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The Pratt Community Concert Association has been providing the south central Kansas area with quality entertainment for 81 years. This year's schedule continues the tradition of bringing a variety of diverse and talented performers to our area.

The Easts start the season off on September 24 at 7:00 p.m.. The Easts are a musical storytelling duo made up of husband and wife team Brooke and Jonathon East. Together they have 65 combined years of performing professionally on stages all over the world! Three of those 65 years has been as The Easts, connecting with audiences on all sorts of stages ranging from cruise ships to back yards, beach shores to fancy resorts. They are top-notch multi-talented singers, dancers, actors, musicians and storytellers. While they each have their own unique style and charm, there is no doubt they are better together. Their love of performing, love of each other and love of their audience is felt in each and every performance they give. The shows they write are more than meets the eye, combining theatrical elements, music and dialogue in a way that is polished yet still feels intimate and personal.

Pratt Community Concert Series Begins September 24th

"I have had the privilege of knowing Brooke and Jonathon for more than 10 years and have seen them perform in a variety of settings. They are genuine performers who care about their audiences and use their gifts to brighten others' lives," said Misty Beck, Pratt Community Concert Association president, "The Easts are the perfect talent to open up our 81st season."

Together, The Easts play multiple instruments, sing multiple vocal styles and sincerely connect with their audience.

Season tickets are available now for the 2019-2020 Season which also includes:

The Prime Time Trio on November 19 at 7pm features a high energy trio will perform a long list of familiar tunes and involve the audience in a variety of ways including sing a longs and non-stop fun on stage and in the audience.

The Delano Jazz Orchestra from Wichita will be in Pratt February 9 at 3pm. The group features music from all the Big Band greats.

March 28, the Sultans of String will perform at 7pm. This group thrills their

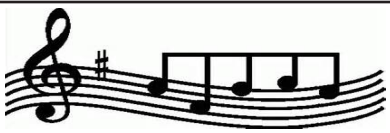


audiences with their genre-hopping passport of Celtic reels, flamenco, gypsy-jazz, Arabic, Cuban and South Asian rhythms. With Sultans of String, Acoustic strings meet with electronic wizardry to create layers and depth of sound, while world rhythms excite audiences to their feet with irresistible need to dance.

The season will close with the Everly Set – starring Sean Altman and Jack Skuller who will take the audience back to 1957 when teens Phil and Don Everly first supercharged the vocal sound of Rock and Roll with sparkling



Prepare yourself to be wowed by The Easts many talents! Together they play multiple instruments, sing multiple vocal styles, and sincerely connect with you, their audience.



Wildcats Attends Jamboree

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It was a valuable learning experience! Both players and coaches made some rookie mistakes, but we competed and got better which was the whole purpose of the evening. Each team was impressed with the character of the opposing teams. Our boys made several comments about how fun it was to get to know the boys from Rolla and Pawnee Heights. Pawnee Heights fed all fans and players, which got the Cunningham faithful thinking maybe we could host in the future. Fans had a great time cheering on the Wildcats.

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Marching Band Attends Kansas State Fair



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Lady Cats Place 3rd in Inman Volleyball Tournament



All Out All Game All Season

Part two

-Coach Nadine Hope

CHS Lady Cats had a great day at the Inman Tournament on Saturday, September 7, 2019. One of our team goals for this year has been checked off the list! Inman has always proven to be

a tough tournament for our teams especially in the last ten years where advancing from pool play was non-existent. But, that streak was broken when the Lady Cats of 2019 earned third place!

It would take many pages to describe the excitement of each of the five matches played, so I'll try to make it succinct----WE ROCKED! Ok, so we had some moments when we didn't quite rock, but

we didn't crumble in those moments. We communicated, worked hard to fix the errors, smiled, set, pounded and dug hard driven balls, blocked, made amazing saves and persevered through some tough battles.

In pool play, we faced Remington (25-15; 25-15); Inman (22-25; 17-25); and Fairfield (25-5; 25-9). The first match we

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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturday, September 14, 2019

4:00 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturday, September 14, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, September 15, 2019

10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:30 a.m.

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Sunday Bible Class

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship

1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

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Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

620-532-2684

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Cunningham

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9:30 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

620-770-9507

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Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

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9:45 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST

Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann

620-298-2090

Office Hours:

Tuesdays:

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Zenda

101 N. Main

Sunday Worship

9 a.m.

Sunday School:

Children 8:30 a.m.

Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)

(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)

Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, Sept. 12th

4:00pm

JH VB @ Fairfield

Monday, Sept. 16

7:00 p.m.

National Honor Society Induction

Thursday, Sept. 12th

6:00pm

JH FB @ Fairfield

Tuesday, Sept. 17th

HS VB vs. South Barber/ Fairfield at Home

Friday, Sept. 13th

7:00 p.m.

HS FB vs. Deerfield at Home

Wed, Sept. 18th - 19th

school dental screenings

Saturday, Sept. 14th

9:00 a.m.

Robotics Kick Off Day

Wed., Sept. 18th

Site Council Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 14th

10:00 a.m. HS Cross-country at Skyline

Monday, Sept 23rd

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620-388-5602

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Opportunities in our Community

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benefits Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

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West Kingman County Education Foundation

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(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

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Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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Zenda Public Library Offers Facebook 101

Are your kids or grandkids always talking about what they see on Facebook? Would you like to keep up with all the stuff they do? Would you like to learn more about this social media platform but don't know where to get started?

Join us at the Zenda Public Library at September 22 at 2:00 for a Facebook 101 program. We will discover Facebook together answering your questions along the way. If you have a laptop, tablet, or smartphone please bring it to this class and you can follow along with us. We will be discussing setting up a new account, safety procedures while using the website, and how to find friends and family members.

For more information about this upcoming program and to register, please email us at zendalibrary@gmail.com or call us at 243-5791 during business hours Monday and Wednesday 8:30-11:00 AM, Thursday 6:00-8:00 PM, and Saturday 8:30 AM -12:30 PM.

