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Wind Turbine Construction Beginning at AEP Renewables Flat Ridge III Project

KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas, Sept. 28, 2020 – AEP Renewables, a subsidiary of AEP (NYSE: AEP), is beginning turbine construction at its Flat Ridge III wind project. Delivery of turbine components, including the tower sections, nacelle and hub assemblies and blades, for the 62 turbines being installed at the site will begin this week.

The deliveries may necessitate temporary road closures when some large components, like turbine blades, are delivered. The turbine manufacturer, Vestas, has coordinated the deliveries to minimize impacts for the community. AEP Renewables and the team of contractors building the project are working with local officials and landowners to make them aware of any traffic impacts. Deliveries are expected to continue through October and November.

Flat Ridge III Wind will generate 128 megawatts of clean energy for Kansas residents and businesses. The project should be operational in the first quarter of 2021.

"AEP Renewables and the contractors working on the Flat Ridge III wind project will continue to work closely with the Kingman County community and area farmers to ensure that the process of bringing clean and reliable wind energy to the region is a positive experience," said Jon Dormo, director of Engineering and Construction for the project. "We are committed to be a good partner with Kingman County during construction and throughout the operation of the new wind farm."

AEP Renewables, with offices in Columbus, Ohio, and San Diego, is a wholly owned subsidiary of AEP. AEP Renewables currently owns and operates 1,367 megawatts of large-scale wind, solar and energy storage in 11 states and has an active development pipeline across the U.S. AEP Renewables sells renewable energy through long-term contracts with utilities, electric cooperatives, municipalities and corporate customers. For more information, visit www.aeprenewables.com.

American Electric Power, based in Columbus, Ohio, is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions to our customers. AEP's approximately 17,400 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and nearly 221,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.5 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP also is one of the nation's largest electricity producers with more than 30,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including approximately 5,300 megawatts of renewable energy. AEP's family of companies includes utilities AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP also owns AEP Energy, AEP Energy Partners, AEP OnSite Partners and AEP Renewables, which provide innovative competitive energy solutions nationwide. For more information, visit AEP.com.

City Wide Trash Service Begins October 1st

Effective October 1, 2020 trash and recycle services will be added to your water/sewer invoice. Trash carts will be delivered to those residences that do not have trash service at this time.

Nisly Brothers, Inc. will still serve our community. Trash will be picked up on Tuesdays (no change.) Nisly provides a great service by having an "everything goes" policy. If you have items such as furniture, mattresses, or appliances those items will be picked up as well (different pick up day than household trash service.) Please call Nisly at 620-662-6561 to have those large items scheduled for pick up.

Some items that may NOT be picked up include: tires and household hazardous waste (i.e. paint, antifreeze, oil.) submitted by Molly Morgan

Joyce Depenbusch sent these photos of the wind turbine progress. They were taken east of Nashville

Kingman County Hits 100 Cases Mark

September 29, 2020

Kingman County is approaching 100 total lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of these, 16 are now active as of 8 am today. 6 of these cases are in the hospital. No new deaths have been reported this week.

Many of our cases are linked to people who have also been lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases-this reinforces the need for continued caution. We ask that people continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks when it is especially hard to keep your distance. Avoiding large crowds of people and people who are ill also reduced risks of getting COVID-19 and all other illnesses. One way to protect ourselves is to get that flu vaccine. It may not protect us from COVID-19 exclusively, but it will protect us from the worst of the flu and keep us healthy. Flu vaccines will be given at the health department by appointment only. Please call 620-532-2221 to schedule your appointment.

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sundays
10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.
Fr. Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Worship
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Please notify me of a schedule

LUTHERAN
St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Zenda

Please notify of a schedule

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, October 1st
4:00 p.m.
Cross Country at Pratt
*****
4:00 p.m. JH VB
at Burrton
*****
~~6:00 p.m. JH FB~~ cancelled
at Burrton

Friday, October 2nd
7:00 p.m.
HS FB vs Ashland
~~moved to Oct. 5th~~ postponed

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 a.m.
HS VB
tournament

Monday, October 5th
7;00 p.m
HS FB at Ashland

Tuesday, October 6th
4:00 p.m.
HS VB at Fairfield
with Central Christian

Thursday, October 8th
11:30 Barton Co.
College Rep visit
*****
4:00 p.m.
HS Cross Country
at Burrton
*****
4:00 p.m. JH VB
at Skyline
*****
JH FB at Skyline

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Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
http://www.kingmantheatre.org/
Hocus-Pocus
Rated PG
All seats $6.00
October 2nd - October 4th
Friday and Saturday
at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Thanks for recycling The Courier on
October 5th

Museum Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
OR call Donna at 620-388-5602

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

Cunningham Public Library
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774
West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)
Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)
Lions' Club (leave your old eyeglasses at the bank)
Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1970

October 1-Manhattan, Kans.-Three Veterinary medicine students at Kansas State University, Duane Schnittker, Martin Hoffman, and Larry Snyder, will exhibit a Keeshond dog, a boarding case, to be on display at the Veterinary Medicine Open House, October 2 and 3, at the university in Manhattan.

