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Official Minutes from January City Council Meeting

January 31, 2022

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 31, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tim Schultz, and Tyler Thimesch (arriving at 8:07); City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; and City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee.

Guests: Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Monte Rose, Cunningham EMS; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development, and Roberta Kobbe.

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

Amendment to Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the agenda with the correction of item 6 to "Demolition" instead of "FAÇADE." Motion carried, 3/0.

Oath of Office for Mayor and Council Members elected in November - Mayor Murphy and Councilman Woodard took the Oath of Office to begin their new

Demolition Application - Leslie Schrag notified the Council that the Dilapidated Structure Program Application for 201 N Dresden has been approved.

Kingman County Economic Development - Leslie Schrag gave the 2021 Annual Report.

Fire Department - Chief Stark reported there were no runs this month. He has replaced the fuel pump on the water pump for #331. Batteries have been changed in personal gear/equipment. Reno County has made available (on loan) an 800 radio to be used for mutual aid calls. Most likely Kingman County will begin using 800 radios in the future. Grant money will be used to purchase the Cunningham Fire Department 800 radio.

Cunningham EMS - Update was provided by Monte Rose. Monte will retire from Cunningham EMS on July 1, 2022. Monte is and has been the only EMT for about four years. Cunningham needs volunteers to become EMTs. The EMT training course has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be rescheduled, so there is time to sign up for the course.

GAAP Waiver for 2022- Motion

Supply System – City Attorney advised the Council that a cap on usage would be appropriate. Backflow prevention should be in place to protect water supply. Rates will be discussed in the future.

Planning & Zoning Appointments - Mayor Murphy re-appointed Connie Panek to a three-year term on the City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Schultz, second by Woodard to approve the appointment. Motion carried, 3/0.

Mayor Murphy re-appointed Jack Crick to a three-year term on the City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard. Motion carried, 3/0.

FFA – Consensus of Council that barricades would not be needed for "Drive Your Tractor to School" Day.

Oath of Office - Tyler Thimesch arrived at 8:07. Councilman Thimesch took the Oath of Office to begin his new four-year term.

Maintenance - Mesa gave the maintenance report. Transfer switch for the generator has been ordered, but not received yet.

Mesa presented the Council with a

ried, 4/0.

He is waiting on a couple more bids to replace the sewer line between Estella Avenue and Leiter Street (between Wilmot and Elliott.)

A water meter at 214 E 4th was found to have a leaking valve. The house has been vacant for approximately three years. The meter has been off, but Mesa noticed an outside spigot running. The meter was removed, and the line was capped.

Mesa is planning to attend the Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Conference and Exhibition. Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve City Clerk's attendance at the KRWA Conference City Clerk's Forum. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mesa also reported the installation of an irrigation system at 310 N Douglas.

Mayer Specialty Services was called out when the lagoon outlet from pond one to pond two became plugged. They were able to immediately clear the outlet.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Thimesch, second by Woodard to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment - Motion by Woodard,

four-year terms.

Minutes of December 28, 2021 meeting - Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

BOE Will Meet Monday

Monday, March 7, 2022 7:00 p.m.

104 W. 4th, Cunningham, Kansas

Approval of Agenda (AI)

IV. Approval of the minutes of the

V. Approval of financial reports

Superintendent Report - Mr.

Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap

Special Education Report -

Executive Session for

Executive session for personnel.

February 9, 2022 regular meeting. (AI)

No public comments.

AGENDA

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Negotiations.

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Regular Meeting

Call to Order

III. Guest Recognition

and payment of bills. (AI)

VI. Reports

Travis Thimesch

VII. Old Business

VIII.New Business

IX. Adjournment

Bond project

Approve Positions

by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve Resolution 2022-01 (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Burn Site Key Policy – Clerk will work with the City Attorney to create an agreement for key borrowers to sign. Skyland Grain Connection to Water sewer line map with marked suggestions to treat for root control. Duke's Root Control will be treating the lines. Motion by Ruckle, second by Thimesch, to approve Duke's Root Control treating the sewer lines as presented by Mesa, not to exceed \$7,500.00. Motion carsecond by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

submitted by Molly Morgan

replaced. At sometime all the meters in the community will be on auto-read.

Mesa has been working on the End of the Year Water Report. The city of Cunningham used 31,000,000 gallons of water in 2021-2022.

There was a bit of an issue with the bulk water rate from the hose and hydrant here by the well houses. Folks need to be sure to record their water usage and pay for it.

Extended discussion focused on the Skyland Grain request to be added to the city water. The city attorney will draw up a contract for the business to consider.

Several properties are being cleaned up; vehicles being removed, the lose tin on the old Cargill office has also been removed, demolition of some homes will be taking place soon, and the construction on the new house at Wilmot and Santa Fe should begin this month.

The Christian Church has been issued a building permit to add a nursery, fellowship hall and classrooms to their new building.

Swimming pool will need lifeguards this summer. (The classified page in this editon contains the information for applying for the job.).

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Bond Project Informational Meetings Will Be Held

These are going to be informational meetings including a PowerPoint presentation, informational flyers, questions/answers, and opportunities to show people how they can register to vote online and where to access bond information on the district website.

March 7 (Monday) 7:00 pm -Cunningham Women's Club will meet at the school in the music room for the informational presentation, followed by a tour of the school. All ladies of the community are welcome to attend.

March 8 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm -Informational meeting at Zenda Community Center.

March 11 (Friday) - Willowdale K of C fish fry - Informational material will be available and people will be available to answer questions.

March 22 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm - informational meeting at the school, followed by tours available.

March 24 (Thursday) 7:00 pm - informational meeting at St. Leo Catholic school hall - same plan as previous meetings.

Takeaways from February City Council Meeting

> The editor was a bit late and missed the first discussion which was about a public comment that I missed out on. Apologies.

> Aaron Murphy and Tim Schultz were absent.

> Harold Stark gave an overview of the month's fire department activity. There were 3 runs during the month. He also let the council know that the 800 radio has been ordered.

> Discussion followed about the burn site. Information was given to the city lawyer to write up a policy for the burn site use. The burn site is for brush and limbs only. No grass clippings. No lumber. No leaf disposal.

> Nisly Brothers raised their rates one dollar the first of January as per the contract negotiated with them. Because the landfill fees have raised, they are raising the rates 20 cents more effective immediately.

> The council voted to purchase additional auto-read water meters. Mesa Sallee will order 15 of the 1-inch meters and 10 of 3/4-inch for a cost of about \$7500.00. They will be used to replace the meters that wear out and need to be

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Takeaways from February City Council Meeting

Ultra Modern Pool will be changing the sand in the filter in the pool. New valves will be installed, hopefully to better establish where the leak(s) are. (Notice the old news of 1972).

Cozy's, the new restaurant on Main, has a special use hearing scheduled for March 14th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting has to be held because Cozy's will be serving beer and is within a few feet of the library which is one of the restrictions in the zoning laws. (And, yes, I was mayor when the law was passed, and no I don't remember all the details, and it is late and I'm too tired and lazy to look them up.)

Animal control was discussed. Too many dogs are running around unleashed. (Cats are too, but well, cats are cats. The feral cats keep down the rodent population, but that's not to say the editor and her brother don't trap them and have them neutered/spayed and turn them over to rescues or release them back to their environment.)

I think that's about it. I'm sure I've forgotten something

Official minutes will be in Courier edition of March 31st.



Meanderings

I have a Facebook account. I have noticed lately my 'news feed' is filled with stories from The Best Friends Animal Santuary in Kanab, UT; Always and Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary, Kansas Humane Society, Kingman County Humane Society.

Then there are the videos of dogs being funny. Cats being cats. Horses running, rabbits being cute. Baby goats that are more adorable than cute.

I mostly see animals when I scroll through my Facebook page.

A few days ago, a friend recommended "View From My Window". I checked out this Facebook page, and am fascinated by it, and have spent a lot of time on it. (Thank you, Lynanne Rohlman DeGarmo, for posting this information). This is such very positive bit of Facebook.

People around the world take pictures of the world outside their windows. Ireland, Israel, Colorado, South Africa, Australia and so many other places. Right now, pictures from the Ukraine are prevalent. It is a beau-

scanned them and sent

them on - my appoint-

to remind me of my ap-

My cardiologist called

ment was set up.

tiful country, as are they all as depicted through the lens and windows of the photographers who live there. I have yet to read a negative comment. The beauty is astounding. Kangaroos in a backyard in Australia, snow capped mountains in Colorado, a moose in a yard in Minnesota, a small garden in England.

Now, many folks are taking photos of flowers beginning to bloom and other harbingers of spring. It is not only a positive and beautiful site, it is uplifting.

Now my Facebook page has dogs, dogs, cats, world view from window, cats, windows, baby goats, window. More variety. Well, yes, I sometimes see posts from friends and I'm happy to see most of those. But pets and animals and window views are my favorite thing right now.

I could take a photo outside my window, but I need to wash the windows first. The view isn't glorious, by any stretch of the imagination, but sometimes it says, "This is Kansas!"

Unfortunately, a cell tower recently went up not too far to the west. I was so disappointed that first night I went outside to see the setting sun and there were those blinking red lights. It made me rather sad and nostalgic for a time before towers of light and cells and winds. The changing world is always changing for the better.

Isn't it great to have Beth Blasi's column back for the week? I love reading her words and thoughts. She can meander as well as I can. I think we need to start a Meanderings Club. Anyone who writes and meanders can join. **

Make note of the Public Notice on page 12. The small one at the top. It gives your information about registering to vote before the April 5th special election. (March 15 is the deadline to register in this election). Get with it. Vote. **

Well, two-thirds of my new neighbors have moved into the neighborhood. The other third should be along shortly.

It will be nice to have these homes lived in again. Folks working in their yards. Cars parked in driveways. Lights on in the evenings. Grass mowed. Flowers growing.