Pennies for Patients

Dates: Sept 5 through the end of the 1st quarter

A Nine-Week Race to Help Fund Cancer Research

Who: Cunningham students students, staff and school community

Brief Summary: The Cunningham High School KAYS Club has volunteered to take part in a fundraiser called The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) School & Youth Programs, Pennies for Patients. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is thrilled to have the Kays Club and the students in Cunningham High school and grade school on board to help fund lifesaving cancer research. Seminar classes and classroom teachers will compete to raise money for this cause and spread the word about cancer research. Please donate any spare change!

Kansas Profile

– Now That's Rural: Buddy Williams, Custom Rope

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

Let's go to the ore mines in Nevada. Huge trucks are carrying heavy loads of minerals from the mines. When those trucks get stuck, they use a high capacity tow rope made by a company in rural Kansas. Today we'll learn about the remarkable ruralpreneur whose company is producing and marketing these products coast to coast. Thanks to Justin Goodno of K-State Research and Extension – Barber County for this story idea.

Buddy Williams is the founder of this remarkable company known as Custom Rope. He was born in 1942 and has had a fascinating life.

Buddy was born in Elgin, Kansas. "I never made it past the third grade," Buddy said. He met and married Donnamae and served in the Marines.

Buddy found work as a jockey. "I rode race-horses across the country," Buddy said. "I was licensed to ride in 31 states."

He remembers an occasion where he was in a bad horse accident at a racetrack in Enid. He was taken to the hospital, not breathing and without a detectable heartbeat, but survived. After two and a half days unconscious, he recovered – and rode the following weekend. "If you don't ride, you don't get paid – and I had mouths to feed," Buddy said.

Working with horses meant he also worked with rope. "Ropemaking goes back nine generations in my family," he said. His family also had an eye for finding a bet-

ter way to do things. "My granddad patented the first corn picker that John Deere manufactured," he said. Buddy himself invented several items such as a cattle waterer, post puller, and hay knife.

He also made his own ropes, as his ancestors had done, and invented a special braid design. Soon neighbors wanted those same ropes and Buddy started producing and selling them for commercial as well as home use. In 1987, he and his family moved to Kiowa, Kansas where they live today. In 1995, the company became Custom Rope, a division of Williams Manufacturing, Inc.

Custom Rope uses Buddy's braid design in making ropes of polypropylene fibers. These ropes proved exceptionally strong yet pliable. They are ideal as tow ropes, for example, as well as for other commercial and industrial applications.

"These ropes will multiply pulling power four or five times over cable or chain, and will absorb the shock of a heavy load," Buddy said. Custom Rope has grown into a \$2-million-dollar-a-year business selling ropes in 48 states.

These are the ropes used at the docks by the giant Carnival Cruise Line ocean-going vessels, for example. "You'll see them on utility trucks all over," Buddy said. Unlike nylon, these polypropylene ropes won't decay in the sun. An estimated 22,000 feet of these ropes are used as handrailings at Niagara Falls.

In Nevada, mining companies were using huge steel cables when necessary to move their ore trucks. "It used to take four men and a big steel cable, and now they can do it with one man and my rope," Buddy said. His product earned him a safety award in Nevada.

"My granddad said, 'If God gave you a talent, you're supposed to use it,'" Buddy said. "I'm just a little ol' kid with a big idea." It's great that this idea became a successful business in a rural community like Kiowa, population 1,026 people.

For more information, go to www.customrope.net.

When asked for other highlights, Buddy said, "We've raised nine kids, 11 foster kids, and seven foreign exchange students," he said.

"We still stay in touch with those foreign exchange students today. I just talked to one of them in Thailand. We also put together a family gospel quartet."

It's been a remarkable life for someone born in the rural community of Elgin, population 81 people. Now, that's rural.

It's time to leave the Nevada ore mines which are using ropes made in rural Kansas. We salute Buddy and Donnamae Williams and all the people of Custom Rope for making a difference with this remarkable product. Just like rural Kansas, these ropes can take a shock and keep on going.

The mission of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development is to enhance rural development by helping rural people help themselves. The Kansas Profile radio series and columns are produced with assistance from the K-State Research and Extension Department of Communications News Media Services unit. A photo of Ron Wilson is available at <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/sty/RonWilson.htm>. Audio and text files of Kansas Profiles are available at <http://www.kansasprofile.com>. For more information about the Huck Boyd Institute, interested persons can visit <http://www.huckboydinstitute.org>.

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All Out, All Game, All Season

-Coach Nadine Hope

Cunningham High Lady Cats began their 2019 Volleyball season with Otis-Bison and Stafford on September 3. Sixteen young ladies (enough team members that we ran out of uniforms!) loaded the bus with much anticipation for this first event. The journey for many of them started before the first day of practice on August 19 as they played summer ball, lifted weights, or attended camps or maybe they even practiced for that dreaded mile. Summer league gave each of these athletes a glimpse of what they could do as a group and summer camp allowed us to gain more knowledge and more skills for the new system we would be running for this season. Team members were excited to learn a new system and have been working very hard on target passing so the system will work. Within this system, we have a multitude of hitters and blockers which is proving to be exciting. We also incorporated a libero which is making a huge difference and our setters are working on that consistent set.

As always, serving is emphasized each day and improved zone serving is one of the team goals. Team members are working on fulfilling their role to the best of their ability every point!

We are always grateful for the years when we open the season with a triangular instead of a tournament. This was that year! Otis-Bison was our first draw for the night and we had been preparing for tough competition. Competition was fairly even throughout this set. We were making some errors due to nerves and possibly due to our new system. But, with Maddie Panek’s two ace serves for points 15 and 16, we finally gained just enough of a lead to put the pressure on the Cougars. Another complete rotation put Panek on the line again and we closed the set 25-20 with her powerful serve.