The open house is held every year to demonstrate to the public the training received by students in veterinary medicine in order that they may qualify for entrance into the veterinary profession.

Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schnittker of Cunningham, is a graduate of Cunningham High School. Martin, a graduate of Sawyer High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoffman of Sawyer. Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Snyder of Coats, is a graduate of Coats High School.

1965

October 7-The Cunningham 4-H Club will hold a food auction in the high school recreation room, Tuesday evening, Oct. 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be pies, cookies, and cakes for sale.

Don Hellar will give an account and show pictures of his 4-H trip to Washington, D.C., last summer. The public is invited.

The boys and girls softball teams will participate in the grade school softball tournament at Willowdale this weekend—one of three grade tournaments being held over the county.

The Cunningham boys will play their first game at 11:00 o'clock this morning (Thursday), and the Cunningham girls will play their first game at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday).

1960

October 6- Four retired Kingman County teachers, representing a total of 109 years of teaching, were honored at the dinner-meeting of the Kingman County Teachers Association in the school lunchroom here last Monday evening.

The retired group included Mrs. Lillian Ravenstein of Belmont, who has been teaching for 46 years; Mrs. Zelma Bolinger of Murdock, with 24 years of teaching; Mrs. Wilma Seacat of Cunningham, 20 years, and Mrs. Dorothy Spencer of Cunningham, 19 years.

The ladies were presented with corsages and jewelry.

1955

October 6- Construction work on the enlargement and improvement of the Kingman County State Lake near Calista has been completed, Dave Leahy of Pratt, Director of the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, said last week.

Water is all that is needed now to entirely complete the project.

The dike at the lakesite has been extended westward 3,000 feet, enlarging the lake from 84 acres to 185 acres. The Ninnescah River will be diverted away from the new dike to prevent washing.

The lake is largely spring-fed, with some run-off from small creeks. The old lake will be deepened by the new construction, and the new enlarged lake is expected to be outstanding fishing water.

1950

October 6-Rev. W.F. Ramsdale of Burdett, is the new pastor of the local Methodist Church. Rev. J.L. Renner, who has been the pastor here for the past three years, is the new minister at Antrim.

The Fee Hardware Company, in conjunction with The International Harvester Company, will present their second annual free Family Party at the Cunningham Rural High School, Tuesday evening, October 10, at 8:00 o'clock.

A bigger and better stage show is being featured this year. There will be music, color movies, and an hour-and-a-half stage show direct from Chicago, Illinois.

1940

October 4- Gas is flowing through the Cities Service Company's new million-dollar pipeline from Cunningham to Wichita. Enlarging work at the local gasoline plant is almost complete, increasing the plant's capacity to eighty million cubic feet of gas daily.

Roy Huffman was awarded the Wichita Eagle's "Fish Belt of the Week" award this week for his efforts to control the enemies of fish. He has caught 638 turtles from ponds around Cunningham during the past summer.

1935

October 4- A 100% attendance was registered at a reunion of the veterans of the Civil War living in Kingman County last Saturday. Hamilton Watkins, 82, of Cunningham, and H.H. Isley, 92, of Kingman, got together for a short time and talked of their experiences in the war over 70 years ago.

Wilbur Lash is the new City Marshal of Cunningham.

The First annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance will be held next Tuesday. Dinner will be served at noon for 35¢ a plate, and an afternoon and evening of entertainment is planned for everyone.

1930

October 3- The whole community is excited this week over the news that drillers have struck gas at the Frank Miles test.

New officers of the Christian Ladies Aid are Mrs. Rex Shelman, President; Mrs. Everett Hauser, Vice-President; Mrs. Cleve Baber, Chaplain, and Mrs. Bruce Smith, Reporter.

The price of gasoline in Cunningham dropped to 13¢ a gallon this week.

1920

October 1-
C. H. S. Notes

Our first football game bill be played Friday, Oct. 1, on Cunningham's gridiron. Preston vs. C.H.S. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

A Question of Economics

Which of the following are luxuries and which necessities?

a. Bread
b. Bicycle
c. Watch
d. Diamond Ring
e. Fountain Pen
f. Automobile
g. Face Powder
h. Kodak
i. Newspaper
j. Magazine

Mr. Kimel in answering this question says diamond rings are a necessity in come cases. (Of course, we are wondering in what cases.)

The Sophomore girls practically ruled the class meeting last week. They

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got together before the meeting and decided who they wanted for officers. The ex-president read the names of the victims. Roy Wetherall, president; Clayton Watkins vice president; Richard Jones, secretary; Walter Cooley, treasurer; Paul Fox, class reporter. These are the only boys in the class. The boys got it back at the girls by planning a weinie roast.

Miss Weatherd as she picked up the fly swatter, "This would be good to swat something besides flies." Eh!

Fairview and Star news:

Star School begins Monday. Miss Cora Gray of Isabel is the teacher.

