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Minutes of City Council for July 26, 2021

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 26, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Karl Vierthaler, Bart Ricke, Tim Schultz and Craig Woodard; Mayor, Aaron Murphy; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests: Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer.

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

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes – Motion by Woodard, second by Ricke, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021 regular meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 special meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public comments – None

Kingman County Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program –

Consensus of the Council to inquire about the City applying for funds to help with the cost of the condemnation process.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Fire Department – Chief Stark reported the department had responded to three fires since the last meeting. Truck #333 had the air compressor replaced for the brakes (invoice in financial report.) Truck #331 and #312 had recently undergone minor repairs. Regarding the fire station, the Chief reported that there is a small leak in the roof. He will continue to monitor the area to determine if rain had blown under a seam in the roof. Chief Stark also reported that the battery in the AED has been replaced. He stated guideline is to replace every five years.

Leak forgiveness letters –

212 W First – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to approve leak forgiveness in the amount of \$41.25. Motion carried, 5/0.

310 E First – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve leak for-

giveness to revert to previous month’s usage. Motion carried, 5/0.

243 N Main – No action.

Sidewalk to south shelter house in the park – Consensus of Council to obtain quotes for a sidewalk from the walking path to the south shelter house.

West Kingman County Education Foundation – Consensus of the Council was to wait for an opportunity to help the foundation in another way rather than monetarily.

American Rescue Plan Act Exploratory Meeting – Consensus of the Council to send a City representative to meeting (which representative is dependent upon date/time of meeting.)

Kansas Open Meetings Act/Kansas Open Records Act training – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to send City Clerk to KOMA/KORA training in August at Dodge City and pay the expenses incurred as well as the fee for training. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer: Jackie Ruckle gave the report.

Planning & Zoning:

City Clerk asked for verification of streets and easements at the location of Lincoln Street and Florence Street.

Mayor Murphy discussed the need for a chairperson.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve a building permit with proper setbacks for construction of a retaining wall to improve drainage at 310 E First. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance: City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee gave the report. Kansas Department of Health & Environment will conduct an inspection next month.

Motion by Schultz, second by Vierthaler, to approve the updated Water Emergency Operations Plan with added information to include Well No. 3 and new contacts’ information. Motion carried, 5/0.

Swimming Pool: City Clerk gave the report.

Animal Control: No report.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Vierthaler, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Kingman County Commission Minutes August 23, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on August 23rd, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman;

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Tad Hacker; Larry Landwehr

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Tad Hacker was in to request holding a Constitutional Day celebration on the Courthouse lawn on September 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners approved for Mr. Hacker to use the lawn on the 17th of September for the Constitutional Day celebration.

Larry Landwehr thanked the Commissioners for the 21st street overlay.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the Witt O’Briens LLC contract for time & materials in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00 for services through 2024.

Mr. Schott asked if the Commissioners would like to have a kickoff meeting next week with Witt O’Briens LLC if contract is approved.

Commissioners discussed what NEU(non-entitlement units) meant.

Mr. Schott discussed what will be discussed at the special meeting held on Wednesday at the Expo Center North room on ARPA funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the contract with Witt O’Briens LLC for time and materials not to exceed \$95,000.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to request an executive session.

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Pride Yard of the Week

The sign for Pride Yard of the Week stands in the front lawn at 303 North Douglas, the home of Linda Chambers.

WHEN YOU HAVE HEART PROBLEMS DO YOU....

get medical advice from Facebook, the news, the internet, Cousin Bob, or do you talk with your Doctor?

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Friday, September 3rd 6:00 HS FB vs Rolla at HOME	

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will be closed

Monday, September 6

in observance of Labor Day.

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Cunningham Public Library

Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163



Zenda
Public Library

Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791



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Carnegie Library

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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.



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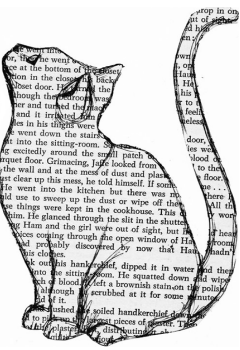
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Meanderings

I’ve not yet moved on to Three Pines, Quebec, Canada to join Louise Penny’s Inspector Armand Gamache in his quests to solve mysterious deaths that wreak havoc in his community. But soon... very soon. I am thinking in the next day or two.

I have finished the Bernie Rhodenbarr’s series, but I still find my mind returning to visit his used bookstore, Barnegut Books, on NYC’s West Side and creeping through homes and apartments on the East Side with him in the lead, surreptitiously holding his little pen-like flashlight, stealing items of interest and value.

I do wish I'd have had an opportunity to own a used book store. I think that would have been the greatest job there could be. It may not have made much money... but there'd be plenty to read..., even Bernie Rhodenbarr thought so. I was born into the wrong era of literacy, I guess.

Back to New York City....I can almost smell the different foods from the “Two Guys” restaurant he and Caroline enjoy so much. I can hear

their voices in conversations about books and crimes-to-be-committed.

I can recall conversations he has shared with various characters, and those he has pulled me into. His voice is low. His speech calm and thoughtful. Bernie abhors violence and has no use for thieves who don’t put things back where they belong, except those items that leave the homes in his briefcase or pocket or sack. He is a thoughtful burglar, tidying up as he goes along; possibly because he’s an avid and varied reader. There were times he mentioned books he was reading, and I thought, “Oh! I’ve read that!” Bernie and I could be good friends, except I would be greatly bothered by his nighttime job. He is an honest man, except for those forays into the home of the wealthy who have items of value he wants or desires.