Beginning a new tradition by winning the first set, the Lady Cats were pumped for set two. After one complete rotation the Cats had the lead at 13-9. Then we fell apart and allowed five consecutive points to be scored. Not only were we having a difficult time with a very cagey serve, we also allowed

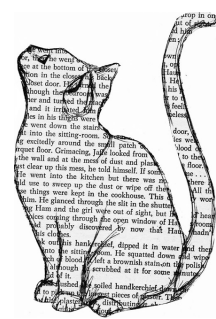
the Cougar hitters to gain confidence with some very nice drives. Finally stopping the serve but unable to score on our own, the Cougars again scored five. CHS had some opportunities but we just could not get our rhythm with serving, receiving or defense. Calling it a loss at 17-25, we headed to set three.

A few adjustments on coverage and better communication led to the 25-12 pounding in this set. Maddie Panek dominated the service line with ace serves for points 21 through 24 while Hunter McGuire added two nice three point stretches.

Excited with this first victory, it was on to the next match with Stafford. The Trojans began their evening with a victory over Cougars so we knew they were not to be taken lightly. However, our motto is all out all game all season so we were prepared to pound hard and continue until the end. Set one was quick at 25-12! CHS was on fire and with weak defense from Stafford’s front line, spiking was fun! Mackenzie Wright led the pack with five consecutive serves. The Cats did not make it through two complete rotations during this set. Going all out in

set two, CHS once again pounded Stafford 25-12. Volleyball is an interesting sport and for those that have been around for a few years know that playing a team with less skill does not always turn out to be an easy match. It was great to watch the Lady Cats maintain focus and play with their aggressive style. Alayna McGuire had a sweet four point stretch in set two.

Although it is sometimes difficult to mention all the fabulous plays during these matches this team is going to do great things. We have a great combination of speed, height, strength and most of all desire. During practice, these ladies are focused on learning more and getting better each day. In their eyes, a block is not good enough unless it is a kill block; a spike is not good enough unless it is a kill; a serve is not good enough unless it is an ace; and on defense, the goal is to let nothing hit the floor. As we continue through the season, coverage will continue to improve and double blocking will continue to improve along with all the basic skills. Great things are in store for this 2019 season. All out, all game, all season!



Meanderings

I have a lot of meandering to do this week. Bear with me.

The one-eyed monster-ogre kitty on the masthead, contemplating a cat’s life, is Peter. He abides in my home with me and other cats and a couple of dogs. He is named for the actor, Peter Falk, of Colombo fame. He lost his eye as a kitten (the cat, not the actor. Although the actor lost his eye when he was three years old.) My kitty doesn’t seem to be bothered by the loss of his eye, except when he runs, he tends to list to the side a bit. He’s snuggly and warm. He comes when you call him. He answers to his name. Speaks when he’s spoken to. He’s been a good kitty for 10 years. I’ll keep him a bit longer. (provided he survives the very large puppy next door who seems determined to eat Peter.)

Now, I need to do a “book report”. This past weekend I read “The Man from the Train: The Solving of a Century-Old Serial Killer Mystery” by Kansas native, Bill James and his daughter, Rachel McCarthy James. (Yes, Bill James of baseball-writing fame).

“Wilkerson was in fact a lawyer,... but let’s not dwell on that; the reputation of lawyers doesn’t need the hit.”

“Pardon the scatology or skip the rest of the sentence, but I’d *** in my pants if I found myself breaking into someone’s house with an axe. Almost all of us would.”

Very interesting story from America’s past. Oh, if you do read this, be wary of bumps in the night. They can spook a person. Good thing I have Peter and his companions there to tell me if someone was actually in our house.

On to other things: I attended the Cunningham Women’s Club salad supper this past Monday. And I am going to jump on my soapbox now and try and guilt people into joining and attending Cunningham’s service organizations. Many of our communities’ services rely on these two “clubs” to keep them alive and well. The CWC and the Lions’ Club donate to the Community Center, the Historical Museum, the Cunningham Child Care Center, Cunningham Schools, Cunningham Public Library, and Hands of Hope; the Lions’ Club offers a yearly scholarship to the young people furthering their education. The women’s club offers three or four programs a year of educational and entertaining value.

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played blind, meaning we had not seen them play, only warm up, so we had to be ready to play all out from the first serve. Holly DeWeese finally got us moving during our fourth rotation with 5 hard serves and Morgan Meyers followed with four. Mackenzie Wright finished the set with five in a row. Set two found our seniors leading in the serving arena. Holly DeWeese served six successive serves with two aces and Hunter McGuire drilled seven consecutive serves.

team stay focused on the goal. Hunter McGuire was being a bit stingy with sharing the serve as she served the first 13 points in set one! Morgan Meyers closed set one with six successive and well placed serves. The McGuire sisters dominated the serving in set two with Madie serving points 11 through 15 followed by the next server, Hunter, who completed the set!

FINALLY!!!! We were headed to the semifinals in this tournament after many years! To say that I was excited for this team would be an understatement. This was such a mental hurdle as well as a physical hurdle with the tough competition this tournament always brings!

At 15-25, it was on to a third set. Cunningham earned a 19-15 lead and fought to stop a tough server, but it took us one point too many. Once the Cardinals had the lead, they turned the power back on and won 19-25.

So close to making it to the championship bracket and a tough loss, but 3rd place hardware was still within our reach and we had to refocus quickly! Cunningham decided to save face from the first meeting with the home team. With the earlier coverage glitches fixed, CHS Lady Cats pounded hard and quick in set one. Hunter McGuire and Maddison Panek earned the first eight points and Morgan Meyers added the next five. After a complete rotation, CHS was up 21-12. A few side outs later, and the Lady Cats were moving to the next court with the 25-17 W. Although set two was a bit closer, Cunningham maintained their composure, made some adjustments, made some great hustle plays and ultimately defeated Inman 25-20!