Local news:

Ed Long has started serving meals in his restaurant north of the Clipper Office. He started Monday morning.

About twenty young people gathered at the home of Luther Walker Tuesday evening to remind him of his birthday which was September 27th. He was very much surprised and greeted the crowd upon their arrival in unionalls.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all and ended up a delightful lunch after which all departed for their homes wishing Luther many-more birthdays.

A large number of our citiens have been in Kingman this week attending the Rouse-Insurance Company trial. We did not learn how the trial came out.

Maud Doin's

Marie, Mildred and Alva Hellar, Velda Cannon, Bertha Hilbert and Ray Nehr visited John Sternecker Sunday.

Miss Velda Cannon attended Dorothy Doty's birthday party Tuesday after school and spent the night with her grandmother.

T. A. Kelley and wife called on Mr. Readshaw and wife near Isabel Sunday afternoon.

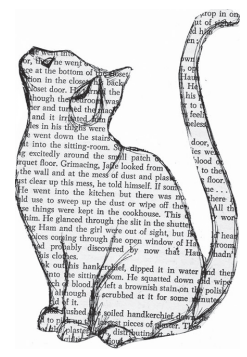
Four mice and a snake created quite a bit of excitement at school one day this week.

One pupil, Dolly Pride, has dropped out of school. Her parents have moved from the district.

From the Cunningham Clipper, October 1, 1920

These four pretty 'bathing girls" insisted on aiding the United States navy recruiting drive, despite the orders of the mayor of Philadelphia. The girls had offered to kiss all recruits at a noon-day navy drive, and did kiss the first man who offered to enlist.

"No matter what he does, every person on earth plays a central role in the history of the world. And normally he doesn't know it."
— Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist



Meanderings

I do love and appreciate our United States Postal Service. I know it isn't the stellar institution it once was, but it is still one of the most useful entities we Americans have.

Benjamin Franklin, as most of us know, was the first postmaster general. The Second Continental Congress established the post office and named this founding father to the post in July of 1775.

This was not Ben's first foray into the world of postal service. He was a wily businessman, establishing his own printing shop at the age of 22 in his adopted city of Philadelphia. The British Crown Post first appointed Ben Franklin as postmaster of Philadelphia, the largest city in America, in 1737 when he was only 31 years old.

In 1753, he was appointed as one of two post masters general for all the colonies. During his tenure in this office, he found ways to make the postal system more efficient and financially secure. He devised mail routes and markers to ensure speedy delivery of the mail. He was an organizer, for sure.

He held the postmaster general position in the British Empire until 1774 when he was fired by the British government. His ideas of independence from the England were just too revolutionary and he was stirring up way too much trouble.

Taking the job for the soon-to-be-United States of America in 1775, Ben held the position until sometime in late 1776, when he was sent off on diplomatic service to France.

In 1789, under the new U.S. Constitution, President Washington appointed one Samuel Osgood as the first postmaster general of the new nation. Mr. Osgood oversaw 75 post offices at the time.

The post office continues to be a true American staple. And really not that expensive. We no longer mail the letters we once did, rather sad, that. There is always something special and exciting about receiving a letter or card in the mail from a person you know. An e-mail popping up in your computer's mailbox isn't quite the same thing. It just doesn't have that anticipatory thrill.

For the price of 50 cents, (stamps were not used until 1847) we can mail a letter, first class, all the way across the country of Canada to our U.S. state of Alaska. We can mail a book for about $3.00 the same distance. And a newspaper going to Alaska doesn't cost anymore than one being sent to Colorado.

We can also ship, for the same prices, letters and packages across the Caribbean Sea to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, across the Pacific Ocean to Guam and American Samoa. That is truly amazing. Fifty cents to mail a letter to islands in the middle of oceans sounds like a fair deal.

The USPS is the country's largest civilian employer. They need 500,000 workers to deliver over 210 billion pieces of mail every year. Those pieces of mail go to over 144 million places in the U.S. and its territories.

We know the mail comes on trucks from Wichita, some of it has been flown here on an airplane. But, get this, mail is still delivered by mule. One of the sources I used for this article was History.com, and the website mentioned mail is delivered by everything from planes to mules.

CBSnews.com and Wikipedia.com verified that, indeed, Supai. Arizona, at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, has the mail delivered by mule. It is delivered every day. A three-hour journey one way.

I use the post office frequently, doing my share to ensure we keep it. I spend money on mailing the newspaper, I buy many stamps to send out bills and reminders, I trade many books through the mail. (and I have, indeed, sent books to Puerto Rico and Hawaii, and have received books from those places as well.

Here in Cunningham, America, we have a post office with boxes that many of us use, cared for by Nicole. We can also get home delivery to our mailboxes at the end of the drive, courtesy of Jamie and Carol.

Because I think so highly of our post office building, I find it rather disconcerting that our post office, which has been there for decades, and is well-maintained, too often looks like bake sale is taking place there. And other days it looks like a garage sale AND a bake sale day.