In one of the latter books in the series (and I can’t remember which book it was). I was reading along, listening to a conversation he was having with Caroline, who was trying to figure out the mystery that encompassed the book. When either he or Caroline quoted a little ditty that sent me reeling back to my childhood. I absolutely was so annoyed because I couldn’t get the little song out of my head.

Do young girls still sit crisscross and play hand-slapping games? How sad

if they don’t. As young girls, my friends and I whiled away our recess time slapping hands to different little songs.

“Oh, playmate, come out and play with me. I’ll bring my dollies three, climb up my apple tree, shout down my rain barrel, slide down my cellar door, and we’ll be jolly friends forevermore, more, more, more.”

Does that not evoke memories? My mind suddenly wondered away from the bustle of busy New York streets, and it meandered back to a Kansas playground in the 1970’s where third and fourth grade girls sat on the ground and slapped hands across the space between their almost-touching knees.

Slap and cross-slap and slap and back-slap.... Hours were spent singing this little song, slapping hands with friends, laughing, sharing secrets. I know there were other little songs, but I can’t think of any, and had I not been reading THIS particular book, the little tune would have remained buried in my vault of memories.

Then as my nostalgic mood had me meandering the playground, I remembered other songs sang while we jumped through and over and under ropes:

“Cinderella dressed in yellow, went upstairs to kiss her fellow. Made a mistake and kissed a snake how many doctors did it take?” Then the counting started.

I do so hope kids still spend some time at recess jumping rope, singing little counting songs.

“I like coffee, I like tea, I’d like for Karen to jump in with me.”

“Ice cream soda, Delaware punch, tell me the name of your honey-bunch....A B C D E....”

“Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around. Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground.”

I am not sure what the young lads were doing while we were singing and slapping... no doubt playing basketball or baseball or kickball.... I am fairly certain their activities did not involve rhymes and chants and slapping hands and singing.... I guess it's their loss.

Always reading,
and currently reading,
"DreamQuake"
by Elizabeth Knox,
Roberta

“Well, you live and you learn, and generally in that order. I”

— Lawrence Block,
Burglars Can't Be Choosers

“You could hear the wind in the leaves, and on that wind traveled the screams of the kids on the playground in the distance, little kids figuring out how to be alive, how to navigate a world that wasn't made for them by navigating a playground that was.”

— John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*



My Breast
Cancer
Experience
Part 3

By Beth Blasi 2021

Well, more of 2020 – hope I’m not boring you!

Surgery - Our daughter and grand-daughter came to visit in May and stayed until I returned home from the out-patient surgery in Wichita. Since the surgeon was able to locate the papilloma lump with a sonogram but was not able to locate the “clip” left by the biopsy, I first had to go to the imaging center to have a “wire” inserted into my breast so the surgeon could easily locate the lump during surgery. This wire was inserted into the side of my breast and the other end stuck out. Well, that was another fainting experience! Amazing how such small, pointy things stuck into your body can affect you! I’ve never done acupuncture but now I’m beginning to wonder how my body would react to that! My hubby then got to drive me to the surgery center with the wire in my breast. With the Covid scare, my hubby couldn’t wait with me before surgery, wait in the surgery center, or join me in recovery – he just had to entertain himself

for the several hours until I woke up and could leave. I think he mostly took a nap.

The out-patient surgery went fine and I really had no pain – discomfort and dealing with the bandaging for a few days and wearing a tight sports bra. I appreciated the sports bra when I decided to mow the grass a few days later – that bouncing around was not a lot of fun without it! I was a little surprised at the shape of my breast when the bandages came off (did I mention, I really didn’t have much real estate in that area to work with in the first place?). I guess the surgeon and I never really discussed the specifics of what it might look like afterwards (or I wasn’t paying attention) and I didn’t know enough to asked any questions. I envisioned a slice in the skin to remove the lump and then sewn up not thinking about having to take some surrounding tissue as well. So now I have a dented breast with missing nerve sensations. As the year went on, though, the breast tissue seemed to fill back in and there were basically no scars but the nerves didn’t completely return. The subsequent pathology on the lump removed during surgery once again confirmed the lump as non-cancerous. With no external evidence of that surgery, we can just go on with our lives.

Editor's note:
People love reading about adventures we have with our pets ... and those we are just pet-sitting.

Pandemic - Our trip to the Passion Play in Germany got delayed until 2022. We had already paid a down-payment and had just paid for our air-fare. We could have cancelled, just lost a small deposit, and had an airline credit. We decided to stay on with the delayed trip but now we had some spare time. We needed it to help with this New Mexico to Kansas

Relocation - Even as the year continued to progress, Covid spread-

ing, businesses and events shutting down trying to slow the spread, our other daughter and her husband decided to move to Kansas from New Mexico once she took a job in northern Kansas. My hubby and I made several trips to New Mexico to move their stuff to Kansas once they found a house. I spent several weekends dog-sitting their 4 dogs (yes, 4!) and 1 cat while our son-in-law was still working in New Mexico and our daughter needed to do her National Guard duty in New Mexico. I was glad to do it – after all, I was retired and could spare the time to do it and we were glad to have her 3 hours away instead of 12. Actually, now that I think about it, I’ve done quite a bit of pet/house sitting for my traveling daughter over the years. Hmmm... maybe I should write a few stories about my pet-sitting adventures?

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move.

Church services were cancelled for a few weeks, but our Pastor was adamant that they should go on. He was able to make arrangements with one of our local guys to be able to live-stream our services to You-Tube. As we were some of the younger folks (in our 60’s), he encouraged us to attend (I am also one of the organists) – for our own benefit as well as showing that there are people in church for those viewing it on-line. However, Holy Week services and Easter celebrations were not quite the same. Thanksgiving and Christmas were also a little different.