All Out All Game All Season!!!! The team made great strides in this tournament. Mackenzie Wright did a wonderful job with her awesome sets, great communication and some great

spikes. Maddison Panek is a force to be reckoned with as a middle blocker! If it isn’t a kill block, she is disappointed. She also did a great job hitting and serving. Alexa Fischer is another middle blocker doing a fabulous job! Her unique hitting style throws many teams off balance and she played so aggressive! Holly DeWeese and Hunter McGuire are doing a great job leading the team and leading the team on the net, with serves and overall hustle! Madison McGuire had big shoes to fill as our second setter for the tournament and she filled them well. And then there is our libero, Morgan Meyers! We expect so much of her and she does not disappoint. Morgan does a fabulous job reading the ball and making great passes! Our double blocks are improving, setting is becoming more consistent, serves are tougher and most of all the team is learning to use their speed and learning to read the ball and learning to just leave it all on the court with many fantastic plays made only with hustle and desire. I am so very proud of this team! Ok, so I said I was going to keep it short, but nonetheless, WE ROCKED, and I just had to share!

In this non-fiction book, James tells how he was reading about the vicious murders of eight people in Villisca, Iowa, in 1912, and thought there might be more to the story. He and his daughter set out to research the possibilities, and their research took them across the U.S. Their research must have been exhaustive. He and his daughter and other researchers combed through old newspapers and court documents following a series of murders across the U.S. They determined from the evidence they found in old documents that a serial killer rode the train across the country and randomly killed families as they slept in their beds. The murders generally went unsolved; except when the police found a scapegoat to take the blame.

The killer usually struck around midnight; killing entire families with the blunt edge of an ax. From what the authors could piece together, the man killed over 100 people in 14 years. The research didn’t stop there. They continued their delving into murders until they believe they found the first murdered family (1898) and the man who killed them.

Although the subject is gruesome, it was a fascinating read. Bill James draws the reader into the story by talking directly to them; frequently adding some comic relief to the morbid story:

“Skeptical? Of course, you’re skeptical. You’re either skeptical or you’re stupid, and you don’t look stupid. But hear me out. Have I got a story to tell you.”

I know you have children at home. I know you have responsibilities, but think of what your children will lose out on if the public library did not have the summer reading program. What would our community miss out if we had no museum? What if our childcare center closed? What if there were no Hands of Hope for those in need? What if there were no pies and desserts served at the soup lunch during the Santa Claus Day festivities? No homemade ice cream and desserts at our Independence Day hamburger feed?

We have responsibilities to our families, but we also have responsibilities to our community. If we don’t keep these organizations active, what will become of our town? Just join. Attend.

Lions’ Club meets Tuesday evenings twice a month. Women’s club meets the second Monday during the months of September through December and March and April. You have kids at home? Hire a high school student to babysit (they need the money). Turn off the TV. The ball games, the un-reality shows, whatever... and join. Set an example for your children. It is important to give back to your community. It is important to belong to service organizations. Just join.

Always reading and currently reading, "Look For Me" by Lisa Gardner Roberta

“Taking care of your own family is good, taking care of your neighbor’s family is better and taking care of all the families in your neighborhood is the best.”

— *Abhijit Naskar, Build Bridges not Walls: In the name of Americana*

Libraries			
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CJH Volleyball Opens with a Bang!

by Coach Nadine Hope
Cunningham Junior High Volleyball opened the 2019 season at home with a battle against Central Christian Cougars. A young varsity team consisting of four 7th graders and two 8th graders showed their nerves in set one with a close battle the entire set. Both teams were even until the Cougars had a string of seven points giving them a 20 to 13 lead. Maranda Lohrke popped three to close the gap to four. A missed serve from the Cougars put Ellie McGuire at the service line where she served five and put the Cats up by one. However, with a side out, the set was tied again at 22. Another side out gave the Cats 23 and Elizabeth Paris earned one more. The side out gave Central Christian 23 and they earned one more

and then had a side out. The score was 25 to 24 when Ava Bock stepped back and served set point in her debut varsity set. Cats win 26-24 and we are on to set two!
CJH ladies dominated the Cougars from the first serve in set two. Taylor Schultz pounded 16, yes 16, consecutive serves! A short serving stint from the Cougars put the ball back in the Cats' hands. Katie Hennessee finished the set with eight in a row for a 25-3 final set and

match score. Wow!
As per league guidelines for junior high, the teams played a third set to 15 points. This allows the teams to have more playing time even though the extra set does not count for a win-loss record. Cunningham was on fire in set three as well! The team only rotated four times and Brianna Ditmer finished the set with three well placed serves for a 15-4 finish.
Finally the junior varsity was on the floor

and they were super excited as well as being nervous for this first game. Taking their cue from the varsity, the JV players pounded the young Cougars 25-8! Serving is very important at this level and for this day, CJH JV did a great job of keeping their serves in bounds. Brianna Ditmer and Emily Ogg each had six uninterrupted serves followed by Ada Adams' five and Joanna Hansen's four. Set two proved more of a challenge for the Cats, but they worked together and worked hard and earned the 25-19 victory. Julia Hageman had a great debut with five fabulous points. Brianna Ditmer added another five successive points.
Well done Cunningham Junior High! There is nothing better than opening the season in front of

a great home crowd with victories all around. The 2019 team is comprised of the following student-athletes listed in numerical order: Emma Harden, Emily Ogg, Elizabeth Paris, Kaitlyn Hennessee, Joanna Hansen, Brianna Ditmer, Maranda Lohrke, Ellie McGuire, Taylor Schultz, Ada Adams, Julia Hageman, Kyra Morgan and Ava Bock.