I know I am not the only person that finds the food and clothing dumped off there a bit of a blight. After all, it IS the only federal building in our community and it should look like one.

It would be nice if the folks who leave things there would, at the very least, return to pick up boxes and collect things that aren't taken. Or better yet, find another way or place to 'sell' them.

I worry about the future of this little newspaper. I can predict, if the post office closes, the newspaper will not continue.

Always reading,
and currently reading,
"The House on Olive Street"
by Robyn Carr,
Roberta

"Postman's bag is always heavy because it carries the life itself: It carries all the sorrows and all the joys, all the worries and all the hopes!"
— Mehmet Murat ildan

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Monday - Wednesday
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday -Thursday
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed Fridays, Saturdays, & Holidays
298-3163

Zenda Public Library
Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday .
6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
620-243-5791

Kingman Carnegie Library
620-532-3061
Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays

It is Official

The sign is in place on the front of 320 North Stadium Street in Cunningham, Kansas. This final touch was made by my Derby friends, Terry Swan and her daughter, Jamie. I also got a little box for 'posts' if you need to leave something, drop it in the tin box. The photo on the right is office assistant Skippy Jones allowing her amigo, Lucky Day, to share her office chair. (Yes, he is happy to at least get the edge) Skippy is quite the social butterfly and loves the visitors we get. Lucky Day...not so much.

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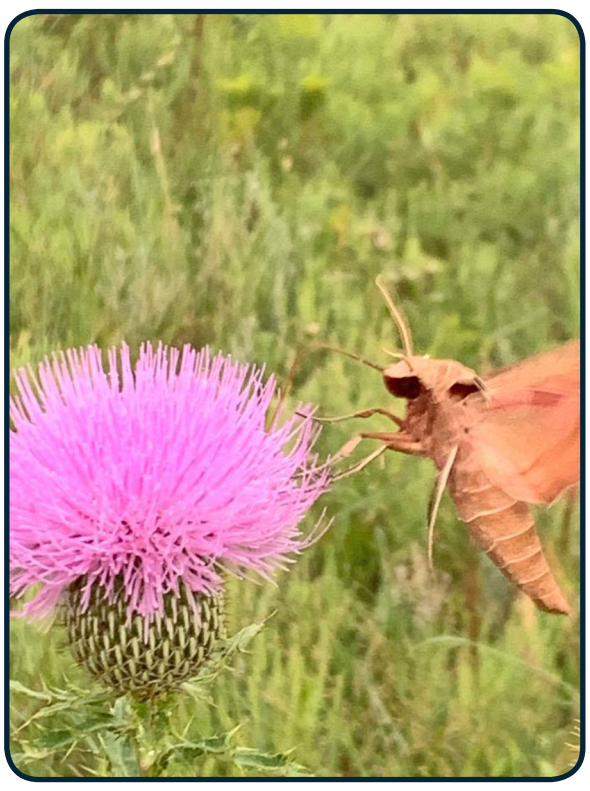

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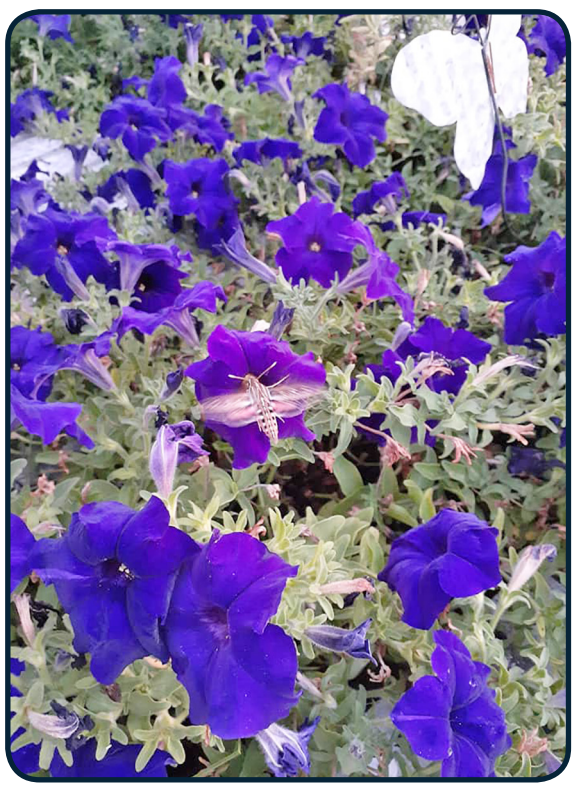