Because of the new neighbors, I've been talking to a couple of my kitties about their wandering. Peter especially. That little one-eyed monster ogre kitty loves to prowl around the neighborhood protecting it from stray cats. And moles and gophers and other burrowing creatures. Peter enjoys a good hunt and a good fight. But I've told him he doesn't need to be bothering the neighbors with his helpfulness. If they invite him over to

get rid of the moles, he can go, but he needs to be invited.

He just looks at me with his one eyeball, and "Meorws!". He's a talker, Peter is. Well, he talks to me anyway. And his dog, Quin. (Mostly he says, "Quit walking on me, you oaf!" or "Leave me alone, Quin!")

And he talks to the other cats. Usually it's name-calling, but his vocabulary is extensive, and it makes for interesting listening. **

The other gad-about is Barney. Although, he doesn't roam like he once did. He's getting old and fat and lazy. When the weather warms up he might head over to the field across the street and prowl around looking for something to catch.

There used to be a fence on the side of the house he'd jump up on to get up on the roof. He'd go hunting and bring back his prize, jump up on the fence, then the roof. Only a couple of times did he jump off the roof into the backyard and bring his dead toy into the house. Usually it didn't make it past the roof.

I'm not sure what is going to happen now, because the fence is gone and he can't climb on to the roof from the front of the house.

He still climbs up the deck support to get to the roof in the backyard. I don't know how he gets down off the roof into the front yard. I will have to watch him this spring to see how he accomplishes that. Maybe he just spends hours up on the roof.

He's an interesting kitty, Barney is. Where Peter is always ready for a rumble in a back alley, Barney (named for Barney Fife) will not pick a fight. The other cats intimidate him so, he just runs at the sight of some of them. But he's a good kitty, spending most of his days basking in the window of his room. He is the only pet that has his own room. **

I am enjoying the Michael Harvey series of books. Good mysteries, interesting characters. There are only five books in the series, and I'm wisihing there were more.

I am off to bed, this paper needs to get sent off to be printed.

> Always reading, And currently reading "The Fifth Floor" By Michael Harvey Roberta

"People who smile while they are alone used to be called insane, until we invented smartphones and social media."

Mokokoma Mokhonoana

"I love cats, they are so nice and selfish. Dogs are TOO good and unselfish. They make me feel uncomfortable. But cats are gloriously human."

- L.M. Montgomery, Anne of the Island



fingernails.

Treadmill time is getting better – not quite a daily habit yet, but off, too. My tongue feels and tastes differently every day. I was pretty excited to realize I actually tasted/reacted to salt on French fries and fried onions the other day! The trek up the stairs to the organ at church is not such an ordeal anymore.

taxes done! I use a software and do my brotherin-law's return. His is typically very simple

manual deposit in 2020 for the first payment, a "gift card" in a pile for the second payment (which he remembered), and we finally found the third payment as a direct deposit in 2021 (I had been looking for another manual deposit since the first one was manual). Whew! I really don't understand why the US Government doesn't send a 1099 just like everyone else has to! I finally finished his return. Working on our return is a project for March!

By Beth Blasi

Ah! The first part of March 2022. This marks my "crossing over" to the world of Medicare effective March 1 - the first day of my birthday month. Since I've put off my normal annual checkups until that event, guess what my month is full of? You guessed it – all those checkups!

First off, I called my family doc to make an appointment in March. They wouldn't even make my appointment until they had my new insurance info. I thought that was strange since they usually just get those copies when you get there and I know he handles Medicare patients (he sees my husband!). So, pointment in February. Hmmm, didn't have it on my calendar and "if it's not on the calendar, it's not happening". So, that got rescheduled to March as well. That appointment is after the family doc so the labs from that could be sent to him. I'm really interested to see what my cholesterol levels are. They've been going up some but since oatmeal has been my main breakfast food for the last 6 months, I'm curious to see if that helped any. Oatmeal is supposed to help that, right?

Then, of course, is the follow-up CT scan (on my birthday – Happy Birthday? to me) and oncologist visit. I'll try to get my port flushed as well. Busy March and then comes the anniversary month of my cancer -April. Maybe that will become my anniversary of "almost" normal - hair back on my head and normal toes, fingers, and

getting there. Seems like I've been running in other ways lately. You know, I'm supposed to be retired but it seems I've got my fingers in a lot of pots lately.

February was a pretty uneventful month except for the couple snow-storms we had. The Superbowl happened and Valentine's Day came and went (of course, my hubby and I really splurge on that day - bwa ha ha ha). The hair on my head is getting longer (still no sign of any curls) and the fingernails are getting better but I did finally lose a thumbnail. It popped off and there was half a nail growing under it. Kind of interesting to see a part of my thumb that's never seen daylight before. Doesn't hurt, it's just really strange to have flesh exposed that is normally covered by a nail. I'll be glad to have that nail finish growing out. I hope the other nails don't decide to pop

We did take another short road trip with my brother and sister-in-law at the end of February. At long last, I was a much happier traveler and could eat almost anything available instead of having to be fearful of what it might taste/feel like. It was great! We thought we'd leave the cold of Kansas and head southwest where it was warmer. That mostly worked except the last day was cold from our last overnight stay all the way back to Kansas. During the warm part of our trip, we stopped at a few national parks. I was able to climb around some rocks and walk up a fairly long incline under my own power without assistance! Hurray!

Oh yeah! Don't forget getting your income

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he has one job, gets Social Security, and some interest from the bank. However - there was a wrench in it this year related to the stimulus payments some people got. It asked the question if he got the "third" stimulus payment in 2021 since it is a refundable credit if you didn't get it and qualified. Of course, he didn't remember if he got the third one. Supposedly, he should have received some letter when he received it. If he did, it mysteriously is no where to be found. Of course, you can go to a government website to see what you got. I started down that path and got as far as needing his driver's license and a selfie! Decided to dig through his bank statements instead - found a

Please note that USD 332 has a school bond vote on <u>April 5</u>. Info can be found at www. usd332.org - 2022 Bond Info. Please review the information and **VOTE!!!**

Next Steps: Ct Scan, Port flush, doing our income tax (argh!), and a visit to the grand-daughter for her birthday!

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Surrounding Communities

Thursday, March 3, 2021

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Community Bulletin Board Ladies of the is sponsored by Community are Invited NINNESCAH The Cunningham Women's Club will be hosting a bond VALLEY BANK nvalleybank.com Member FDIC Wednesday, Thursday, March 3rd HS BB Sub-state March 9th HS BB Boys State semifinals for boys **Ouarterfinals** at Great Bend Friday, March 4th HS BB Sub-state Thursday, March 10th semifinals for girls HS BB Girls State Quarterfinals at Saturday, March 5th Great Bend HS Forensics at Fairfield *** Early Dismissal HS BB Sub-state finals **** End of 3rd Ouarter Monday, March 7th Friday, March 11th 6:00 p.m. No School. Start Parent meeting for of Spring Break Track athletes *** *** questions. 7:00 p.m. HS BB semifinals **BOE** meeting at Great Bend **Tuesday, March 8th** Monday, April 4th 1:00 - 6:00 HS Music Festival **Community Center** at Pretty Prairie NHS Blood Drive

issue presentation on Monday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cunningham School Music Room. Women's Club meeting will follow presentation. **Track Parent Meetings** Scheduled The high school and junior high track

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

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

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



Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper March 12, 2022 4:30 PM-7:00 PM The American Legion Lorraine Post 98 201 N Main Isabel, Kansas 67065 Proceeds Support Veteran Services, Kansas Honor Flights, and building maintenance.



Serving Fried Chicken, Adults \$10; 5-12 \$5 Country Sausage, Potatoes/Gravy, **Children 4 & under FREE** Cole Slaw, Green Beans, *****Drawing for valuable prizes.* Homemade Bread & Pies



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Thursday, Mrach 3, 2021

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Ulipper W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1927

Cunningham Girls' Basketball team retained their good reputation as a team by winning over Benton, the score being 11 to 9, in a hard fought game, Thursday afternoon, March 2, in the state tournament in Wichita on the Cathedral High court. The girls lost to Cheney at the tournament, 30 to 10. This put them out of the tournament.

The Community Orchestrea of the Penalosa neighborhood will give a musical program at the H.S. Auditorium in Cunningham, Thursday night, March 17th. The orchestra is under the direction of Eli Forney, director of the Municipal Band of Hutchinson. The orchestra has been organized for over two years and comes to our city under the auspices of the Junior Class of the Cunningham High School, and will be well worth the price of admission. The orchestra contains thirty-two pieces.

If your business has that tired feeling along about now, what it probably wants is that little spring tonic called Advertising.

1932

C. H. Lakin has gone back into the implement business and is going to handle the famous John Deere line. Charley has been out of the business for a couple of years, but is going back stronger than ever.

The contract for regrading and building of bridges on U.S. Highway 54 will be let during the week of March 21. The land has all been purchased for widening of the right of way. This work will furnish considerable employment here during the spring and summer. Most of the work will be done by hand and the engineers here expect that from 100 to 150 men will be employed.

Pat Benningfield, manager of the A.C. Houston lumber yard and Miss Grace Sellon, who teaches in the Cairo school, were victims of a serious auto accident about 6:15 P.M. last Sunday evening. They were on their way to Miss Sellon's home west of town when the model A, which Mr. Benningfield drives, got out of control and crashed into a telephone pole at the railroad crossing west of town. The impact damaged the car considerable and shook both passengers up considerable.

We might add, that the railroad crossing west of town is one of the most dangerous crossings in this neighborhood. There have been many accidents there, and we understand there is a movement on foot to have a safer crossing put across the railroad at this point. Thieves were busy in Cunningham Tuesday night and several Cunningham businesses were victims. The Dafforn Motor Company had a Caterpillar gear stolen from the yard south of the garage, where service men had been busy for sometime repairing the tractor. A radiator was taken off a tractor standing in the Shorty Rose repair yard, belonging to Sherman Kincheloe. Other smaller articles were also picked up around the place. Bob Stillwell was the victim of gasoline thieves, who drained the gas from his car. They were careful to leave no tracks, for they spread gunny sacks over the ground to avoid detection.