My husband and his brother kept the convenience store in our little home town open the whole time. This little store really is an essential business for folks in the area as well as the wind tower construction folks. They were able to dodge any Covid infection themselves even though a lot of folks were in and out of the store. A few folks in the area did get Covid but overall, our small communities were pretty lucky. Actually, the “few” beer drinkers that frequent the store had their own Covid test – if you could pop open a beer and still smell it and still taste it, you didn’t have Covid. That “test” has been repeated many times!

Next Week – fateful 2021

Kingman County Commission Minutes

August 23, 2021

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton at 9:07 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 of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:17 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners. The Commissioners returned to open session at 9:17 a.m. Motion: Commissioner Foley moved to promote an employee at the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit: James Woods for a shed-living quarters in Section 12, Township 30, Range 05. Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he has a planning/zoning commission meeting tonight for two NextLink towers. Larry Sharp, KCAMP was in to review the Counties Risk

Management Services Utilization. Mr. Sharp and Mr. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with contracts to be signed for the Booster Station Bridge Abutment Repair OS M.0-7.5. Mr. Arensdorf submitted permits for the following: South Central Wireless to lay fiber optic cable at the following locations: Along sections 29,30 & 32 Township 27, Range 10 (Dresden). Along sections 31 & 32 Township 28, Range 10 (Rural). Along sections 8, 16, 17 & 20 Township 28, Range 10 (Rural). Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss the computers in her office and that they need replaced. Ms. Hubbell let the Commissioners know

that she will replace three using technology funds. Commissioners let Ms. Hubbell know that they appreciated her coming in and letting them know about the purchase. The County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$926,462.28. The County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$931,528.35. The County Clerk submitted the August 16th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes for approval. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the August 16th, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner

Foley moved to approve the 125 Cafeteria Plan. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the FSA Flex Plan. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Carol Noblit, County Clerk as the KAC Delegate. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioner Thimesch discussed the KDOT meetings coming up and if they wanted to

attend. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Clayton Molitor to the Peters Township Trustee position. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Chairman Henning read correspondence received from Core Community inviting them to the graduation. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 10:59 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kingman County Commission Minutes

Special Meeting

August 25 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas on August 25th, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Greg Graffman, Kingman

City Manager; Kourtenay Householter, Nashville City; Terry McKennon, Nashville City; Barbara Klausmeyer, Nashville City; Beth Blasi, Zenda City; Susan Thieme, Zenda City; Wayne Culp, Zenda City; Eldon Headrick, Norwich City Lanny Hower, Norwich City Visitors: Scott Sparks, Murdock Rural Water District #1; Lucas Schroeder, Norwich Rec. Commission; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/

Dispatch Director; Bill Bemis, VFW 1164 and Greg Ellis. Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. MOTION: Commissioner Foley approved the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Richard Schott, Emergency Manager introduced himself. Commissioner Thimesch discussed what the purpose of the special meeting was for and

asked everyone to introduce themselves. Scott Sparks with Murdock Rural Water District #1 gave information on the age of the water district, that it has 105 members and over 80 miles of line. Mr. Sparks discussed that the water system was established in 1978 and the pump house is in need of repairs and new paint on the stand pipe. Greg Graffman, Kingman City Manager discussed that the City hasn't thought about it much as the ARPA guidelines continue to change. The extension of North Main to where the bypass will be is a possibility, the water system and supplementing revenue loss due to COVID could also be possibilities. Lanny Hower, Norwich City Council discussed that they need to have work done to their water tower, replace as many fire hydrants as possible, put in an automated reader for the water meters and that Lucas with the Recreation department needs an office due to being displaced from the School building. Beth Blasi discussed the mitigation plans and that storm sirens are needed, backup generators for water & sewer systems, premium pay for essential workers and maybe pay one month of water bills for residents in the city. Ms. Blasi let the Commission know that they didn't receive much money to be able to do larger projects.

Ms. Blasi discussed that in order to get grants you usually have to have matching funds and small cities have a hard time doing that. Kourtenay Householter, Nashville City discussed that the city has three sewer lagoons and after the flooding they had it was noticed that there is some erosion on lines. Repairs will be needed for those lines. Ms. Householter let the Commission know that they are looking at software for the lift station that would alert them if there is any problems. Ms. Householter discussed that there are grants but finding time to look for them and apply is hard when most small cities are run by volunteers. Mr. Schott told the Cities that there are grants available to be had. Commissioner Thimesch talked about receiving grants along with ARPA funds to make monies go further. Mr. Hower asked about who they could contact for information. Chairman Henning let Mr. Hower know that they are planning on hiring someone to help with the ARPA funding and possibly help with writing grants but Mr. Schott would be who you could contact until they hire someone. Mr. Schott gave his contact information to the city representatives that were present. Commissioner Thimesch explained that broadband wants to come to

Kingman County to help the rural areas. Commissioner Foley let everyone know that all the items discussed at this meeting have been good. Commissioner Thimesch said that he was glad to have the cities present their ideas and helps them get an idea of the needs. Mr. Schott let the cities know that they need to go back and put figures together for the projects they are planning. Mr. Sparks asked what the time frame is to get the monies spent. Mr. Schott let Mr. Sparks know that the monies need to be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Chairman Henning let the cities know that the whole County is a community and we need to work together to help each other. Bill Bemis with the VFW Post 1164 asked if their building would qualify for funding assistance as they are needing to have ADA upgrades and a new roof. Mr. Schott let Mr. Bemis know that they could possibly fall into the sub-recipient group. Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting and bringing their ideas. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the special meeting at 7:42 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday 8:30 a.m.