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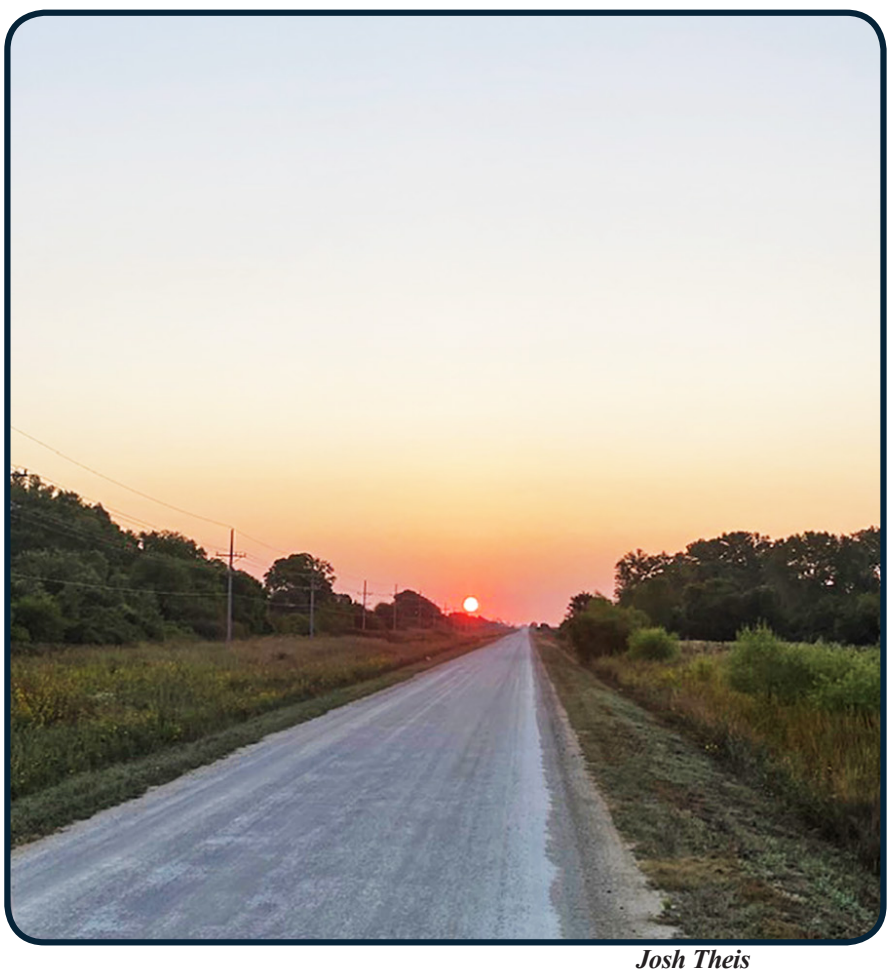

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Lady Cats Grab Another Win

Cunningham Lady Cats finally had a chance to show their skills to the home crowd, well, as many as were allowed to enter on September 22, 2020 against Attica and Skyline.

The evening began with a tight contest with the Attica Bulldogs. The Lady Cats were excited to play some more league teams and knew that it would be a fun time on the court! After the team's shining performance against 3A Halstead on Saturday previous, we were ready to work hard and beat the Bulldogs. The match was close and the competition was tough, but in the end, Attica would out hustle the Lady Cats, not once, but twice. CHS had too many errors: missed serves, poor passing, slow releases, poor hitting and lack of mental toughness. That being said, there were many exciting moments in the match. However, the contest should not have been this close as the Cats had the lead in both sets. Simply put, the Lady Cats were out hustled by a smaller and less talented team and dropped the match 24-26; 23-25.

Before the last match of the night, the team honored our senior players with some nice gifts presented by juniors, Madison McGuire and Ashlynn Miracle. We will definitely miss these young ladies that have been a joy for me to coach since 6th grade.

The last match for the evening was with the T-Birds from the west. The last outing with the T-Birds was in summer league and we knew that to overlook them, would be a big mistake. CHS was ready for this match and for the most part, played pretty smoothly. We still allowed the opponent to score too many points and we need to get this fixed----quickly! Alayna McGuire and Morgan Meyers had a nice three point and five point string of serves. The final two points would go to Alayna McGuire for a final 25-18 in set one. Alayna was on fire with her serves in set two as well and led the team with six successive serves. Otherwise, CHS did not score more than two points at a time and scored the last three points on side-outs for a set win at 25-20. The team did have some great rallies, blocks and overall, much better hustle, but……we need to improve on all of these and we need to be much more consistent! We did put another tally in the W column, so for now, we will take it.

by Coach Nadine Hope

Maranda Lohrke

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USD 332 Cancels Events

Western Kingman County U.S.D. 332 posted the following notice on their Facebook page last week:

USD 332 family,

We have experienced a stressful week here at Cunningham. We know that the issue of COVID evokes many opinions and a lot of emotion, and we are navigating through with the information we have. We have quite a few students who were placed in quarantine this week based on their close contact with a case.

Given the aforementioned information, we have decided to take the following action for the week of 9/29/20 through 10/2/20:

1. All 9-12 students will be remote learning. We will follow our normal bell schedule, and teachers will be making contact (Zoom, Google Meet, Canvas, phone call, etc) at normal class time. Students have been made aware of this expectation.