The Wildcatters did something last Friday night that no other team in Kansas has been able to do all season – beat the Sun City Hornets, 37 to 36 – on the local court in a thrill-packed game before an overflow crowd.

Austin Luce walked off with scoring honors in the game when he parted the nets for eighteen points. Junior Neagle scored 8, Bobby Crow 6, Charles Cooley 5. Cunningham led most of the time throughout the game, and once had a lead of 29 to 18, only to see the Hornets come back and tie the score.

The Wildcatter second team eked out a 27 to 25 decision over the Sun City second teamm with Carlos Schwartz scoring 14 points.

1947

The Wildcats defeated Sharon high school, 38-32, in their first game of the Class B Regional tourney at Kingman.

The Wildcats took second place in the Class B District tourney at Preston, losing in the Saturday night finals to Sylvia, 37-25.

Oil development in the Cunningham community reached a peak last week with a new oil pool being opened five miles east and four miles south of the city. The pool opener, Plains Exploration Co. No. 1 Swander made its potential of 1,604 barrels of oil daily on a bomb test of Viola lime at 4,459 feet, plugback depth.

A 4-H Club has been organized in Cunningham. Officers are Al Joe Sterneker, President; June Cooley, Vice President; Beverly Amick, Secretary; and Norma Watkins, Reporter.

Due to the resignation of Carl Buntemeyer effective March 1st, Jonathan Glenn has been appointed City Marshal. Wilbur Lash, in addition to his duties as City Clerk, will maintain the streets and be in charge of the Water Works system.

1952

The Father and Son Banquet, sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club of the Cunningham-Cairo charge, was held at the Cairo church, Wednesday evening, and was well-attended. Eighty-three fathers and sons enjoyed a delicious ham dinner served by the Cairo W.S.C.S. for protests. The annexed land contains 37½ sections lying between the Isabel and Preston school districts and bounded on the west side by Cairo and the Preston-Isabel road.

Cunningham missed a finals berth in the district basketball tournament here by three seconds in their semi-finals game with Attica last Thursday evening. A foul in the final seconds enabled Attica to tie the score at 50-50. In the first overtime period each team scored four points and the game was tied at 54-54. Attica scored a goal in 42 seconds of the second and "sudden death" overtime period to win the game. Billy Schnittker paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 17 pints.

Nashville Grade School defeated Cunningham Grade School in the finals of the Kingman County Grade School Basketball Tournament at Nashville last Saturday night. The final score was 20 to 17.

1962

Marshall Swander flipped in the winning basket with seven seconds left, giving Cunningham a close hard-fought victory over Clearwater in a firstround game of the Class B Regional Tournament at Clearwater, Tuesday evening, The final score was 39 to 37.

The game was close all the way, with both teams obviously off-form. The game was five minutes old before either team connected for a field goal.

Cunningham led most of the game, and at one point, had a 10-point lead. The Wildcats were ahead 22-21 at half-time.

Bob Meyers led the Cunningham scoring with 15 points' Marshall had 10, Bob Leiter 5, Roger Krug 2, and Eugene Huston 7. The Wildcats made 10 field goals to go with their 19 free throws.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell moved last week-end into the property they recently purchased from Mrs. Julia Wilson.

Cunningham IGA

Choice Chuck Roast, 45c lb.

- Longhorn Cheese, 49c lb.
- TV Milk, 1-gal. glass jug, 79c
- Good Value Margarine, 5 1-lb. pkgs, 99c
- Fleming's Coffee, 2-lb. can, \$1
- TV Frozen Orange Juice, 3 12-oz. cans, \$1
- Washington Extra Fancy Red Delicious Apples,
- 10 for only 59c
 - Florida Pink Grapefruit, 10 for only 49c

Autumn Gold China Saucer, only 13c with each \$10.00 purchase

"Right on the Highway.... Right on the Price"

1967

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cusenbary of Cunningham, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Norma, of Arlington, Va., to John Setter, also of Arlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Setter of Crary, N. Dak. The wedding will be an event of April 1 at St. Rita's Church in Alexandia, Va.

1937

The Cunningham Redskins met the Penalosa quintet in the first game of the Regional Basketball tournament held at Preston. As the game was nearly ended (one second to play), the score was 23 to 22 for Penalosa. Naasz came to the rescue by sinking a long goal from the middle of the court and won the game 24 to 23.

By winning their first game, the Redskins got to return Thursday night when they met a strong team, St. John. The boys played a good game but were unable to overcome the advantage of the bigger players on the opponent's team and were defeated 35 to 20.

Jennie Franks and Dan German were married here last Saturday evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley English moved to Mulvane this week, where he plans to establish a Baldwin Combine Agency. He has sold his Derby Service Station to Guy Forbes of Pratt

English and Kincheloe are local dealers for the Gleaner Baldwin Combine. Come in and see the new 1937 model.

1942

Twenty-six more Kingman county men, six of them from Cunningham, chosen under the selective service act, left Monday morning for service in the United States Army.

The Cunningham men were Frank R. Cain, Jr., Elmer E. Bell, Lawrence I. DeWeese, Wayne E. Lash, Emil W. Becker, and Lawrence Marvin Shelman.

Wanted to buy cheap – A mattress, blanket, quilt, and small heating stove for City Jail. Notify Mayor W. D. Creamer

Museum Winter Hours Contact: Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

O. R. Benningfield was toastmaster for the evening. Father's Welcome was given by Rufus Leiter, and Son's Response was given by Charles Thornhill. Roger Buntemeyer played a baritone horn solo, and the Men's Quartette, composed of Ed Krug, C. H. Sheldon, Dan Cusenbary, and Dale Sheldon, sang two numbers. Rev. Nelson Gardner, pastor of the Methodist Church, of Greensburg, gave the address of the evening.

About four inches of snow fell in this community and over most of the state Sunday night and Monday, accompanied by a sharp drop in temperatures. Freezing rain and sleet began falling late Saturday evening and continued intermittently throughout most of Sunday.

The Cunningham schools were closed Monday and Tuesday due to snow-blocked roads. Traffic on U. S. Highway 54 between Cunningham and Wichita was halted at noon Monday due to large drifts of snow on the pavement near Goddard.

Bad driving conditions were blamed for a collision seven and one-half miles east of Cunningham Monday morning. No one was hurt in the two-car accident.

The First National Bank of Cunningham has installed a new Burroughs posting machine.

1957

1957 – Cunningham Rural High School was enlarged by 37¹/₂ sections of land in Pratt County by annexation this week. The annexation followed the circulating of a petition for annexation to the local high school district in January, which was subsequently approved by Pratt County Superintendent Gertrude Bonecutter and Kingman County Superintendent Maime Longenecker, and the 30-day waiting period The Isabel Vikings, winners of the Class BB District Tournament at Cunningham two weeks ago, made it to the state tournament at Dodge City this week by winning the regional tournament at Pratt last Saturday night, defeating Ingalls in the finals, 72 to 64.

Nashville-Zenda was fourth in the regional tournament, losing to Protection in the consolation game, Saturday night.

1972

March 2, 1972 – Mr. and Mrs. Curt Rakestraw of Sterling, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Lyons District Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds, four and one-half ounces, and has been named Dana Rae. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek, Jr. of Cunningham, and Donald Huhman of Lyons, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rakestraw of Sterling.

The Cunningham Wildcats won the Class 1-A District Basketball Tournament at Skyline (Pratt) High School last Friday night, whipping the Sharon Cardinals in the finals, 77 to 66. Mike Schrant came up with 26 points to lead the Cunningham scoring; Bob McGovney had 22; Dean Simon 11; Steve Albers 10; Leon Fischer 5; and Mark Stillwell 4.

Nashville-Zenda won the battle of the Thunderbirds on Friday night, when they defeated Skyline, 61 to 56, for third place in the tournament.

The Cunningham City Council approved the passage of Ordinance No. 206, which provides for the issuance of \$36,000 in General Obligation Bonds to build and equip a swimming pool in the city.



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Consider this... by Mike Johnson I HEAR yah. I HEAR yah. "I HEAR yah. I HEAR

yah." It was an annoying

habit. A hundred years ago,

I oversaw a district of convenience stores and would "ride stores" with my various area supervisors. Each had 7 or 8 stores and our tour of their group helped ensure each location met company standards and followed its strategies.

Human nature being what it is, we tended to look forward - or in this case - dread, visiting certain stores. This location, situated in a small town, two hours away from our other stores, received fewer visits. As a result, its employees saw corporate mandates more loosely than the typical store and often put their own spins on programs designed for systematic precision.

The travel time there was spent wondering what the heck we'd encounter once there. The two hours back were often spent commiserating about "Bob."

"Bob" (not his real name) thought he was a great deli operator. He really did. And every time we'd give Bob a suggestion that was sure to make his job easier and more effective, he'd habitually nod agreement and rotely repeat, "I HEAR yah. I HEAR yah."

His tone implied that

of course, he already knew everything about our suggestions, fully understood their many benefits and agreed with them all.

He just didn't do them. Ever.

"Bob, your sandwich build-up book hasn't been completed for two weeks. Not knowing how many you sold makes it pretty difficult figuring out how many to make doesn't it?" "IHEAR yah. IHEAR yah."

"And you're out of stock on ham and turkey, our best sellers. When customers don't see what they want, they tend to go somewhere else."

"I HEAR yah. I HEAR yah."

"And Bob, the weight on this sandwich is off. We ask you to use the scale so each customer gets the exact portion everytime, so they can count on their sandwich tasting the same every visit."

"I HEAR yah. I HEAR yah."

Translation: He DON'T hear yah.

"Bob" was the perfect example of the old axiom: There's nothing more impossible than teaching a man something he thinks he already knows.

In our own ways, we've all got a little "Bob" in us.

We believe we're friendly to others, yet catch ourselves telling off that difficult co-worker in our minds as we drive home.

We think we're fairminded, but then discover ourselves negatively judging another with no more information than a glance at their appearance.