St. John, Zenda
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

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Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620-656-7431
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church

Cunningham
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CunninghamChristianChurch>
Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

When: Every Tuesday from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend monthly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

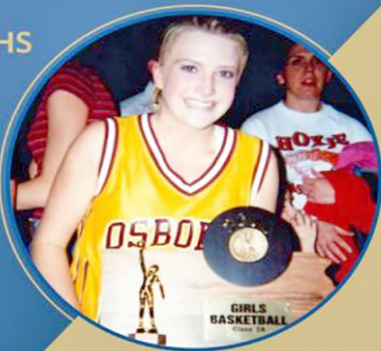
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50 For 50

Brittany Dietz (Carvalhido) - Osborne HS

Celebrating 50 Years of TitleIX

“My parents taught my sisters, Heather and Sommer, and me about the work it takes to achieve our goals and dreams. They made sure homework and studies came first. You can’t play sports unless you get good grades. The biggest factor was putting in extra work, both on-and-off the court.”



50 For 50:

Brittany Dietz
(Carvalhido) –
Osborne High
School

By Jim Misunas
Richard and Marsha Dietz taught their daughter Brittany Dietz (Carvalhido) to dream big at Osborne High School.
More than 20 years after Carvalhido completed a 149-0 tennis career, she is the epitome of Title IX equality. She works as a men’s basketball administrative assistant for coach Will Wade at Louisiana State University, one of the nation’s premier athletic programs.
Carvalhido’s parents taught their children a solid work ethic.



“My parents taught my sisters, Heather and Sommer, and me about the work it takes to achieve our goals and dreams,” she said. “They

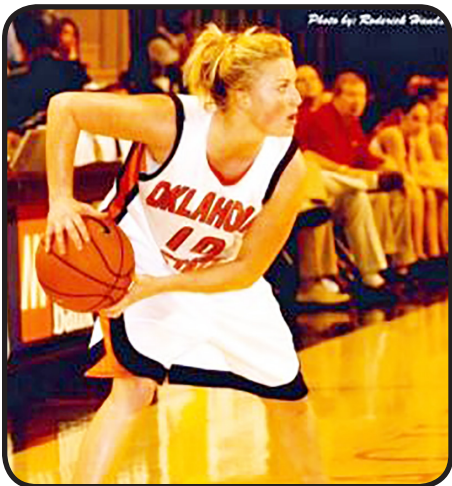
made sure homework and studies came first. You can’t play sports unless you get good grades. The biggest factor was putting in extra work, both on-and-off the court. My dad and I spent extra hours in the gym and on the court.”
Some of her earliest memories are sports related.
“I had a tennis racket in my hand around the age of 5, maybe earlier,” she said. “I’m sure I had a basketball in my hand as well.”
She treasures the memories of her high school years.
“I wouldn’t change a thing. Athletics was what I loved,” she said. “I truly enjoyed my time in high school. I spent a lot of time on the court, in the gym, at the track or running on the country roads. I had great teammates and friendships. It helps when you have great coaches. My success wouldn’t have happened without them.”
Her biggest personal adjustment was learning to handle moments when things didn’t go her way.
“I’m a very competitive person,” she said. “I always hated losing, and that started at a young age. There would be times I would get upset, and if I lost, I would cry. But I learned to be tough and not show that side of me.”

Osborne tennis coach Philip Hardman stressed the mental side coaching Carvalhido.
“We spent time talking about the mental game of tennis,” Hardman said. “You never let an opponent see you angry, frustrated or stressed. It was important to look forward, because a point played is ancient history. I was proud of the way Brittany played the game and how she conducted herself. She was focused and unflappable. She loved to compete. It was gratifying to see her win every regional and state match against the best 3-2-1A tennis competition.”
Carvalhido’s career record of 149-0 and single-season record of 43-0 are all-time KSHSAA tennis records. She defeated Wichita Collegiate’s two-time state champion Malloy Schwan, Collegiate’s state champion Lisa Sutherland twice and Hesston’s Katrina Brodhagen, a Bethel College Hall of Famer, in state championship matches from 1997-2000.
Carvalhido said she appreciated that her father wrote her a personal note before every sports event she competed in.
“My father wrote me a note before every tournament I played in,” she said. “He did that for all my sports – tennis, bas-

ketball games and track meets. I looked forward to reading them. They calmed me down and gave me confidence.”
She also learned to stay calm during matches.
“I was very intense,” she said. “Once I hit the court, I blocked everything out, stayed focused and locked in, one point at a time, one game at a time, one set at a time. I respected every opponent. I always told myself I had to get to work and get better.”
Osborne’s girls won their first state basketball championship in Carvalhido’s junior season. The Bulldogs downed Moundridge 61-54 to capture the 2000 state title.
Garden Plain defeated the Bulldogs 57-45 in the 2001 state finals. She scored 1,434 career points with a school record 306 3-pointers. Osborne’s girls played in four consecutive state championship games under coach Darrell Wolters.
“The state basketball championship was one of my favorite memories,” she said. “It was one of the best times. It was fun having teammates to celebrate with. All that hard work paid off.”
After careful consideration, Carvalhido chose to play college basketball at Hutchinson Community College and Oklahoma State over playing college tennis.
“Honestly, I wanted to play college basketball more than tennis,” she said. “I loved the atmosphere of a basketball game, being part of a team out with the fans cheering. In tennis, there’s not much cheering, unless you win a point.”
Hutchinson coach Rod Edmisson helped



change her career path.
“Coach Edmisson is the best,” she said. “Coach Edmisson said I had a great opportunity that would help me move onto Division I, and that’s the way it worked out for me.”
She played a leadership role for two years playing point guard at HCC.
“Being point guard was a role I had to step into immediately because the starting point guard injured her knee. I served as team co-captain at Oklahoma State my senior year.