Kaitlyn Hennessee passes

Molly Morgan photos



Kyra Morgan sends the ball over the net



Julia Hageman serves

JH Football Wildcats cruise past Central Christian

by Coach Bart Ricke
The Cunningham Jr. High football team opened the 2019 season on September 5 at home against HOPL foe Central Christian and came away with a convincing 52-6 win. Central Christian won the toss and elected to receive the opening kick-off which put the Jr. Wildcats on defense to start the game. After a touch-back on the opening kick-off by Dagim Reed the defense would take to the field and were able to hold the Cougars on a 4th down play to take over possession of the ball in Cougar territory. The Wildcat offense was a

little sloppy in the early going but was able to get on the board at 4:47 mark of the first quarter with a 32 yard touchdown run from quarterback Luke McGuire, McGuire would run it in for the two-point PAT and the Wildcats led 8-0. On the ensuing possession Cunningham defensive back Will Wegerer was able to intercept a Central Christian pass on the Wildcat 30 yard line, on the next play from scrimmage Reed would scamper 50 yards for the

Wildcats second TD of the first quarter, McGuire again ran in the PAT and CJH led 16-0 with just over three minutes left in the first. After another defensive stop early in the second, McGuire once again would find the end-zone on a 41 yard run, on the PAT McGuire would hook up with Jack Ruckle on a pass play to bring the score to 24-0. Cunningham would extend their lead to 40-0 by half-time on TD runs from McGuire (27 yds.) and Reed (36 yds.) Reed and Wegerer ran in the

PAT's. In the second half, everyone got to play quite a bit and they all got to try different positions on both offense and defense. Central Christian was able to get on the scoreboard midway through the third quarter to make the score 40-6, then Reed would score the third of his four touchdowns on a 31 yard run, PAT failed but the Wildcats had regained their 40 point lead. After yet another defensive stop of the Cougars, this time deep in Wildcat terri-

tory early in the fourth quarter, Reed was able to find space around the right end on third down and raced 68 yards for the final score of the game do to the 45 point mercy

rule at the 6:36 mark of the fourth quarter. The 1-0 Wildcats will travel to Fairfield on September 12 to take on Fairfield/Stafford at 6:00.



Trent Schnittker blocks



Will Wegerer takes a hand off



Luke McGuire hands off to Dagim Reed.



Dagim Reed brings down a Cougar

Molly Morgan photos

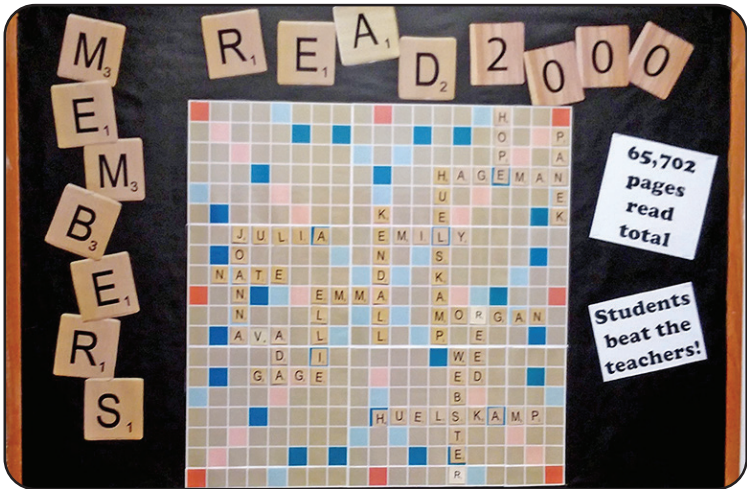
Sixth Graders Visit Hilltop Manor



Brooke Bowman photos

Mrs. Bowman's sixth grade class visited Hilltop Manor on Monday, September 9th, for a rousing game or two of Bingo.
Pictured above are Dylan Halderson and Kyra Morgan with one of Hilltop's players. To the left, it looks like Skyler Thimesch may have won!

65,702 Pages Read by Members of Read 2000



Congratulations, Read 2000 members! Participating students and teachers read 65,702 pages this summer! Students exceeded their goals and even beat the teacher total. You've earned entry into the Read 2000 book club and its monthly meetings, treats, and prizes. Great job, everyone!

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Lady Cats vs. Otis-Bison/Stafford



Holly DeWeese hits in the game against Otis-Bison



Maddi Panek hits over the net.



MacKenzie Wright volleys

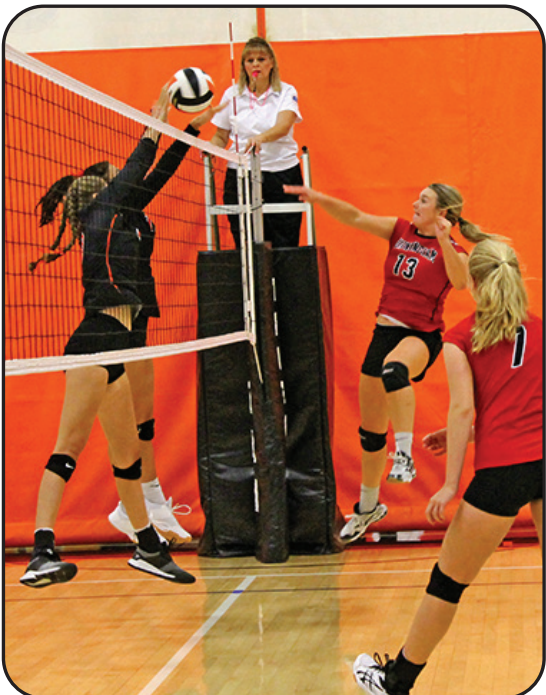


Alayna McGuire serves.

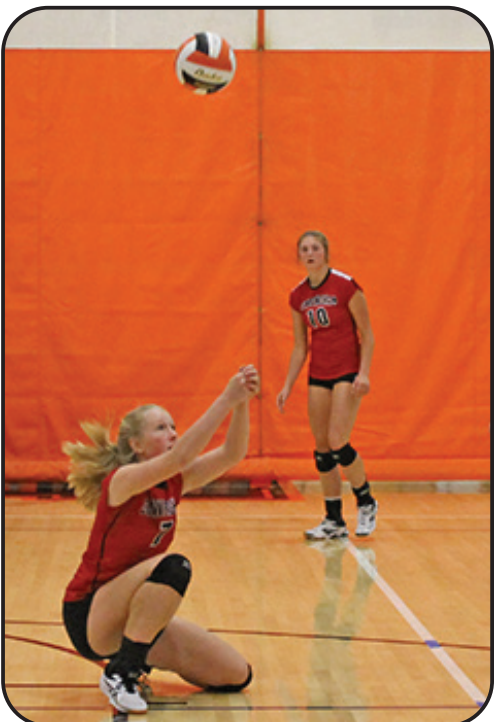
Lady Cats at the Inman Tournament



Hunter McGuire at the net.