We say we love someone, but then find ourselves pressuring them into something they'd rather not do.

In all cases, we'll never improve until we realize we're not the expert we thought we were.

Approaching life like a novice, instead of an expert, allows us to remain open to new learning. When we see ourselves as a beginner, we're open to any suggestions on how to improve.

But as soon as we decide we're an expert, we've identified with doing things one way. Suggestions that would improve us are then seen as attacks on our status as "expert." So instead of embracing improvements, we go through all sorts of ridiculous behaviors defending ourselves from them! By fighting to prove what we already know, we remain ignorant.

Whenever we discover ourselves defending ourselves from another's suggestion, it's wise to ask ourselves, what is it inside of me that needs defending? Just what am I trying to protect?

Until we face the possibility we're not yet the experts we think we are, like Bob, we'll continue to defend ourselves from improvement. And even though our words of defense may be different, they'll mean the same thing.

"I HEAR yah. I HEAR yah."

Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

<u>Cunningham Hands</u> of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: <u>First and Third Tuesday</u> <u>from 2:00-5:00 p.m.</u>

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

- Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.
- How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

<u>Do you need assistance outside</u> <u>distribution hours?</u>

Pass It On®... Finding Slow Purpose in a Fast World

In quiet neighborhoods, you find quiet people going about their lives, doing good things. Harold is one of those people. An introvert by nature, he finds himself happiest while changing the brake pads on an old truck or replacing a water heater.

A mechanic by trade, Harold lost his job in his early sixties. His wife Jeannette teaches English at the local high school. With their own kids grown, they don't need a lot or want a lot. There is something liberating about being frugal and staying out of debt, even if it comes because you simply don't see the simple lives. And while his wife is in the classroom, Harold makes the rounds in the neighborhood. There's always a widow who needs a faucet fixed or a teenager with a first car that needs the shock absorbers changed or the tires rotated.

Harold approaches each day the same way he has for years. He pulls on his coveralls and goes to work. He doesn't run a small business, but he has a big heart. And while his wife teaches students to be clear in thought and articulation, Harold economizes language as if he is saving it up for some future outpouring.

"Yep, you got a leak. I'll get my toolbox." That's about as much as you'll get out of Harold. Even when you thank him, he'll just wave.

ways to communicate, if you want to talk to Harold, you have to wander over to his workshop and knock on the door. There's something reassuring, almost spiritually grounding, knowing that amid a chaos of change, there's Harold, in his gray coveralls, with a wrench in his thick hands, willing to put his back into fixing the mechanical things that stress us out. Watching him work, slowly and methodically, is a Zen experience, gratifyingly meditative. Remove the old pipe, haul it to his truck, cut and thread a new pipe--the oil and shavings dripping into an old coffee can. He's done this hundreds of times and knows how not to make a mess, not to rush. The pipe joint is dry-fitted, then pulled being done right.

At the end of Harold's life, his good deeds will come pouring out in the words of friends and family, a rush of appreciation that would have embarrassed their good-hearted neighbor with the skilled hands.

"He was there when I needed a hand," many will say. And indeed, what a valuable thing that is these days. After all, our purpose is not to get the most likes, but to like most what we do for others.

Purpose...<u>PassItOn.</u> com

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Catholic Churches Sacred Heart, Cunningham Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo Harold and Jeannette live

St. John, Zenda

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

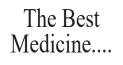
St. Peter Willowdale

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

need for a lot of stuff. So In a world of over-

sharing, channels of information that flood our screens, and myriad





Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings in Kingman

Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 8:00 PM Livingston Family Center 1830 N Main St Kingman, KS 866-641-9190 apart, pipe dope applied, then wrenched together. There's no frustration, no hurry, only an ease and satisfaction in things

The Coin Toss

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend.

> "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

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Creation

An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you."

God said, "OK, let me see you do it."

So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Get your own dirt!"

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

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

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

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)



t t t t t t Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA

Father Roger Lumbre 620-243-5451

620-246-5370

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

† † † † † † First Christian Church Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m. Pastor Ken Keeling 620-491-0680

Surrounding Communities

Lady Cats Finish Regular Season

The Lady Cats hosted the Attica Bulldogs on Feb the 22nd for their last regular season game. One week after a big win the Lady Cats did not play with much fire against the solid, quick Bulldogs. The Lady Cats did not play nearly as fast. Passes were slow, and defense/ rebounding was no different, making positive stats hard to come by. The home team started off with more turnovers than points and could not get enough traction to threaten the visiting Bulldogs. Hopes are high for a win at sub-state where the Lady Cats will be on the road Feb 25th.

submitted by Coach Lance McGuire

Assists Leaders



Matie	Jump
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Lady Wildcat	Scorers
Ellie McGuire	15
Kaitlyn Hennessee	2
Maranda Lohrke	5
Ada Adams	2
Elizabeth Paris	2

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT #1	OT #2	ΤΟΤΑΙ	-		
Attica	31	22	10	6			69			
CHS	6	9	6	5			26			
			1				1			
Rebour	nd Leaders		Mati	3		Ellie	2		Kaitlyn	2
Steals L	eaders		Mati	4		EM/ML	1		КН/АА	1

Lady Cats Lose in First Sub-State Round

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Ellie

Hopes were high as the Cunningham Lady Cats took to the road for the first round of substate playoffs at Chase. Our Lady Cats battled the Chase Kats in a close game early in the season. A slow start shooting and too many turnovers put the girls behind to begin the game. By the halftime break the Lady Cats had clawed to an 8 point deficit. That however, was as close as they would come. The home Kats enjoyed tremendous bounces in the third period while the visiting

Lady Cats could not find the mark. The final was 27 to 53.

Overall in the game the Lady Cats were slow to adjust to the physical play. Not until the second half did we match the bruising physicality on the field, er, court. It would be dangerous to tell any of the girls at this point that basketball is not a contact sport! The 2021-22 season was a

tice; however, the girls got better all year and should be proud of all the little things that they worked on and how close we got throughout all the challenges.

Kaitlyn 1

We enjoyed tremendous support from the school and community. Thank you for encouraging CHS basketball for better or worse, in wins and in trials. December



EP/ML/ AB

Lady Wildcat Kaitlyn Hennessee	14
Ellie McGuire	5
Ava Bock	4
Alice Huelskamp	3
Maranda Lohrke	1

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT #1	OT #2	TOTAL
CHS	8	2	5	12			27
Chase	12	6	16	19			53

success in attitude, grit, and improvement but not in the win column. They were heartbroken to not get another week of prac-

will be here before we know it!

submitted by Coach Lance McGuire

Memorial Scholarship

was established in 2009

	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#	Name	#
Rebound Leaders	Kaitlyn	5	Ellie	3	Maranda	3	Ava	2
Steals Leaders	Kaitlyn	3	Elizabeth	2	Ellie	2	Matilyn	1
Assists Leaders	Matilyn	1						
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Wheat Scoop:

High School

Seniors, Apply

by March 18

for the 2022

Herb Clutter

Memorial

Scholarship

for the 2022 Herb Clutter

Memorial Scholarship,

continuing a proud tradi-

tion of supporting the fu-

ture of the Kansas wheat

industry. The \$1,000

scholarship is open to

Applications are open

high school seniors who graduate in 2022,

with applications due Friday, March 18.

"We are honored to offer this scholarship in remembrance of Kansas wheat farmer and industry leader Herb Clutter and encourage young women and men to pursue their careers in agriculture," said Justin Gilpin, Kansas Wheat CEO. "We are looking for students who are passionate about agriculture and excel not only in the classroom but also in their communities and extra-curricular activities."

The Herb Clutter

to honor Herb Clutter's influential role in organizing leadership groups on behalf of Kansas wheat producers. The scholarship is administered by the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG).

Herbert W. Clutter was 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.

"Herb Clutter's leadership in the wheat industry and passion for his community continues to serve as an excellent example for young men and women in agriculture," Gilpin said. "With the continued support of his family, this scholarship helps identify and support future leaders of the wheat industry." The scholarship fund will award one \$1,000 scholarship per year to a college or universitybound 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. The scholarship will be toward tuition for the student's college or university education. The scholarship is non-renewable.

Apply for the Herb Clutter Memorial

Scholarship by completing the scholarship application at https://kswheat. com/growers/1000-herbclutter-scholarship. The application 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 application and associated documents must be submitted to the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers at 1990 Kimball Ave, Manhattan, KS 66502, by Friday, March 18, 2022.

Written by Julia Debes, Kansas Wheat

2022 SCCF Scholarships Due March 15

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to offer 40 scholarships for the seven Counties they serve. Applications or more information about each scholarship opportunity are available on the Foundation's website at www.sccfks.org. Scholarship are due by midnight on March 15th.

SCCF is a nonprofit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. In 2021, SCCF awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships. For any questions, please contact SCCF at (620) 672-7929 or sccf@sccfks.org.

More Auction Trivia

The violin that played as the Titanic sank was sold for \$1.7 million.

One of the rarest historical artifacts that recently auctioned for a pretty penny was the violin that was purportedly played when the Titanic sank. People believe that it belonged to the ship's bandmaster Wallace Hartley. It's unsurprising that this artifact sold for a large sum of \$1.7 million given that it was at the center of a key historical event, not to mention one that a hit movie was based upon.

A 65-year-old slice of Royal Wedding cake was auctioned off.

It's hard to believe someone would buy an old piece of cake until you hear the origins of the cake. It was the fruit cake served at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947. Not long ago, PFC Auctions was able to sell this slice for \$925.



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Molly Morgan Photos

Wildcats Defeat Attica

Cunningham hosted the Bulldogs from Attica in the final game of the regular season. Cunningham pulled the upset of the state ranked Bulldogs by a score of 46 to 33.

Attica took the lead on a three-point basket at the start of the game. Cunningham's swarming defense slowed Attica and the Cats took the lead for good midway through the quarter with Lane Halderson and Trey DeWeese scoring four points each and Dagim Reed made a threepoint basket to give Cunningham a 11 to 8 lead after one quarter.