I came to practice every day with a positive attitude, led by example in practice, and pushed myself as hard as I could. I’ve learned to continue to show that hard work now and lead in different areas of my life.”
Carvalhido said playing sports helped her learn how to handle the bad breaks and adversity of life.
“Everything won’t go your way,” she said. “Mistakes happen, and you must move on to the next point. Getting upset doesn’t help. You put it behind you, and

move forward. My confidence, competitive-ness and toughness have helped me in the real world. I’ve faced a lot of adversity through the years, but I’ve learned that I can’t control everything. I try to control the controllable.”
Carvalhido worked at the University of Tulsa and Rice University before she started as LSU’s director of operations for women’s basketball.
She’s living her dream every day.
“Thanks to athletics, I met my husband, Joe Carvalhido,” she said. “We were married in 2009 and have two sons, 7 and 9. My competitiveness rubbed off on them. They love all sports, just like their mom!”

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Now That's
Rural --
Daniel Friesen
and IdeaTek

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University
Let’s meet some freedom fighters. These won’t be found in some jungle fighting a dictator. These fighters are working to achieve freedom from bad Internet service, and they are based in rural Kansas.
Daniel Friesen is founder and chief innovation officer at IdeaTek in Buhler. He describes his company’s staff as freedom fighters for good Internet service, particularly in rural communities.
Daniel went to high school in Buhler. He was a tech-savvy kid. “When our teachers at the school got computers, they would ask me to set them up,” Daniel said.
At right: Daniel Friesen, IdeaTek
In 1999, he and four high school friends started a computer repair



Daniel Friesen, IdeaTek

business in Buhler with \$250 in the basement of his parent’s house. The business was named IdeaTek.
Daniel continued the business in college while his four friends pursued other interests. He studied computer systems support at Hutchinson Community College and management information systems at Wichita State before pursuing the business full time in Buhler, where he and his wife and family live today.
Daniel served three terms as mayor of Buhler and is currently a Reno County Commissioner. He was a member of the Kansas Broadband Expansion Taskforce and the Federal

Communications Commission’s Broadband Deployment Advisory Commission Competitive Infrastructure Working Group. Locally, he is a member of community foundation boards and trustee of the Buhler MB Church.
Back in 2005, Daniel transitioned IdeaTek from computers to the telecommunications business. IdeaTek pioneered fiber-to-the-home internet service in Buhler in 2007, followed by servicing nearby rural communities such as Bentley, population 530, and Yoder, population 194 people. Now, that’s rural.
The business continued to grow and change. Daniel transitioned from CEO to chief innovation officer.
“Today we are highly focused on high quality fiber optics,” Daniel said. “We are an internet service provider focused on underserved areas of the state of Kansas.”

“Everyone deserves high quality, robust broadband service. Geography shouldn’t be a limiting factor.”
The pandemic demonstrated the importance of broadband service for quality education, health care and more.
“We’re big proponents of competition,” Daniel said. “If you let the free market work, it will solve problems. Competition always benefits the consumer.”
Today, IdeaTek has grown to more than 120 employees. IdeaTek’s service area now reaches from Strong City to Liberal.
In 2020, federal CARES Act funding was allocated for broadband telecommunications in rural, underserved areas. IdeaTek took on several projects.
“That was a monumental lift,” Daniel said. In three months, IdeaTek reached out to serve 17 counties. Nearly 20 communities received fiber for the first time. The company deployed 20 cable plows and 39 bore machines to build 70 towers and 358 route

miles.
In the end, the project involved 115,000 hours and 25,805 fiber miles with potential to serve 10,335 homes and businesses. The total investment was \$18 million. “It was the most rewarding and challenging project we’ve done,” Daniel said.
The goal remains to reach underserved areas of Kansas. According to IdeaTek, Kansas ranks 28th in the nation for broadband connectivity - 173,000 Kansans do not have wired broadband services available in their home, and 26 percent of rural Americans lack access to broadband compared to only one percent of urban customers.
“We call ourselves Internet freedom fighters,” Daniel said. “We want to free people from poor Internet service.” The company website even describes a freedom fighter’s characteristics: passionate, tenacious, inventive, hyper-adaptable and trustworthy.
IdeaTek was named one of Inc. 5000’s fastest growing private companies. The company

website says: “We’re small-town techies and Kansans at heart, passionate about helping rural communities thrive. If we can help make that happen by connecting community members and organizations with our fast, reliable internet, we are all about it.”
For more information, go to www.IdeaTek.com.
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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham
Clipper
W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1931
September 4- A large block of leases have been assembled on land south of town by J. F. Schump of this city and R. M. Oldfather of Wichita, and a test for oil and gas will be drilled soon on the Charles Wetherall farm, four miles south of Cunningham. The test will be drilled by R. J. MacMurray of Tonkawa, Okla.

High School News: The Freshmen boys lost no time in getting to the school house, Wednesday, when they ran through the “board line” as part of their initiation... Owing to a school board decision, the high school will not field a football team this year... Music Teacher Matilda Garlinghouse has chosen the girls’ and boys’ quartets. They are Velda Huffman, Sarah Groom, Margaret Ratcliff, and Evelyn Millsap, and Alvin Haden, Alferd Thorp, Lee Gibbens, and Waldo Shelman.