2. Students in grades 6-8 will operate on a modified quarantine plan. Each class will have a "homeroom" and teachers will rotate through that room during the hours they would normally see them.

3. Grades PreK-5 will be unchanged. They will continue school as normal next week.

This decision was not made lightly, and we appreciate the support you all give to the school. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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Word was received in the Courier office on Thursday that Homecoming had been cancelled. On Friday, instead of the usual Homecoming activities, the high school students participated in a tailgate party, volleyball game and the traditional powderpuff football game. Senior and freshmen ladies vs. sophomore and freshmen ladies. Junior high students came to watch. *Photos by Molly Morgan.*

County Commission Meeting: September 21st

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on September 21st, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Viewer; Caller 01; Heather Kinsler; Suzanne; Leslie Schrag; Kingman Leader Courier; Vicki; Kallie Turner

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse & Richard Schott, Emergency Manager.

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

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

No additions but Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was removed from the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there were any public comment.

No public comment was made.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 14th, 2020 Regular Meeting for review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the September 14th, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Public Building Commission Board.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director let the Commissioners know that there are four companies that have qualified for the CDBG-CV Grant and the Commissioners need to approve them.

Commissioners asked Ms. Schrag to bring the documents to the board meeting for approval.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence from SCKEDD for the 2021 County dues in the amount of $1335.86 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the County dues of $1335.86 for SCKEDD. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed a letter of support for the Kingman County Council on Aging's Transportation service program.

Ms. Schrag was in to submit the CDBG-CV grant forms for the County Commissioners review and approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the CDBG-CV grant applications from Boogiebird Transport LLC; Cleo's LLC; The Body Shop and Turning Heads Salon. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, was in to let the Commissioners know that he has worked with John Caton to get the bylaws changed for the Planning/Zoning Commission.

Commissioners discussed changing from 20 acres to 5 acres.

Mr. Goetz asked Mr. Caton for help on planning/zoning for solar energy system guidelines.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

James & Leslie Sullivan for a house/shed in Section 10, Township 30, Range 05W.

Derek Rebel for an enclosed patio in Section 9, Township 29, Range 7W.

Donna Werner for a machine shed in Section 28, Township 30, Range 9W.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and John Nye were in to discuss purchasing a health trailer for immunizations and portable IOC to be purchased with Spark funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a health trailer and portable IOC with spark funding in the amount of $98112.82. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with trend of incident rates to discuss with the Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked Ms. Schwartz what is considered a cluster.

Ms. Schwartz let Commissioners know that a cluster is a group that are not related but come from one area or event.

Commissioner Henning discussed what can be done to enforce quarantine, isolation and masks.

Commissioner Foley discussed attending a game in Sedgwick county and was surprised by the people that were not wearing a mask.

Chairman Steffen has had taxpayers contact him about having a mask mandate that would help keep the numbers down.

Ms. Schwartz said a mask mandate would be good but how would you enforce it.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she is needing to order a new laptop for the new RN.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to purchase a new laptop for the new RN with spark funding.

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

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

Haviland Telephone-Road crossing-telephone cable-between Section 24, Township 30, Range 06W (Canton) and Section 19, Township 30, Range 05W(Bennett).

Service cable to new customer- SE4 East side of Section 12, Township 30, Range 05W(Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf gave project updates on the Dale #20 burnt bridge and the Skellyville Box.

John Nye was in to discuss the community based needs that there is roughly $243,000.00 available. There is testing that has been done and there is five businesses have passed the tests in the amount of $75,000.00 which leaves around $184,000.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to give approval for line item 60 Social Support annitiative pre-pandemic with 80% to that line item. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Schott let the commissioners know the EOC enhancement grant went in last week.

Chairman Steffen moved to recess to the Law Enforcement Center at 11:35 a.m.

Commissioners walked through and viewed the progress of the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Steffen reconvened the board meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Goetz submitted an official notice for press release on masks for the Commissioners approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the press release. Commissioner Henning 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 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

USDA to Provide Additional Direct Assistance to Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by the Coronavirus

Expansion of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Begins Sept. 21

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18, 2020 – President Donald J. Trump and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced up to an additional $14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2) will begin September 21 and run through December 11, 2020.

"America's agriculture communities are resilient, but still face many challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Trump is once again demonstrating his commitment to ensure America's farmers and ranchers remain in business to produce the food, fuel, and fiber America needs to thrive," said Secretary Perdue. "We listened to feedback received from farmers, ranchers and agricultural organizations about the impact of the pandemic on our nations' farms and ranches, and we developed a program to better meet the needs of those impacted."

Background:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will use funds being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities. USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based from stakeholder engagement and public feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

Producers can apply for CFAP 2 at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. This program provides financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Producers will be compensated for ongoing market disruptions and assisted with the associated marketing costs.

CFAP 2 payments will be made for three categories of commodities – Price Trigger Commodities, Flat-rate Crops and Sales Commodities.