Cunningham extended their lead in the second quarter by adding 12 more points to their total and holding the Bulldogs to four points. Luke McGuire and Halderson each scored three points. DeWeese and D. Reed scored two points and Will Wegerer and Isaiah Reed each made a free throw. The first half ended with Cunningham leading 23 to 12.

Attica turned up the defense in the third quarter allowing only seven points for the Cats with the help from three missed free throws. I. Reed made two inside shots for four points. Halderson scored two points and DeWeese added a free throw. The Cats took a ten-point lead to the fourth quarter leading 30 to 20.

The fourth quarter was a mad scramble as Attica pressed full court and fouled to play the catchup game. Halderson reaped the benefits as he scored ten points off of layups and free throws to lead the Cats. DeWeese and D. Reed were each two for two from the free throw line and Reed also made a layup after a steal. The final Score was Cunningham 46 and Attica 33.

The Cats finished the regular season with a 12-8 record and tied for fourth in the league.

submitted by Coach Bob Stackhouse



Lane Halderson

	**
Trey DeWeese	
Chg.	

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	,	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire		1		3		3	3	1	
Halderson	8		3/8	19)	4			
Wegerer			1/2	1			2	2	
DeWeese	3		3/4	9		8	2	2	
D Reed	1	1	4/4	9		2		2	
Paris						2			
I Reed	2		1/2	5		9	3	3	
		1 st	2 nd			3 rd	4 th		Final
Cunningham	า	11	12			7	16		46
Attica		8	4		8		13		33



Wildcats Advance to Sub-State Semifinals

Cunningham advanced in the Sub-State tournament by defeating the Chase Kats on February 24, 2022 by a score of 64 to 31.

each scored two points. The half ended with a score of Cunningham 37, Chase 18.

Halderson scored seven points inside the paint in the third quarter. Dagim Reed went two for two from the line and scored a basket. Wegerer and DeWeese each made a three-point basket and Keldon Mills scored two points. Chase added 10 points to their total as Cunningham took a 28-point lead to the fourth quarter. Shortly into the fourth quarter Cunningham increased their lead to 30 points and the clock ran due to the mercy rule. McGuire, Halderson, Kory Morgan and Schnittker each score two points. Chase added three points to make the final score 64 to 31 in favor of the Cats. Cunningham will play Stafford at Stafford on March 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm in a semi-final game. submitted by Coach Bob Stackhouse





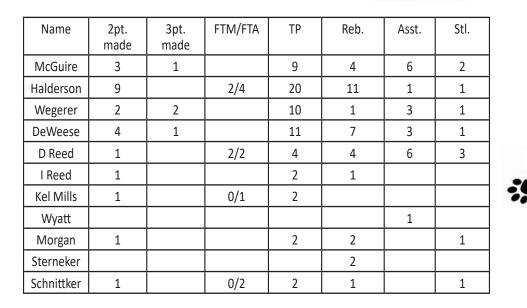
The Wildcats put the pressure on the Kats from the get go and scored 22 points in the first quarter while holding Chase to seven points. Trey DeWeese led the way with eight points. Lane Halderson scored seven points while Will Wegerer and Trenton Schnittker added five and two points, respectively.

Cunningham extended their lead in the second quarter by adding 15 points but allowed Chase to score 11 points including three three-point baskets. Luke McGuire scored seven points to lead the Cats. Halderson added four points and Wegerer and Isaiah Reed

Will Wegerer



Kory Morgan (Word is that, although this isn't a graceful photo, Kory made the basket.)



	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Cunningham	22	15	19	8	64
Chase	7	11	10	3	31









Luke McGuire

Kingman County Spelling Bee Champions!



"A" Division 1st Place - Rachel Balzer - (Norwich) 2nd Place - Michael Hotchkiss - (Kingman) 3rd Place - Sean Kostner - (St. Patrick's)



"B" Division 1st Place - Ashton Robinson (St. Patrick's) 2nd Place - Kaitlyn Ogg - (Cunningham)

3rd Place - Ellie Turner - (Kingman)

The 2022 Forensics season is well underway. The first tournament was at Clearwater, where JoAnna Hansen competed in prose and poetry. She performed her poetry piece "Shake the Dust" and a prose piece, "From Junie B. Jones and some Sneaky Peeky Spying."

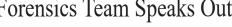
Cunningham attended the Medicine Lodge tournament with a full team, which consists of seven students. Our newest Forensics students Brianna Dittmer and Ellie McGuire did a great job. Brianna performed her poetry piece, "Rifle II" and her prose piece, "Walking with Living Feet". Ellie performed a touching prose piece laced with a little humor called "Instant Ramen". Ellie also competed in an IDA with Taylor Schultz. Shanelle Romine participated in prose with

her reading "Multiple Personality Murder" and also competed in IDA, Improvised Duet Acting, with JoAnna Hansen, who performed her prose piece. Cunningham rocked poetry with three students qualifying for the finals round. Alice Huelskamp placed 5th in poetry, with her pieces, "Drowning Fish" and "Lady Lazarus". Hannah Ellis placed 4th in poetry, with her piece, "To This Day." Both Hannah and Alice qualified their poetry pieces for the State Festival. Taylor Schultz placed 3rd in poetry, qualifying her for State Champs, with her poetry pieces "My Honest Poem" and "Complainers". Alice and Hannah also performed a duet titled, ""The History of Television, Condensed". The students represented Cunningham well with Forensics Team Speaks Out

their talent.

The Greensburg Tournament was held Saturday, February 12, 2022. Hannah, Shanelle, JoAnna and Brianna attended this competition. The girls did a great job performing their pieces. Hannah placed 4th in poetry with piece, "To this Day" and Shanelle placed 6th with her prose piece "Multiple Personality Murder". Both girls qualified for the State Festival at this tournament.

Cunningham attended the South





Barber Tournament on Saturday, February 19th, 2022 with a full team again. Hannah Ellis placed 5th with her poetry piece, qualifying her for State Festival. Alice Huelskampreceived 3rd place in the poetry competition which qualified her for State Champs. Taylor Schultzbrought

Pictured Left to Right: Ellie McGuire, Hannah Ellis, Alice Huelskamp, Brianna Dittmer, Taylor Schultz, Shanelle Romine, Joanna Hansen

home the gold 1st place medal in poetry with her piece, "My Honest Poem" and "Complainers". Hannah Ellis and Alice Huelskamp also brought home the gold 1st place medal with their duet, "The History of Television, Condensed". We had 12 entries in the South Barber Tournament and placed 4th as a team out

of nine schools. So proud of these Cunningham student leaders.

submitted by Coach Carrie Vahsholtz



Hazel Osenbaugh and parents



Ashlynn Miracle and parents



Erik Paris and substitute mom, Rebecca Huelskamp



Keidon and Keldon Mills and parents



Isaiah Reed and parents

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission February 14th

The Board of Kingman **County Commissioners** met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas February 14th, 2022. Those present:

Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Beth Blasi, Zenda City Clerk; Kelsey Haile, SCKEDD Grant Administrator; Michelle Kelly, SCKEDD Grant Writer/Administrator; Bill Lampe, SCKEDD Program Manager; Marc Howell, SCKEDD Executive Director; Wayne Culp, Zenda Mayor; Todd Green, Zenda City Council; Aaron Murphy, Cunningham City Mayor. Online Visitors:

Heather Kinsler, Caller 01

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Sheriff Randy

Lieutenant Governor Announces **Public Comment** Hill; Undersheriff David Hillman; Adrian Kostner, Public Works; Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer; Sara Hager, Deputy Register of Deeds; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Steve Bachenberg, **County Engineer**

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

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

Chairman Henning would like to add discussion of the City/County Joint meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on city/county joint meeting. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed the city/county joint meeting with the Board.

Commissioners discussed the dispatching services and the cost of the services.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with a new hire sheets for signature approval for the new internal auditor with a start date of April 4th, 2022 and Register of Deeds employee with a start date of February 15th, 2022.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes from the Department Head meet-

terested stakeholders can participate by reviewing proposed service areas and expressing either support or specific concerns about the proposed grant projects. The program funds 50% of the total project amount, with a 50% match that results in \$10 million in total investment in broadband infrastructure projects targeted for completion by October 2023. "The intense demand for this program across Kansas reflects the widespread need for more robust broadband access in unserved areas of Kansas," said Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland. "We are committed to being transparent and making the best possible investment decisions for Kansas broadband infrastructure, and we invite the public to comment on these highly competitive investment decisions."

ing that was held last week.

Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to ap-

prove the February

9th, 2022, City/County

joint meeting minutes.

Commissioner Thimesch

seconded the motion.

The motion was ap-

proved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County

and Kelsie Haile,

SCKEDD grant writ-

ing and administrators

were in with a presen-

tation on grant writing

services they provide for

Kingman County. Bill

Lampe and the SCKEDD

Executive Director Marc

Howell were in also to

re-affirm what SCKEDD

can provide for the cities

Public Works Director,

Steve Bachenberg,

County Engineer and

Brad Fagan, Schwab

Eaton were in to open the

bids for the 2022 Surface

Cornejo & Sons

APAC Kansas

Pearson Construction

\$983,818.50

\$986,462.75

\$986,164.50

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to ap-

prove the bid from

Cornejo & Sons in the

amount of \$983,818.50

overlay program.

Bids received:

Charles Arensdorf,

and the county.

Michelle McDowell

Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz discussed old floor cleaners that are in the garage and asked if they wanted to dispose of.

Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Henning would take the old floor cleaners to the disposal east of town.

Mr. Goetz submitted 2021 reports for building permits and sanitarian permits.

Mr. Goetz discussed a letter from Rod Coykendall for a road closure in Canton township.

Beth Blasi was in for the City of Zenda, Wayne Culp and Todd Green from Zenda City Council were in to discuss the ARPA funding and that they are wanting to repair and clean the water tower. The cost would be around \$150,000.00.