1936
September 4- The Cunningham Public Schools started the new school year this week. The grade school enrollment totaled 115, and 71 students have been enrolled in high school.

Old settlers and their families and friends of Lawndale, a once-thriving community six miles south of town, enjoyed the annual Lawndale Old Settler’s Reunion and Picnic at the State Fish

Hatchery last Sunday. New officers of the reunion are William Rose of Cunningham, President; N. O. Hamilton of Isabel, Vice-President, and Mrs. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer.

1941
September 5- The State Quail Farm at Calista reached an all-time record this week when they shipped out their 8,000th bird during this summer hatching season.

The Skelly Oil Company is drilling six wells in the Cunningham Oil and gas Field at the present time. They include Miller No. 5, Steffen C-2, Krehbiel A-7, J. M. Ratcliff No. 7, North Maxedon No. 7, and North Ratcliff No. 5.

Cunningham’s Junior League baseball team climaxed a fine season winning the league tournament at Pratt last Friday night. The local boys also won the league championship. Members of the team included Alvin Krug, Deem Crow, Joe Walker, Charles Cooley, Edwin Steffen, Daniel Theis, Austin Luce Don Schnittker, Jack Bradley, Paul McGeorge, Bob Crow, Junior Zrubek, and Grimes Pearson.

1946
September 6- The Cunningham Public Schools opened the new school year this week. 107 are enrolled in the grade schools, and 67 are enrolled in high school.

Cunningham bowled

over Isabel and Coldwater in first and second round games of the Medicine Lodge Invitational Baseball Tournament. Joe Theis hurled the 13-9 victory over Isabel, and Donald Huhman pitched the locals to an 11-2 win over Coldwater.

1951
September 7- The local grade school started the new school year this week with a total enrollment of 160 pupils. Enrollment by grades was first grade 20, second grade 23, third grade 17, fourth grade 20, fifth grade 20, sixth grade 21, seventh grade 21, and eighth grade 18.

1956
September 6- The three Cunningham schools opened this week for the 1856-1957 school year, with a total enrollment of 270 students.

The local high school has one of its largest enrollments in the history of the school, with exactly 100 pupils. Cunningham Grade School has a total of 130 students enrolled, and the Sacred Heart Parochial School has an enrollment of 40 students.

We can be proud of our local school systems, as other towns of our 600-class in population are experiencing decreasing enrollments, but Cunningham has shown a steady growth in school enrollment during recent years.

Fishing honors go to Mrs. Wilbur Spain this week for her whopping big catch in the Medicine River south of Belvidere last Sunday.

Mrs. Spain hooked an 11 ½-pound blue catfish over 30 inches long on a cane pole.

A team of baseball old-timers edged out a 15-12 victory over Cunningham’s regular baseball team in a game

played here last Sunday afternoon. The regular team behind the hurling of Kenneth Meyers, jumped off to a 10-2 lead. After Meyers tired in the fifth inning, the old-timers began to ring base-hits off his successors, Ray Theis and Marion Fiegel. Joe Theis served up the pitches for the old-timer’s team.

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Pound 39¢

1961
September 7- Mr. and Mrs. Leroy DeWeese and three children of Odessa, Tex., moved to Cunningham last week, and are living on the Anita Voss farm, four miles north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWeese are the new owners of the variety and hardware store in Cunningham, and presently, with their clerk, Mrs. Herman Hayes, are inventorying the stock, and completely remodeling the store lay-out.

Mr. DeWeese will open his store for business next Thursday morning, Sept. 14.

At a congregational meeting in the church undercroft last Wednesday evening, members of the Cunningham Methodist Church approved a proposal to erect a new parsonage.

The new parsonage will be a three bedroom home with study, constructed of brick veneer, with one-car garage, and partial basement.

Building site of the new parsonage will be

on two lots across the street north of the Rufus Leiter home in the northwest part of town. The lots were donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Leiter and family. Ted Mason of Wichita, is the architect.

The meeting was conducted by Bill Bradley, Chairman of the Official Church Board.

Twenty-six boys reported to Football Coach Joe Battles last week, and are fast rounding themselves into shape for Cunningham Rural High School’s opening game of the 1961 season to be played here next Friday evening, Sept. 15, against St. Teresa of Hutchinson.

Cunningham, co-champions of the Ninnescah League with Alden last year, was hard hit by graduation, but Coach Battles says the squad is looking better with each practice, and they might surprise some of the other league teams.

Construction is expected to get underway this week-end on the erection of bleachers at the football and baseball field.

The project, another in a list of much-needed improvements at the park, is being done by the Cunningham Lions Club.

When completed, the bleachers will be 96 feet long and contain three rows of seats.

The club, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, also approved the purchase of a loud speaking system for use at the ball park and at community affairs.

The club, under the direction of President Evan Thornhill, is planning another of their famous White Elephant Sales in the near future.

1966
September 8- The Cunningham Merchants, Cunningham’s slo-

pitch softball team, won the Kingman JayCees Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament at Kingman over the Labor Day week-end.

It was the Merchants’ third straight tournament championship, emblematic of the county championship, and they gained permanent possession of the tournament trophy, a large over-size bat.

Cunningham went through the tournament with four straight wins, knocking off Zenda in the finals, 9 to 1.

This ends the season for the Merchants, with a record of 38 wins and 8 losses.

1971
September 2, 1971
Column 1, By Editor
Bill Bradley

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hageman honored their parents with a surprise wedding anniversary celebration on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary, Sunday.