Price Trigger Commodities

Price trigger commodities are major commodities that meet a minimum 5-percent price decline over a specified period of time. Eligible price trigger crops include barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton, and all classes of wheat. Payments will be based on 2020 planted acres of the crop, excluding prevented planting and experimental acres. Payments for price trigger crops will be the greater of: 1) the eligible acres multiplied by a payment rate of $15 per acre; or 2) the eligible acres multiplied by a nationwide crop marketing percentage, multiplied by a crop-specific payment rate, and then by the producer's weighted 2020 Actual Production History (APH) approved yield. If the APH is not available, 85 percent of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield for that crop will be used.

For broilers and eggs, payments will be based on 75 percent of the producers' 2019 production.

Dairy (cow's milk) payments will be based on actual milk production from April 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. The milk production for Sept. 1, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020, will be estimated by FSA.

Eligible beef cattle, hogs and pigs, and lambs and sheep payments will be based on the maximum owned inventory of eligible livestock, excluding breeding stock, on a date selected by the producer, between Apr. 16, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2020.

Flat-rate Crops

Crops that either do not meet the 5-percent price decline trigger or do not have data available to calculate a price change will have payments calculated based on eligible 2020 acres multiplied by $15 per acre. These crops include alfalfa, extra long staple (ELS) cotton, oats, peanuts, rice, hemp, millet, mustard, safflower, sesame, triticale, rapeseed, and several others.

Sales Commodities

Sales commodities include specialty crops; aquaculture; nursery crops and floriculture; other commodities not included in the price trigger and flat-rate categories, including tobacco; goat milk; mink (including pelts); mohair; wool; and other livestock (excluding breeding stock) not included under the price trigger category that were grown for food, fiber, fur, or feathers. Payment calculations will use a sales-based approach, where producers are paid based on five payment gradations associated with their 2019 sales.

Additional commodities are eligible in CFAP 2 that weren't eligible in the first iteration of the program. If your agricultural operation has been impacted by the pandemic since April 2020, we encourage you to apply for CFAP 2. A complete list of eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap.

Eligibility

There is a payment limitation of $250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits when members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. In addition, this special payment limitation provision has been expanded to include trusts and estates for both CFAP 1 and 2.

Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of $900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Applying for Assistance

Producers can apply for assistance beginning Sept. 21, 2020. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 11, 2020.

Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply.

For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, many documents are likely already on file. Producers should check with FSA county office to see if any of the forms need to be updated.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team at the FSA county office.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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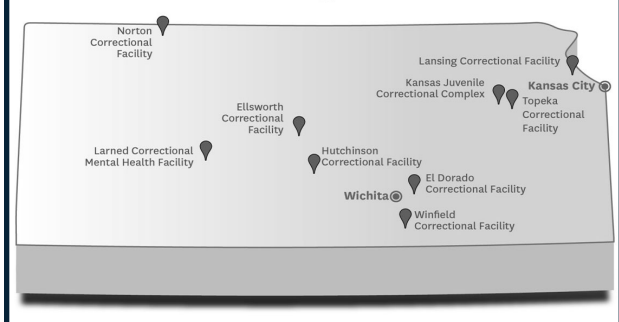

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Celebrations of Life

Anna Jane Goetz

Anna Jane Goetz, Emporia, formerly of Kingman, was born on April 10, 1926 in Garden Township, Harper County. She passed away on September 23, 2020 at the age of 94 at Presbyterian Manor, Emporia, with her family at her side.

Anna Jane was the oldest child of Arthur and Mattie (Woodard) Smith. She graduated from Norwich High School and got her education degree from Southwestern College, Winfield. She began teaching in one-room schools in 1943 and taught for 10 years. She married Anthony Goetz on June 16, 1953 in Willowdale, KS where they raised their six children. She returned to teaching in 1967 and taught in the Nashville, Willowdale and Zenda school systems. She retired in 1990 after teaching for a combined 34 years.

Anna Jane is survived by five daughters: Anita Slocum, Lois (Rod) Symmonds, Nancy (Jeff) Simmons, Donna (Kevin) Roush, and Linda Goetz; one sister, Barbara Woodman; twelve grandchildren: Dayton, Justin, Elijah, Charisse, Stuart, Peter, Nathan, Derek, Meghan, Jared, Jonathan, and Camille; 14 great grandchildren, and 3 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony; son, Cecil; sisters, Betty Scammehorn and Mary Jane Fieser; and her parents.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Burial was in the St. Peter Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School or the St. Peter Catholic Church in Willowdale, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

James Clifton Lindon

James Clifton Lindon, 73, died Sept. 23, 2020 at his home in Nashville, Kansas.

He was born January 13, 1947, at Pawnee, Oklahoma the son of J.T. and Lena Reehling Lindon.

A Nashville resident since 2002, previously of Stillwater, Oklahoma he was a retired employee of the U.S.