Mr. Culp let the Board know that Viking will be starting this spring on repairing the tower.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 7th, 2022, Commission meeting and the February 9th, 2022, County/City Joint meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the February 7th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

The Broadband Acceleration Grant Program is critical to Kansas' plan to invest in areas that might otherwise be unable to re-

The public comment window for the Broadband Acceleration Grant is open now through March 8, 2022 (11:59 p.m. CST). Grant approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners presented KAC years of service awards to the following employees:

Amber Hartley 8 years Carolyn Heath 8 years Melissa Allen 16 years Adrian Kostner 8 years

Sara Hager 16 years Timothy Elliott 16 vears

Undersheriff David Hillman 24 years

Sheriff Randy Hill 40 years

Also, John Caton was presented a plaque for his service to Kingman County as County Counselor.

Commissioners discussed a bridge that they would like removed from the capital improvement plans put together by Steve Bachenberg and Charles Arensdorf.

Commissioners also had NW 10th bridge removed from the capital improvement list.

Commissioner Henning discussed the door on the North side of the Extension office and asked if he could have the Road & Bridge help install it.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to purchase the door from Fisher Lumber for the Extension north door. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION:

Commissioner Henning moved to send letters of support to Pickrell, Westar Energy and Harper County Commissioners. **Commissioner Thimesch** seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed some used rakes that may be purchased for use at the Expo Center.

Commissioners discussed dispatching and they will get with Heather Kinsler individually to discuss dispatching duties and services.

Commission signed one abatement:

Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of \$253,691.40.

Commissioners decided to not meet the week of February 21st, 2022. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to not meet the February 21, 2022. Commissioner Thimesch 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 12:22 p.m. **Commissioner Thimesch** seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Governor Announces More Than \$5 Million to Improve Bridge Projects

ALMA - Governor Laura Kelly today announced 29 bridge projects across Kansas will receive more

for the 2022 Surface Overlay Program with the approval of the Engineers review. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

Period for the Broadband Acceleration Grants

TOPEKA-Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland announced the opening of a public comment period for the Broadband Acceleration Grants.

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD), a division of the Kansas Department of Commerce, has opened a public comment period for the state's Broadband Acceleration Grant Program. The open comment period is part of an extensive review of the 36 applications submitted to KOBD that are competing for \$5 million in available grant funding. The public and other in-

ceive broadband service without state or federal funding support. The program was funded through Governor Kelly's bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program in 2020 and is now in its second funding year.

"The public comment period is an important tool that helps us evaluate these highly competitive and complex projects to ensure we're making the best investment decisions for Kansans," Stanley Adams, Director of the Office of Broadband Development said. "Receiving public comment before projects are awarded furthers the value and impact these grant projects make and we look forward to leveraging public input again for this year's program."

applicants will have a subsequent opportunity to respond to public comments received in mid-March.

To review applications and provide commentary go to:

https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/ community-programs/ broadband-accelerationgrant/kobd-bag-publiccomment-year-2/

About the Kansas Office of Broadband Development

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development was established in 2020 by Governor Laura Kelly to help ensure all Kansans have the opportunity to live, work, learn and compete in a global economy by improving universal access to quality, affordable and reliable broadband.

than \$5 million as part of the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP). The KLBIP is a state-local partnership initiative that provides funds to replace or rehabilitate locally-owned deficient bridges to improve the Kansas infrastructure.

"My administration remains committed to improving the overall transportation system in our state – and that includes bridges in need of long-overdue repairs," Governor Laura Kelly said. "By fostering partnerships among all levels of government, we can build the robust and responsive infrastructure system that keeps Kansans safe, our commerce flowing, and our economy continuously flourishing."

The KLBIP is a state-local partnership initiative included in the Kelly Administration's bipartisan, 10year Eisenhower Transportation Legacy Program, or IKE. The Kelly administration reinstated KLBIP in 2019 to assist cities and counties by providing up to \$150,000 toward the replacement or rehabilitation of a bridge on the local roadway system. For this recent round of KLBIP selections, a total of 62 applications were received with requests for \$10.5 million in funds.

"These local bridges are the lifeblood of many communities. Most ag loads start in a field, are placed in a truck that then has to cross a county bridge to get to a state highway or rail line," KDOT Secretary Lorenz said. "Congratulations to these Kansas communities for partnering with KDOT and securing local matching funds that keep critical bridges open to the

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunda	ŧу,	February	20th
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Traffic stops	10
Traffic check tag	8000 block E Hwy 54 Murdo
Traffic complaint	NW 50 St & NW 90 Ave area
Alarm	800 block E. D Ave. Kingman
Burglary	10000 block NW 50 St. Cunr
Monday, February 21st	
Traffic stops	3
Extra Patrol	300 block E First St. Cunning
Suspicious Vehicle	2000 block NW 150 Ave. Cur
Theft	16000 block NW 50 St. Cunr
Fuesday, February 22nd	
Traffic stops	7
Traffic complaint	1800 block S Main St. Kingn
Animal	4900 block NE Sunset Lane
Wednesday, February 23rd	Animal 1800
Kingman	
Burglary	3700 block NW 50 St. Kingn
Suspicious person	8200 SW 160 Ave Nashville
Vehicle disabled	NE 50 Ave & E Hwy 54 area

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Thursday, February 24th Traffic stop

Traffic complaint Traffic complaint

Friday, February 25th

Traffic stops Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic complaint Traffic debris in road Vehicle disabled Saturday, February 26th Traffic stops Traffic complaint Suspicious person Suspicious person Vehicle disabled

16000 E Hwy 2 area Norwich 15000 W Hwy 54 area Cunningham

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N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area Kingman 3220 block E Hwy 54 Kingman W Hwy 54 & SW 90 Ave. area Kingman 12000 block W Hwy 54. Cunningham E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave area Kingman 1000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman

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13000 block SE 20 St. Murdock 9000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham NW 10 St & N Hwy 11 area Kingman 16000 block E Hwy 2 Norwich

Surrounding Communities

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A Travel Tale -The St Francis Way <>< Joy in the Journey

by Lyndon Perry You've heard the phrase, "the joy is in the journey." We've found that to be true! If we're taking time to enjoy the whole experience, then the trip itself – the journeying – becomes the adventure.

What makes the journey so pleasurable and exciting and gratifying are all the surprising discoveries we make along the way. Blessings of serendipity, we might call them, that remind us of the beauty that is all around us; the goodness of creation and the kindness of human hearts.

Two of our most favorite things about traveling are going places a lot of people miss and the people we meet along the way. When we keep our eyes open for blessings of joy as we journey, we'll find them!

Appalachian Trail hikers refer to "trail magic" – small gifts of food, candy, or inspiration left by other hikers or friends of the AT that help boost the spirits and morale of backpackers making their way north or south.

When we focus on the joy of the journey, we'll discover a bountiful supply of trail magic along the way that encourages us to keep going, even in the face of challenges or difficulties.

In 2018, we took a trip to Italy with another couple to day-hike the St. Francis Way, the portion from Assisi to Spoleto. On that hike, we all encountered blessing after blessing. Striking views, alluring locales, delightful people.

This picture was at the beginning of our hike as the four of us made our way through the quaint



and charming village of Assisi.

Doesn't this steep, cobbled street just beckon you to climb it and discover what's around the bend? Maybe a surprising, out-

of-the way café, or a small hotel with views to die for, or the home of a soon-to-become new friend who invites you in for a glass of wine.

This last scenario actually happened! As we left





Assisi, we encountered

some ruins, an old fort that was being restored. Four or five workers were there preparing the courtyard for a festival later that day. We apologized for interrupting.

That's when Fabio opened his arms and welcomed us in!

That's him in the blue shirt. He wouldn't speak English (though we suspected he could, having lived in the US for a time), and we didn't speak Italian.

But we all knew some Spanish...or at least enough to get by. We had a wonderful conversation about his work around the world and, of course, the restoration of the old castle we were in.

The really fun part? Wine at 9:30 in the morning!

After taking us on a private tour of the ruins, Fabio broke out a huge jug of red table wine and a pan of fresh baked cake







Male Domestic Shorthair Weight 8 lbs Age: 1Y/11M/0W Adoption Fee \$25 Intake date: 12/30/2021 Indoor cat only. Still a shy boy bur just hasn't figured out yet that he's in a warm, safe place.

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Stormy

Female Boxer / Bulldog, American Weight: 50.4 lbs Age: 1Y/10M/2W Sponsored by Donor Housetrained People friendly Single Dog Home Thanks to a very generous donor, the adoption fee for Stormy has been waived! She's looking for a home where she can be an only pet. She's

very people friendly but in the past she has had some unpleasant experiences with other dogs so its best to minimize that close interaction with other dogs. Stormy is just a sweet pup who needs another chance to find a loving home.

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

Diesel is blind but don't tell him that. His favorite game is tracking his ball and he can find it almost anywhere, even underwater. Loves squeeky toys too. He's a pretty easy keeper and adapts well to new situations. Has lots of energy and would love to have a fenced in area where he could run around at little.

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You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

that he and his friends were reserving for lunch. We were humbled and amazed.

What a great start to a remarkable hike. We still think it was the best wine we've ever had. (Mavbe because we'd never had wine for breakfast before??) And when we gather with our friends to talk about our next trip, we invariably bring up Fabio and his gift of wine

and friendship.

The joy is indeed in the journey, especially when you have your eyes and ears open for blessings of serendipity that are just around the next bend in the trail.

What surprising encounters or out-of-the-

way locales have you stumbled upon in your travels? Share them with us! We love to hear about delightful discoveries. You can follow along on our journeys at our blog, Boom Travel & Wellness (www.boomtravelandwellness.com).

"Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey." — Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

"Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for the soul as prayer." - Dean Koontz, False Memory



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours.

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS



Minutes from Pratt County Commission for February 14, 2022

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, February 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas w. Jones iii, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director. Also, present, Eric Killough, Pratt Tribune.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented a pay slip for a new employee. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Kevin Mazzanti at \$10.00 per hire for a bus driver position at RSVP. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She presented checks for signatures. She reported she had checked on a credit card for RSVP.