They presented their mother with a lovely carnation corsage, and served refreshments of home-made ice cream and cake.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford of Isabel, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winters and family of Andale, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreck, Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Bortz, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Albers, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Ford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hageman, and Mr. and Mrs. George Timmesch.

The Homemakers EHU held their monthly birthday party at Hilltop House, Wednesday afternoon, September 1, honoring the residents having birthdays in September. They are George Golden, September 11; Iona Bowlinger, September 12, and Elmer Sampson, September 21.

Comfortably Dumb

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“Dadburn it! I asked for Legos!”

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Cunningham Public Library to Participate in 9/11 Memorial & Musueum's Eduation Exhibition

September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World

Cunningham Public Library is excited to announce its participation in *September 11, 2001:*

The Day That Changed the World, a downloadable educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks.

Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. It explores the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international

levels, and encourages critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11. The posters will be on display at the library through the month of September.

Twenty years after the attacks, with terrorism still a threat today, the events of 9/11 and its aftermath remind us that we may never be able to prevent all the actions of people intent on harming others, but we do have control over how we respond to such events. Whether by volunteering in our local communities, serving our nation in the military, caring for the

sick, or through other efforts, all of us can help build the world in which we want to live. As we witness history unfolding in our own time, the ways we choose to respond—both large and small—can demonstrate the best of human nature after even the worst of days.

This 9/11 Memorial & Museum curated exhibition reflects the core pillars of commemoration, education, and inspiration as we prepare to observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

“During this 20th

anniversary year, it is our privilege to share these lessons with a new generation, teach them about the ongoing repercussions of the 9/11 attacks and inspire them with the idea that, even in the darkest of times, we can come together, support one another and find the strength to renew and rebuild,” said 9/11 Memorial & Museum **President and CEO Alice M. Greenwald.**

The poster exhibition was developed by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum and has been made possible in part by

the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this exhibition do not necessarily represent those of the National endowment for Humanities.

For questions or more information on this Exhibition, please visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum [website](https://www.911memorial.org) or contact them at: press@911memorial.org.

ec*o*nom*ics

by Angela Glascock

What on earth is the meaning of that title you may ask. It's all about economics and the future of Cunningham. As a definition, economics is “the branch of knowledge concerned with the production, consumption, and transfer of wealth.” In other words, economics is how individuals, businesses and governments all make choices about how to spend money.

In August, the Cunningham Public Library hosted Ron

Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University. The mission of the Huck Boyd Institute is “helping rural people help themselves”. He spoke about “Ruralpreneurs” which is to say, people who start, build and expand businesses in small towns and rural areas, such as ours, and provide good jobs in the process. In case you missed his presentation, there is a link to the recording on the Cunningham Public

Library website. It's well worth the time to watch.

September brings another opportunity related to economics. Jeremy Hill, the director of the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University, will be on Zoom September 11 to lead a conversation about the economic future of Cunningham. This will be interactive so that members of the community and area business leaders have the opportunity to help prioritize

a strategy for growth in our area. Mr. Hill will also help us understand how our area is doing financially and how Cunningham may be a great place to start a business because we have people willing to work and to learn a new skill.

Everyone is welcome, but you must register! You may register at the library or online at the library's website at cunningham.scklslibrary.org. Once you are registered, you will receive a link to join the Zoom video conference on

September 11. And there are prize drawings for those who attend!

As an extra bonus upon registering you may stop in at the library to pick up your free copy of the Kansas Economic Review, published by the WSU Center for Economic Development and Business Research. If you need a copy mailed to you, please call the library at 620-298-3163.

All of these excellent opportunities are funded through a Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC):

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First Cross Country Meet Will Be September 2nd



Our first cross country meet will be on Thursday Sept. 2nd at Pretty Prairie. This year's runners are 3 freshmen: Ada Adams, Kaitlyn Hennessey, and Will Wegerer.
-Coach Ingrid Ricke



“Because high school only comes around once, and I would hate to look back and think I didn’t make the most of every moment because I was scared of what other people thought. Other people never think that much about you anyway. Eleanor Roosevelt said that.”

— Sarah Strohmeyer, Smart Girls Get What They Want

School Board Met to Discuss Bond Project

A special meeting was held on Thursday evening, August 23rd by USD 332 school board. On the agenda was ‘bond project discussion’. The school board voted to issue a public notice (see page 11) stating they are looking for a qualified Construction Manager at Risk. The services for the project would bring about a bond issue campaign to take place in the spring of next year.

The construction projects would include new addition(s) and renovations to the current school buildings. The requests must be submitted by Sept. 27th. Discussions also were held about the upcoming football season, a school population increase, and an over-shipment of laptop computers.



Important life lessons from Mr. Hoch, how to change a tire. Mr. Hoch's Life Skills class will be learning how to change tires, change oil and do other necessary life skills.

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Photo Highlights from the Inman Volleyball Tournament



Maranda Lohrke



Hannah Ellis



Mattie Jump



Coach Ariel Haskin



Ellie McGuire hitting the volley, Alice Huelskamp (white) Taylor Schultz and Mattie Jump back her up.

We have a new team learning lots of things ... with 2 new coaches. We played hard against Central Christian, losing 9 to 25 in the 1st set and only 20 to 25 in the 2nd, being tied at 15's for a bit! Keep working hard, Lady Wildats, and enjoy your season!

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Pratt County
Commission
Meeting
August 23rd, 2021

The Pratt county commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Also, present, Micheal Blackford, Pratt Tribune.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over Zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant, reported on the ARP funds, first report due August 31, 2021, they just released the guidelines. Discussed premium pay for the employees. Discussed revenue loss on the report from 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The wind farm money bumped up the revenue. She recommended using Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC accountants to check our reports on the revenue loss reported to the federal government. If the numbers are correct Pratt County could have more flexibility in spending. The funds received are from state or federal. Craig Newby was on Zoom questioning the accountant at Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC is he a CPA.