On July 16, 1971, he married Paula Lawrence at Pawnee. Other survivors include sons Terry and his wife Normita Lindon, and Darin Lindon; daughters Sherry Ramsey and Tami Franklin; and grandchildren Katie, Connor, Kaylee, Courtney, Sebastian, Gavin, Zacc, Nicky and Tommy.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

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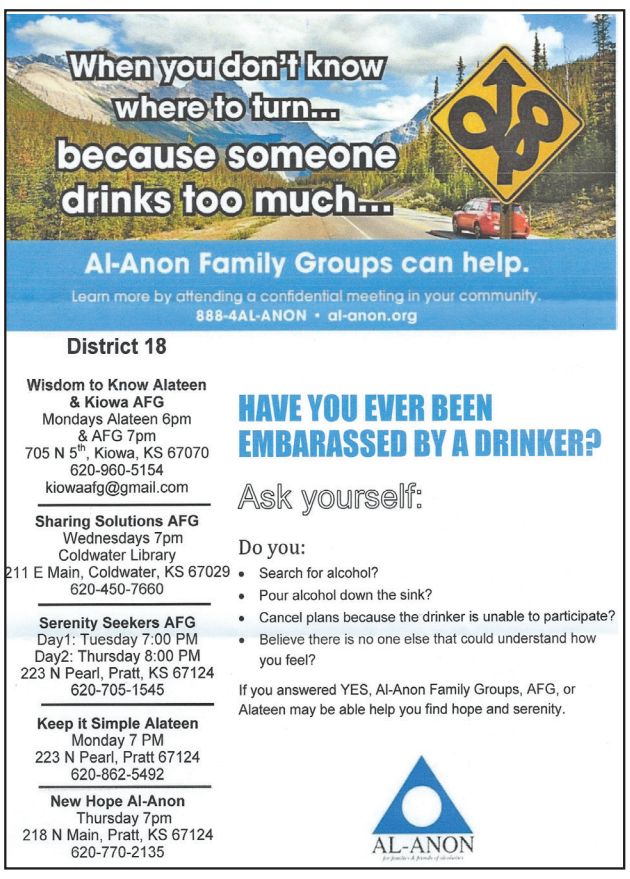

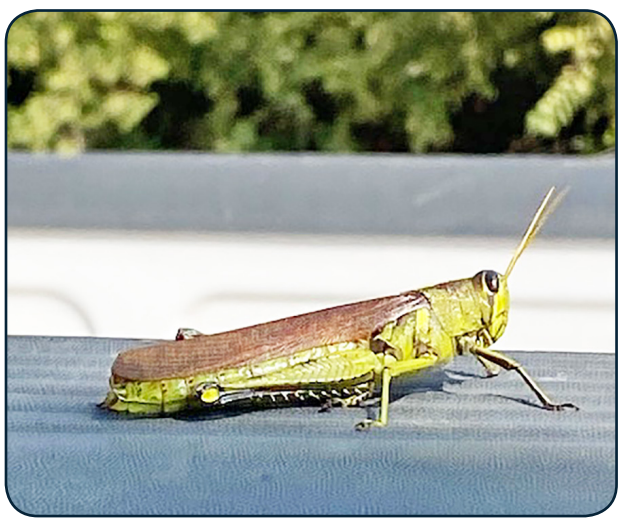

This creepy guy had his photo taken by Josh Theis. Josh mentioned he was a big one.

Kansas State University Summer 2020 Graduation

MANHATTAN — Nearly 575 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in summer 2020. The graduates are from 48 Kansas counties, 36 states and 20 countries.

The university awarded 303 bachelor's degrees, 209 master's degrees, 62 doctorates — six of which are Doctor of Veterinary Medicine — and three associate degrees. Several students earned multiple degrees.

Thirty-two students earned graduation honors for outstanding academic performance. Of those, three students graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 15 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 14 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849.

A list of students who have earned summer degrees and, if applicable, graduation honors from Kansas State University, follows.

Turon: Emma Schwertfeger, Bachelor of Science in Family Studies and Human Services

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A Note of Thanks

Thank you to family, friends, and Father Roger Lumbre for assisting at mass. For the outpouring of love, prayers, food, flowers, cards, and for donations to St. Patrick's school and masses during this very unexpected loss of our dear Clayton. Your presence has helped us to accept our loss.

Sincerely,
Damon, Janette, Braden, Kate Stauffer
Harold and Theresa Stark

A Note of Thanks

Dear Community,
Gary is home recovering nicely. We want to thank you for the cards, food, and prayers while he was in Wesley Hospital and Rehab. It is so wonderful to live in such a caring community.

Sincerely,
Gary and Mary Fitzsimmons

A Note of Thanks

There are not enough words to express our gratitude for all the kind deeds done while I was recovering at home this past month. Thank you to family, friends and neighbors for all the wonderful care we received, from food brought in, grocery runs, prayers, calls and messages. We are just in awe for this great little community we call home. God has truly blessed Todd and I with the best.

Ruth & Todd Shelman

A Note of Thanks

We so appreciate the beautiful cards and nice notes for our 65th anniversary. Thank you and blessings to all.

Dwayne and Karen

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