Maddi Panek goes up for a volley.



Madi McGuire sets up the ball.

Molly Morgan photos

September 6th Football Highlights CHS vs. Moscow

Coach McGuire calls in his team.



Erik Paris

Molly Morgan photos



Lane Halderson goes up for the pass.



Team readies for the snap.



Daylen Schnittker on the carry.

Alayna McGuire

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Huelskamp Places 9th



Henry Huelskamp competed Thursday, September 5th in his first Cross Country meet of the year at Pretty Prairie golf course. Henry ran the varsity 5k race and placed 9th with a time of 21:41. I was extremely proud of Henry and the toughness he showed on a very hot day!! His hard work in practice is paying off and I'm excited to see him work to improve his time each week. Keep up the great work Henry!

-Coach Ingrid Ricke

Minutes from the County Commission Meeting

August 26th, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 26th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye; Steven Wilkinson, SCKEDD.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

The County Clerk requested adding discussion on Spivey City.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Spivey City discussion. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment. No comments were made.

Steven Wilkinson, SCKEDD Director was in to discuss the projects that are currently being utilized by the City of Kingman. Mr. Wilkinson let the Commissioners know that they have a

new grant that has nine utilizing it right now.

Mr. Wilkinson discussed with the Commissioners that the City of Kingman has gotten help from SCKEDD.

Chairman Steffen asked the board if they want to continue their membership with SCKEDD. The Commissioners discussed it and agreed to continue membership.

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

Haviland Telephone Co. Inc.-Road Crossing-Phone line- Between sections 17 & 20 Twp 30 Range 5 (Bennett)

Haviland Telephone Co. Inc.-Road Crossing and cable placement-NE ¼ section 10 on SE 147 St & 5th Avenue-Bennett Twp.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the July financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on Rural #2-U.8-7.0 and that it should be driving piling within the next few days.

Mr. Arensdorf updated on the hot mix overlay south of Mt. Vernon will start after Labor Day.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed updating the rubber tired excavator with the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed that he talked with the City about getting their approval for the parking lot at the Expo Center and then maybe next Spring putting some seal coat on it.

Commissioner Foley discussed the KDOT meeting that Mr. Arensdorf and himself attended last week.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with the following building permit:

Rob Frampton for a

garage shed in section 4, township 28, range 6.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR at 9:10 a.m. to discuss an employee’s evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the promotion of Mary Schwartz to the Kingman County Health Nurse effective September 1, 2019. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the ceiling in the Commission Board Room with the County Clerk. The Board would like to get more information on what would like to be done and the pricing of the ceiling and lighting.

The County Clerk submitted the August 19th, 2019 Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the August 19th, 2019 Commission Meeting. 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 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



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Wheat Scoop: K-State Releases Three New Wheat Varieties

The Kansas State University recently released three new wheat varieties, which are available to Certified seed growers this fall and will be available to farmers in fall 2020.

The new releases include two hard red winter wheat varieties - KS Western Star and KS Dallas - and one hard white wheat, KS Silverado. They were all developed at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays, Kan. The wheat breeding program at Kansas State University, with loca-

tions in Manhattan and Hays, receives funding from the Kansas Wheat Commission through the two-cent wheat checkoff.

Thanks to wheat breeding programs like the one at K-State, producers have ever-improving options of wheat varieties to plant. Whether it’s improved resistance or increased yields, wheat breeders are creating varieties that meet producers’ changing needs.

KS Western Star

KS Western Star was named after the Western Star Milling Company in Salina, Kan. It is adapted to central and western Kansas, eastern Colorado, northwest Oklahoma and southwest Nebraska.

KS Western Star is

a medium maturity and medium tall statured variety. It had greater yields than any other hard red winter wheat varieties in the KIN tests in 2017 and 2018. On average over the two years, it yielded more than any common check varieties, including Joe. KS Western Star has resistances to stripe rust, leaf rust and soilborne mosaic virus. It has very good straw strength and grain shattering resistance along with good milling and baking qualities. KS Western Star has good pre-harvest sprouting resistance.

KS Western Star has very good drought tolerance and high yield potential. While it is susceptible to Hessian fly and wheat streak mosaic virus, it has wheat curl mite resistance and intermediate resistance to Triticum mosaic virus.

KS Dallas

KS Dallas was named after retired plant pathologist Dr. Dallas Seifers, who worked at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays and helped to develop the WSM2 gene found in the varieties KS Dallas and Joe. It is adapted to the western half of Kansas, eastern Colorado, northwest Oklahoma, the Texas panhandle and southwest Nebraska.

KS Dallas is a medium maturity and medium height variety. It performed well in western Kansas in 2017 and 2018. KS Dallas has a strong disease package with wheat streak mosaic virus resistance up to 70°F, which is three degrees higher than those resistant varieties with WSM2, such as Joe and Oakley CL. It has moderate resistance to stripe rust and good resistance to leaf rust and stem rust. It is susceptible to soilborne mosaic virus

and moderately susceptible to Hessian fly. It has good shattering resistance and pre-harvest sprouting resistance. Its straw strength is about average, which is similar to T158.

KS Dallas has good milling and baking qualities. In general, it has good flour yield, high water absorption and good mixing tolerance.

KS Silverado

KS Silverado is a hard white wheat with medium-early maturity and medium-short height. It is adapted to central and western Kansas. It has very good pre-harvest sprouting resistance. Its shattering resistance is moderate, which is similar to Joe. Its straw strength is very good.

KS Silverado showed resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus in inoculated tests in the growth chamber at 64°F. It has moderate to intermedi-

ate resistance to stripe and stem rusts, and wheat blast. It is resistant to leaf rust, Hessian fly, and soil-borne mosaic virus. It is moderately susceptible to Fusarium head blight, barley yellow dwarf virus and powdery mildew. Preliminary data showed that it has intermediate resistance to Triticum mosaic virus.