Bruce Pinkall, Pratt City manager, reported on a state grant Building a Stronger Community, it would expand water line to NE by solar farm, PCC and by the new public safety building. He is asking for a letter of support from the commissioners. The city will use some of their ARPA funds along with the grant funding. Commissioner Jones made a motion to write a letter of support for the application pro-

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

cess for grant funding. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented bids for new four-wheeler. There were two bids, Straub's Powersports, Great Bend bid \$10,270, for a Polaris Sportman, Superior Outdoor Power, Superior, NE bid \$9,568, for a Yamaha Kodiak. The commissioners asked him to verify the delivery date with both companies.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from February 7, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated Skyline After Prom had asked for a donation. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a donation to Skyline After Prom for \$200. Chairman Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to donate to 2022 Pratt Disc Golf Club Food Drive, in the amount of \$100.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, along with Bruce Pinkall, Pratt City manager discussed the base grant. Economic development committee and department of commerce, have allocated money out of SPARK funds for economic development revitalization for base grant for cities and counties. The city of Pratt will be applying for the grant. If awarded they

of the county's membership. Commissioner Jones made a motion to give \$5000 to the Vernon Filley Art Museum. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Dr Calvert, PCC president, gave a summary on the economic impact and community engagement report of the college. PCC is the second largest employer in Pratt County. Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented both 4-wheeler bids with the approximate dates of delivery. Commissioner Adams made a motion and commissioner Jones seconded to accept the bid from Straub International in the amount of \$10,270.00. Motion carried 3-0. Jon also presented the county contract with KDOT for the maintenance of equipment and treating of noxious weeds on state rights-of-way. Commissioner Adams "My administration has taken steps to restore the Kansas economy, and that fiscal responsibility has paved the way to provide direct tax relief to Kansans," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I urge the Legislature to work together to send me a clean bill eliminating the state's tax on food immediately, so that we can put this money back into the pockets of Kansas taxpayers."

would drill water well #17 for the city of Pratt. Heather will write letter of support for the city on behalf of the county commissioners. The water line would loop out around to the college and solar farm. It could also benefit the ethanol plant, Prairie Food, feed lot, the industrial park and the new public safety building. Pratt County has large water rights. There will be no new water rights allowed. Heather questioned if sewer would be included in this project.

Bruce stated he does not have a quote from EBH, but could be around \$2 million. Heather recommended looking at expanding sewer along with the water line. It would tie into the industrial park and to the east. Letter of support is due by the 28th. She has emailed the small cities to make sure they know when the reporting is due and if they need assistance. She will be meeting with the Sawyer city clerk to assist them. No other cities got back with her. The sales tax bill did pass, but there are a lot of amendments.

Amendments on SB13, they are asking for input. There is a provision for legitimate mistake, it will allow to tax despite the mistake. The redistricting map is still under review. APEX bill could have a very significant impact on the state general fund. It could affect funds flowing from the state to counties.

Charles Thimesch questioned if they wanted him to continue lawn

made a motion to approve the contract for \$55 an hour for big trucks and \$35 an hour for small care at the courthouse and LEC. Commissioner Adams recommended increasing his contract to \$1500.00 per month. Tyson will get a new contract executed for signatures. He also asked if some of the hydrants could be raised. He will get measurements and report back.

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Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:49 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:55 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson gave an update

on the tax foreclosure sale; it will be filed with the court on Friday. There will be a total of thirtyeight parcels filed. The letters will go out this week. The sale will be mid to late summer 2022.

Tim Branscom, EP zoning director, presented the LEPC membership list. He would like one or two from the county commission. Chairman Shriver made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jones and himself for the state/local official. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He went over the list verifying other nominees. He will contact one of the radio stations for the broadcast media and will bring in an updated list next week.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, present-

low ag producers to have pipelines that will cross road rights-of-way. If this bill is passed the

county roads will need to

ed two road crossings.

Commissioner Adams

made a motion to approve

road crossing and right of

way for 90256 NE 70th

Avenue. Commissioner

Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to approve

road crossing and right of

way at 824 W First street.

Commissioner Adams

seconded the motion.

made a motion to recess

into executive session for

five minutes at 3:10 p.m.

to discuss non-elected

personnel. Commissioner

Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

made a motion to return

from executive session

at 3:15 pm with no ac-

tion taken. Commissioner

Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

made a motion to recess

into executive session at

3:17 p.m. for fifteen min-

utes for an attorney/client

matter. Commissioner

Jones seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones

made a motion to return

from executive session

at 3:32 p.m. with no ac-

tion taken. Commissioner

Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

made a motion to repub-

lish the road project bid

on February 23rd, 2022,

and March 2nd, 2022,

with bids to be opened

March 21, 2022, giving

County Clerk Voss au-

thority to sign the bid let-

ter. Commissioner Jones

seconded the motion.

Adams made a motion

and Commissioner Jones

seconded to accept the

Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Shriver

Commissioner Adams

Commissioner Adams

Chairman Shriver

Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, reported valuation notices will be sent out at the end of the week.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve vouchers for February 14, 2022. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported the national guard are done. Testing at the Hope Center M-TH on grants.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:40 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:49 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a \$1.00 raise for Sherry Vierthaler to \$17.07 per hour. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a \$1.00 raise for Crystal Freeman to \$28.34 per house. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. She discussed the daycare situation in Pratt County.

Tyson said he would be in contact with Morris Liang concerning the employee handbook in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:01 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

appoint Marc Rundell to the hospital board of trustees effective as of the date of Rich Sanders res-

for February 22, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday February 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse with the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Sherry Weinrich, register of deeds and Mark Gaber, IT director. Also, present Eric Killough, Pratt Tribune.

Stan Reimer gave a brief history of the Filley Art Museum which is operated by 15 working board of directors. The Art Museum operates on admission fees and memberships. Mr. Reimer asked for renewal

Governor Announces February Total Tax Collections Continue to Exceed Estimates

TOPEKA-Governor Laura Kelly today announced that total tax collections for February were \$502.5 million. That is \$18.7 million, or 3.9%, more than the February estimate. Those collections are also \$46.6 million, or 10.2%, more than February 2021.

equipment with KDOT. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Jones made a motion and Commissioner Adams seconded to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development advisor, presented a letter prepared for the Pratt County Board of County Commissioners to sign that will be sent to Lt. Governor Toland in support of the base grant application from the city of Pratt.

Heather also reported on several legislative items in the works that she will be keeping an eye on that may have an impact on counties including a bill to albe mapped out. There is also talk about rural job incentives for each new job created with a cap of \$40,000.00 per county. The senate has passed a 1.5 mill level property tax deduction across the state. Also passed was an increase of the exemption for schools.

Chairman Shriver gave a progress report on the new building. He mentioned the passing of Kelley Murphy from Landmark Architects. He did talk with Bob Lansdowne, construction engineer, about how to proceed and reported that Sarah Sipe will be picking up the project from here.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented the annual aid on local grants application. Commissioner

ber of refunds issued in February, individual income tax receipts also would have surpassed the February estimate," said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart. "We are pleased to be able to get individual income tax refunds paid more quickly and into the accounts of taxpayers."

So far, nearly 281,000 refunds, totaling \$147.0 million, have been paid out this filing season. Refunds for electronically filed returns can be expected to be deposited in taxpayers' bank ac-

grant application to KDHE in the amount of \$43,443.71. Darcie also asked permission to be closed March 30th and 31st, 2022, for everyone to attend the public health governor's conference. A sketch of potential expansion of the waiting room and an addition to the health department building was discussed.

Doug Freund, road department supervisor, presented a new hire for approval. Commissioner Jones made a motion and commissioner Adams seconded to hire Nathan Slief at \$15.00 an hour. Motion carried 3-0. Doug also reported that he is looking into having 3 walk-in doors replaced at the county barn as well as a new roof for a small storage area.

After some discussion, Commissioner Jones made a motion to

counts in 4-7 days, with some deposits occurring in as little as three days.

Corporate income tax collections were \$23.4 million, which is \$12.4 million, or 112.8%, more than the February 2022 estimate. Those collections are \$15.2 million, or 186.3% more than February 2021, reflecting substantial corporate profits.

Retail sales tax collections were \$195.2 million, which is \$5.2 million, or 2.8% more than the estimate. Those collections are also \$16.0 million, or 8.9%, greatignation. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

In further action, commissioner Jones made a motion and Chairman Shriver seconded to appoint Commissioner Dwight Adams as chairman of the Pratt County Commission effective on March 7th, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for February 22, 2022. Chairman Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion and commissioner Adams seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

er than February 2021. Compensating use tax collections were \$59.4 million, which is \$4.4 million, or 8.0%, more than the estimate. Those collections were \$20.7 million, or 53.7%, more than February 2021.

View the tax receipts here.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/ KSOG/2022/03/01/ file_attachments/2090793/08 February Revenue FY2022 03-01-2022 Final.pdf

Individual income tax collections were \$183.4 million in February. That is \$6.6 million, or 3.5%, below the estimate.

However, it is important to note that income tax refunds are being issued much quicker than in prior years. There have been 15,000 more refunds sent out in February 2022 compared to February 2021. The increase in refunds total \$21.0 million more paid out in February compared to the same month of 2021.

"The positive trend in tax receipts continues with all of the major tax types, individual income tax, corporate income tax, retailer's sales tax, and compensating use tax, performing well.

But for the larger num-

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Public Notice

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SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 and will remain closed until the day after the Special Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 5th day of April, 2022. Books will reopen on April 6th, 2022.

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be open each day from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. in the County Clerk's Office. At 5:00 p.m. on March 15th, 2022, the books will close and remain closed until April 6th, 2022, which is the day after the Special Election.

To register you must be 18 years of age or older or will have attained

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

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

CASE NO. 2022 PR 8

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

Hutchinson Correctional Facility Residents Earn the age of 18 years before the next election. When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:

The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or lega proceedings.

