inez (Swearingen) Duryea. On May 27, 1951, she married Dale M. Shinkle at First United Methodist Church in Longton, Kansas. He preceded her in death on March 15, 1993.

Barbara earned her Bachelors of Education from Emporia State University and her Masters from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She taught Elementary School in Paola until they moved to Pratt in January 1953 where they owned the Dairy Queen. In the late 1960's they sold Dairy Queen and she went back to teaching at North Elementary School for a couple years and then taught Kindergarten (Pooh Corner) at Haskins Elementary school for many years until she retired. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pratt, Chancel choir, Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Rotary Club, Chapter IF PEO, Pratt Association of Retired School Personnel, Pratt Music Club, Distaff Investment Club, Naomi Guild of United Methodist Women and the advisory boards for South Wind Hospice and Community Concert. Barbara volunteered at Pratt Regional Medical Center and Vernon Filley Art Museum.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Harlan (Janet) Shinkle of Pratt; brother, Rex (Bonnie) Duryea of El Dorado; sister, Jeanette Spilman of Longton; grandchildren, Rhea, Ryan (Chelsea) and Kiley Shinkle, and Leah (Daniel) Livingston; and 4 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale; son, Kevin Shinkle; and brothers, Duane and James Duryea.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with Reverend Marvin Ewertt presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Pratt Public School Foundation or Vernon Filley Art Museum in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt, KS 67124. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Just a Few Highlights From the Zenda Parade



Left: Local veterans: Kenny Hageman, Army; Wayne Dick, Air Force; and Amy Hageman, Navy, led the parade. (That was a treasured sight!)

Below: Hank Adams in his wooden car.



Right: Joe Mattal drove his antique car.



Photos and comments by Marci Adams



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