Whether you are looking for high grain yield, rust resistance, heat and drought tolerance, resistance to wheat streak mosaic virus or milling and baking quality, Kansas State University’s wheat breeding program has a variety for you. These three new varieties will be available to Kansas wheat farmers in fall 2020 through Kansas Wheat Alliance associates. Visit kswheatalliance.org for more information on these and other wheat variety options.

K-State to host Forestry and Conservation Field Day in SE Kansas

Oct. 3 field day and open house will showcase K-State Research and Extension resources

PARSONS, Kan. – Trees and their role in streambank stabiliza-

tion and conservation in general will come into focus at the Kansas State University’s Research and Extension Forestry and Conservation Field Day, Thursday, Oct. 3, in Parsons.

The event, from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., will kick off a program to turn the 8-acre K-State Southeast Research and Extension Center at 25092 Ness Rd., into

a living demonstration facility where habitats common to southeast Kansas will be viewable by the public. The first phase is to implement a forest habitat, demonstrating soil stabilization and habitat for wildlife. Planting of the forest will begin as part of the Oct. 3 event.

As part of the day, the public is invited to tour the facilities and partici-

pate in hands-on activities and workshops on conservation, forestry, and wildlife.

Also, that day, the Southeast Research and Extension Center main building will have an open house showcasing SEREC research and extension activities, including family and consumer sciences, beef research, 4-H and youth development, nutrition education and obesity prevention, the Stay Strong – Stay Healthy program, crop production, and soil and water management.

On-site demonstrations will include: wildlife demonstrations, conservation demonstrations, stream tables, and a hands-on planting demonstration as well as information about trees and forests in Kansas

and the role of trees in the Kansas ecosystem.

The K - State Southeast Research and Extension Center serves 26 counties in southeast Kansas.

For more information about the Oct. 3 field day, contact Tamara Harrison at tharrison@ksu.edu or 620-820-6127 or visit https://www.southeast.k-state.edu/field_days/

3 Ways Families Can Save Time and Money on Household Goods

(StatePoint) For busy families, it may seem like there isn’t always enough time to comparison shop in order to find the best deals on groceries and the many items kids need to be successful in school. A few tips below will go a long way to helping you navigate store aisles for savvy shopping.

Save More on School Supplies

School supplies are often a top priority for parents and students when shopping. Before restocking, assess what you already have at home in

storage. From pencils and paper to binders, markers and calculators, checking closets and drawers for these items is the first step toward stretching your supply budget.

Meal Prep Made Simple

De-stress meal planning by taking one day a week to search ideas for breakfast, lunch and dinner with resources like DG Easy Meals, available at dollargeneral.com/easy-meals. Shop ahead for easy snacks for your family to eat between activities, like nuts, pretzels and trail mix. Making the switch to private brand items, like the Clover Valley brand at Dollar General can help you save on snacks and treats you already love. With the right amount of prepara-

tion, you can easily knock meal and snack planning off your list in no time!

Take Advantage of Discounts

Buying household items can get pricey. While shopping for necessities, look to save even more through coupons and digital coupons. Download Dollar General Digital Coupons and check out deals before you shop. Downloading savings before you shop saves you time and money in-store. For deals, visit dg.coupons.com/ coupons.

Running a household doesn’t need to put undue stress on you or your wallet. With a bit of preparation, you can save time and money on meal prep, school supplies, household items and more.

Public Notice
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USD 332 PUBLIC NOTICE OF VOTE
2019-20 PROPERTY TAX RATES
2-YEAR PROPERTY TAX REVIEW
(Excluding General Fund, Bond and Interest, No-Fund Warrants, and Temporary Note)

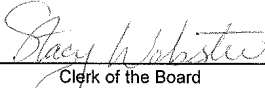
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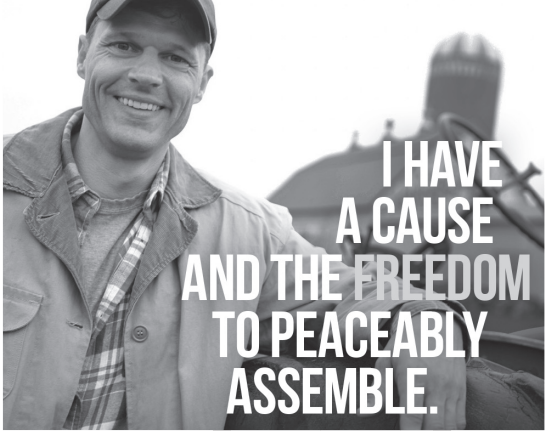
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"The noblest motive is the public good." - Virgil

Celebrations of Life

Chad Williams

Chadwick R. “Chad” Williams, 60, died Sept. 6, 2019, in Kingman.

He was born Aug. 1, 1959, in Kingman the son of Roy E. and Meritta Lewis Williams. A Kingman resident most of his life, he was a retired crop adjuster and teacher.

Chad was a member of the Kingman United Methodist Church.

On Oct. 28, 1995, he married Joann “Jodie” Renyer in Kingman. Other survivors include daughters Alexandra Williams and Mary Jansson and husband Eric; son David Barton and wife Lori; brother Brad and wife Linda; sister Deborah Sheldon and Sheryl; grandchildren Parker and Hannah Jansson; nephew Kyle Williams and wife Cindee; nieces Kara Blankenship and husband Tyler and Ashley Nesselrode and husband Donny.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday at the Livingston Funeral Home with the family present from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In support of Chad’s love of the University of Kansas the family would ask those to wear their crimson and blue. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman United Methodist Church or the Kingman Community Hospital Oncology Dept., both in care of the funeral home.

Sheri Bell

Shryl “Sheri” Jean Balding Bell, age 57 passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas on Friday, August 30, 2019. Sheri was born October 16, 1961 in Coldwater, Kansas to the late Walter “Don” and Doris Balding.

She was raised in Isabel, Kansas, with her two brothers, Carl and Gary. She attended school in both Isabel and Medicine Lode, Kansas. She moved to Missouri in 1990 where she raised her family with her former husband of 25 years, Rick Bell. In 2002 she relocated back to Kansas where she enjoyed working as a paraprofessional at both Kingman and South Barber Elementary School.