The voter changes residence in which he resided at the time he registered.

When a voter dies or is disgualified for voting, his registration will be pulled from the files after verified. When a voter fails to vote in two consecutive General Elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register in order to be able to vote.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March 2022.

> (SEAL) Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

Public Notice

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

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. Larry Noakes, Petitioner Matthew W. Ricke **Ricke Law Office** 349 N. Main, PO Box 113

Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioner

all Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) facilities, though specific programs vary by location. For the Spring 2022 semester, approxi-

Public Notice

(First published in **The Cunningham Courier** on February 17, 2022, and subsequently on February 24, 2022 and March 3, 2022)

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION **UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332,** KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS (CUNNINGHAM-WEST KINGMAN COUNTY)

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

Shall the following be adopted?

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

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

	0	YES						
	0	NO						

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on April 5, 2022, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:								
	[To be updated]	by the County Cler	ːk]					
			:00 o'clock P.M., on April 5, 2022, thing place will serve, will be as follow					
[To	be updated by	the County Cl	erk]					
<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u> Eureka USD 332 Penalosa City USD 332 Dresden Rural Cunningham City Union USD 332	Cunninghan	<u>vote At</u> i Community nter	<u>Location</u> 104 N Main St Cunningham, KS 67035					

Pratt County USD 332 Kingman Peters Belmont USD 332 Liberty Nashville City

election day.

Zenda Community Center

213 N Main St Zenda, KS 67159

Academic Honors at Hutchinson Community College

TOPEKA, Kansas -Seventeen Hutchinson **Correctional Facility** (HCF) residents were recently named to the President's Honor Roll, with another nine named to the Vice-President's Honor Roll, for classes taken at Hutchinson Community College (HCC) throughout 2020 and 2021.

"Even under the best academic conditions, this would be a noteworthy achievement," said Kansas Secretary of Corrections Jeff Zmuda, "but to do so while a resident in a correctional facility is a true indication of personal discipline and commitment."

Participating in college programs while incarcerated can make the difference to an individual's success upon release. While many factors contribute to that success, finding a steady job that pays a livable wage is critical.

"We are beginning to see more and more success stories as our programs increase and more residents participate," Zmuda said.

Education programs are available at

mately 60 HCF residents are enrolled in 14 different classes through the community college. All instruction is delivered at the facility, with additional resources available online using APDS (American Prison Data Systems) tablets.

HCC offers an Associates of Applied Science Technical Studies degree at the correctional facility, consisting of 60 hours of college programming. Included in those hours are trade classes in HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry, plus several business classes and electives such as Fundamentals of Sociology and Intro to Psychology.

"I am hearing very encouraging remarks from the residents in our classes, and we have a growing waitlist," said Cindy Rowland, HCC education coordinator for the correctional facility. "We have met with our private industry employers who are supportive of working with us so the men can keep their jobs and attend school at the same time."

Residents pay tuition to take classes and can receive support through U.S. Department of Education Second Chance Pell Grants.

Zenda City Chikaskia USD 332 Harper County USD 332

Rochester

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds	Uses of Funds				
Bonds to be Issued \$13,245,000	Project Costs (including architectural engineering servi	\$12,853,394 ces)			
Interest Earnings 6 427	Interest During Construction Issu				
	Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)				
Total \$13,251,427	To	stal \$13,251,427			
Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments					
Principal payments over 25 years Average Interest Rate	2.75%				
Total Interest Cost to Maturity \$5,531,763 Assessed Valua	\$69,991,696				
Principal and Interest Payments	. , , ,				
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments	from Bond State Aid	\$751,071 \$0			
P01tion of average annual principal and interest payments	\$0 \$751.071				
Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments					
Total (without any Bond State Aid)		9.90 Mills			
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid)		9.90 Mills			
The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Kingman County, Kansas, whose address is Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068.					
INTE COUNTRY					



DATED: 2-14-22

Carol Noblit, County Clerk Kingman County, Kansas

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Bud Moore

Milton Buford "Bud" Moore, Jr., 77, of Medicine Lodge, KS, died Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Kansas Medical Center, Andover, KS.

He was born on May 22, 1944 in Derby, KS, the son of Milton Buford Moore, Sr., of Derby, KS



and the late Mary (Wooley) Moore. On September 4, 1976, he married Diana (Bailey) Moore. She survives.

Bud was passionate about four things; faith, family, education, and adventure. He spent four years in the United States Navy followed up with college at Wichita State University where he played and then later coached football. After graduation, he taught and coached football in Rose Hill, KS. In 1984, he became the Principal at Medicine Lodge High School and served in that role for 18 years. He then began a career in Special Education with the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative until his retirement in 2013. Even after retirement he served on the Medicine Lodge School Board until his passing. Bud never met a stranger. While he enjoyed many rounds of golf, his absolute favorite past-time later in life was spending time with his grandchildren, Collin and Mason.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Diana Moore of Medicine Lodge, KS are his father, Milton (Eugenia) Moore, Sr. of Derby, KS; two sons, Nick (Tiffany) Moore of Andover, KS and Matt Moore and fiancée Aimee of Greensboro, NC; two grandchildren, Collin and Mason Moore; two sisters, Colleen Irvin of Hico, TX and Beckie (Mike) Hall of Austin, TX.

Bud was preceded in death by his mother, one brother, Steve Moore and one brother-in-law, Neal Irvin.

Funeral services were held on March 2, 2022 at the First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Tom Walters officiating. Burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, KS.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com

Mary Jones

Mary Alyce Jones, 102, died Feb. 28, 2022 at Pretty Prairie.

She was born July 13, 1919, in Kingman County the daughter of Artie and Rosa Sallee Dean.

Ruth Barbour

Ruth Lucille Barbour, 95, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022. She was born on February 16, 1926 in Turon, KS to Harrison and Georgia Elliot.

As a young teen Ruth worked at a restaurant where she met her husband, Joe Barbour. They

married on July 8, 1944, then they moved to Pratt where they raised their 4 children.

Ruth graduated from Turon High School. She worked as retail clerk at Duckwall's and she also worked at the Pratt Tribune. She was a founding member of the Fireliters Camping Club in Pratt. Ruth cared deeply for her family. She was always involved in charitable work and doing anything she could for others. She enjoyed camping, gardening, traveling, crafting, cooking, as well as making candy every year for Christmas.

She is survived by sons, Dennis (Jacqueline) Barbour and Stanley Barbour; grandchild, Gage Barbour; sisters, Carol Geiger and Mert "Maggie" Gowan.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, Joe Barbour; parents, Harrison Elliot and Georgia M. Thorp; son, Charles Barbour; daughter, Ruth Ann Stiener; grandchild, Laura Diane Barr; son-in-law, Andrew Steiner; and brother, Dwayne Elliot.

Funeral service was held on Friday, February 25, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Steve Gill presiding. Burial followed at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Red Cross Honors Community Heroes During Annual Red Cross Month Celebration in March

Celebrate by donating on Red Cross Giving Day, March 23; giving blood; or volunteering

People know when they see the emblem of the American Red Cross, a measure of safety and comfort has returned during perhaps the worst time in their life. But the hope that comes with the Red Cross isn't reserved for huge disasters. Every day, that symbol appears in communities across Kansas and Oklahoma as staff and volunteers collect blood, respond to home fires, and teach children and adults safety and preparedness skills.

In March, the Kansas and Oklahoma region is honoring the people who make its mission possible every day during its annual Red Cross Month celebration — a national tradition started nearly 80 years ago when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first national Red Cross Month proclamation recognizing those who give back through the American Red Cross. Each U.S. president has issued a proclamation ever since.

"When emergencies strike, our community rallies together to help families and individuals when it matters most," said Alice Townsend, Regional CEO for the Red Cross serving Kansas and Oklahoma. "We honor this dedication during our Red Cross Month celebration, and we invite everyone to turn their compassion into action by donating, volunteering, giving blood or taking a lifesaving skills course."

Join Red Cross Month by visiting redcross.org to make a financial donation, give blood, become a volunteer or take a class in lifesaving skills, such as first aid and CPR. On March 23, you can also join our annual Red Cross Giving Day campaign by donating at redcross.org/givingday to help provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

HELP CAN'T WAIT DURING EMERGENCIES

Kansans and Oklahomans answered the call to help people they have never met by deploying to Kentucky, Missouri and Arkansas for tornado relief operations.

Red Cross staff and volunteers offered assistance and shelter, when wildfires destroyed homes and left thousands of Kansans without power for days just before Christmas.

Red Cross staff and volunteers are providing their displaced neighbors comfort and help getting back on their feet as Oklahoma starts 2022 with a spike in home fires.

As the nation deals with its worst blood shortage in more than 10 years, Red Cross staff and volunteers right here are working hard to ensure a stable blood supply. The Red Cross blood supply remains incredibly vulnerable - especially as doctors begin to resume elective surgeries previously delayed by omicron. It's critical that individuals schedule a blood or platelet donation immediately to help ensure patients get the care they need as soon as possible. To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App. As a thank-you, all those who come to give March 1-31 will receive a \$10 e-gift card, thanks to Fanatics. Plus, those who come to donate in March will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game® in Los Angeles, California. (Terms apply. Visit rcblood.org/team for details.)



A lifetime resident of the Penalosa, Lerado and Pretty Prairie communities, she was the former owner of the H&R Block in Pratt and retired from Jim Hill Accounting.

Mary Alyce was a member of the Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church; and was a former 4-H leader.

In 1939, she married Roy Jones; he died in 1999. Survivors include sons Jay and Max; daughters Rosalee Cooper and Constance Jones; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Lerado Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Prairie Sunset Home.

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A link to a map showing the projects is here. https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/ KSOG/2022/02/24/file_attachments/2086244/ KLBIP%202020-2022%20022822.jpg

The list of recipients and project locations are below. Those with an asterisk indicate recipients that closed a second deficient bridge to receive an additional \$50,000.

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