She enjoyed camping with her family, hitting garage sales, riding her four-wheelers and spending time with her grandchildren. On warm spring and summer days she would most likely be found spending time in her garden. Sheri also loved having friends and family over to gather around the bonfire and have cookouts. She enjoyed making homemade wine and her famous potato salad, which was always requested as an absolute must at all family get togethers. Family and friends meant everything to her.

She always put other people before herself. She would often hear about someone needing a place a stay or a meal to eat and she would welcome them into her home, arms wide open. She was a devout Christian and believed everyone needed a little help sometimes and was happy to do so. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Walter “Don” Balding, and her mother Doris Balding.

She is survived by her two brothers, Carl Balding (Kim) and Gary Balding (Kathy) her significant other, Rick Davis, her three children, Amber Bayliff (Scott), Noel Bell, and Tyler Bell, father of her children Rick Bell, her 6 grandsons, Sheldon Bayliff, Dakota Bayliff, Zack Bayliff, Cannon Lukens, Reese Bell, and Colter Lukens and her great granddaughter, Adelyn Bayliff.

A celebration of her life was held at the First Christian Church in Medicine Lodge on September 2nd. In remembrance of Sheri we request that you take a moment to hug your mom, your child, grandchild, friend or walk in the woods for a moment, an hour or a day. Time waits for no one.

Please send donations to the Sheri Bell Memorial Fund at the Medicine Lodge First Christian Church.

American Legion 2019 Golf Classic

The American Legion has been the “go to” veterans’ service organization for 100 years. The Legion supports veterans, active duty military personnel, and veteran’s families.

The American Legion Department of Kanas is sponsoring a four-person scramble (flighted). The 2019 Golf Classic will be held at the Shawnee Country Club, 913 S.E. 29th Street, Topeka,

Kansas on September 28, 2019. Double shotgun start at 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. The cost of \$320.00 per team includes green fees, carts, range balls, luncheon, gift certificate and a hole-in-one prize.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to support the programs and services of The American Legion Family in Kansas. The tournament is open to the public. For more information, call Gaylord Sanneman at 620-290-3482 or Lonny Cook at 785-286-2134.

Saturday Morning Tea Party at Grandma Karen’s



Saturday, September 7th, held many delights for birthday girl, Saylor Jane Millan. She, along with seven of her closest friends, enjoyed shortbread, lemon bars, and quiche, while sipping on the preferred beverage of hot chocolate, even though tea was offered!

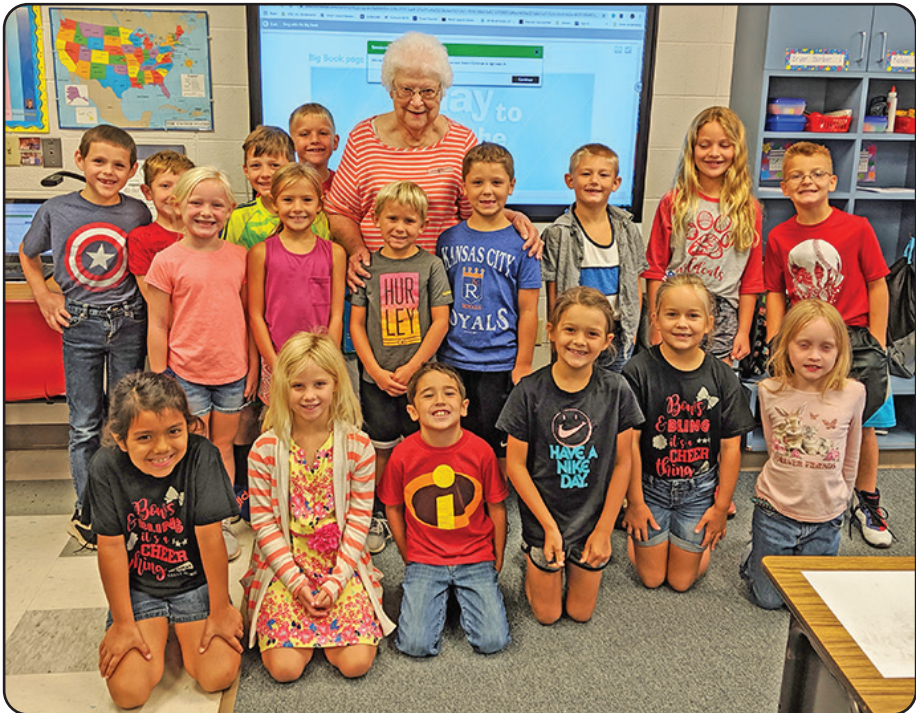
The girls listened to a poem, helped write a story about the birthday girl, colored a tea party themed page, and made paper bead bracelets. They all wore their fanciest party dresses and prettiest smiles!

Servers and helpers for the event were: Grandma Karen, Mother Megan, Aunt Hannah, and Marci Wooster. Seated around the table beginning with the birthday girl, Saylor, in the foreground and continuing clockwise are: Julia George, Jacey Hemphill, Clara and Ruby Wooster, Gracyn and Ellie Monhollon, and Callie Jo Novotny. Saylor will turn seven years old on Monday, September 9th, and is the daughter of Jordan and Megan Millan, granddaughter of Russ and Karen Eck, and great granddaughter of Ruth Cornelius all of Pratt.



story and photos by Karen Eck

School Happenings and Events



Grandma Louise is back to school and helping the second graders with their reading. The class enjoys their special one-on-one time with her!



Ingrid Ricke photo



Andrew Schultz working out in wellness Wednesday! Brook Bowman photo



Isaiah Reed supports "Team Black" during the pep assembly.



Molly Morgan photos



Lexi Fischer trying to bust a balloon during the "Bust the Competition" pep assembly.



Happy Birthday to my mom, Joan Thimesch



Cunningham Pep Band, under the direction of Eric Kerschen plays for the pep assembly held in conjunction with the opening of the fall sports season.



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



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