Heather stated he was a CPA. Craig Newby stated on July 6, 2021, approval was made for payment to Heather Morgan and Commissioner Jones did not recuse himself from the vote for payment even though he recused himself from approving the contract November 9, 2020. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor stated the payment was already obligated when they approved the contract November 9, 2020. Tyson explained the amendments the commissioners will be making when commissioner Jones recuses himself. Commissioner Jones has recused himself from the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The only funds paid out of the new ARP funds is her payment for work being done on the ARP funds. Heather amended her contract to adjust for work done on the ARP funds. She is getting paid less in economic development and more out of ARP funds.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the amended economic development contract to reduce the amount paid for calendar year 2021 to \$8,221.00 with Commissioner Jones ab-

staining from the vote. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Jones was not present and did not vote as he was recused.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the COVID federal fund management engagement letter with Heather Morgan consulting and associated expenditures outlined in the engagement letter to ensure the county is provided guidance about the allowable uses, expenditures, and reporting requirements are followed for the ARP funds and that any other potential money for which Pratt County is eligible can be explored, with Commissioner Jones abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 2-0, Commissioner Jones did not vote as he was recused from the meeting. Heather Morgan explained the administrative costs for administering the ARP funds will be reoccurring costs in each year from 2021 to 2024 when the ARP funds need to be obligated.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor explained there are three different contracts.

Heather Jones explained to Craig Newby the SPARK funds have already been paid out and reports filed. The ARP is new funding.

Commissioner Jones returned to the meeting at 2:21 pm.

They discussed the contract with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk and Loyd, LLC, not to exceed \$7500, \$350.00 per hour. Craig Newby questioned the accounting firm used to audit SPARK and the new ARP funds. Heather stated they were recommended, and a number of other counties are using them.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the COVID engagement letter with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC and the associated expenditures outlined in the engagement letter including the hourly rate and not to exceed amount of expenditure to ensure the county is provided accounting consulting and assistance with the revenue loss calculation as required by the ARP funds. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve \$5,000 be paid to the county clerk for additional work related to COVID federal fund expenditures from March 21, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Heather Jones explained the additional payment for ARP fund administration is for only a partial year. The plan discussed during budget hearings is that the \$5,000 amount will be doubled to 2022 and 2023 to fund the additional work of the county clerk for the administration of the ARP funds.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve \$100 per election worker for

each election worked (up to two – the primary and general) in person at the polls or in person in the clerk’s office to facilitate the elections from March of 2020 to December 2020 for COVID premium pay. This pay will be paid on the first pay period in September 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve \$2000 in COVID premium pay for any person on the County payroll who was on the job full time in person from March 2020 to March 2021.

If a person was part time in person from March 2020 to March 2021 the \$2000 in COVID premium pay will be prorated based upon months and/or hours worked. The following groups of county employees will be excluded from COVID premium pay as they have already received additional compensation due to COVID 19: health department and emergency management employees and part-time fire and rescue employees who did not actually run a fire and rescue call each month from March 2020 to March 2021. The fire and rescue exclusion is due to the federal COVID regulations relating to COVID premium pay being allowable only towards employees who were in person working directly with the public. This pay will be paid on the first pay period in September 2021. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development consultant reported there could be interest in the land adjacent to 61 Hwy or the Hwy 54 frontage lots. They need to be appraised to get an asking price. Commissioner Jones asked how many acres they are interested in, she stated they don’t state how many acres are needed. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated it would need to be auctioned according to statutes. Commissioner Jones recommended getting it appraised. Tyson said it can be decided later who to contact to appraise the land.

IMA consulting Jalaa Miller and Ryan Miller presented an update on the health insurance renewal. They discussed the first six months of claims, including some higher amounts. They discussed some options in the future. They plan on coming back in December 2021.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, presented the COVID update. There are 25 active cases as of today, three of those are delta variants. PRMC has two hospitalizations due to COVID. She would like to make changes at the health department, she wants to go back to Thursdays for COVID vaccines and COVID testing on Tuesday and Friday morning as of

August 18, 2021 until further notice. The commissioners gave their approval.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA director, discussed juvenile intake, stated is making changes in personnel. She stated it is hard to find qualified applicants. They are called out during the day and night. Meredith Olds has been doing it and is quitting juvenile intake. Joni Ohlde has opted to cover all four counties for now. She would like to hire Micheal Blackford as juvenile intake officer. After he completes training, he can take over some of the areas covered by Joni. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the hiring of Micheal Blackford at a rate of \$277 biweekly for juvenile intake officer. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to increase Joni Ohlde pay by \$200.00 for a total of \$500.00 biweekly for juvenile intake officer. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning director, presented an update on the Pratt County emergency operations plan. He is having continued meetings with three other counties. He should be able to submit by the end of August or by September 3, 2021. The plan needs to be reviewed every year and updated every five years. The KEMA conference still on as of now, at the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane. He would like Clayton Kessler, Ross Schiffelbein and Jimmy White to attend. He reported the communication mitigation grant is due October 2021. It could be used to replace the tower at Belvidere. He would like to purchase an amateur portable ham radio down at the EOC, in case

Communications are down. The cost is around \$1,500.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion authorizing Tim Branscom to purchase the parts for an amateur ham radio for \$1,500.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported that Kara Lawrence, EMS director at Larned, will teach an EMT class in Pratt. The cost is \$1033.00 per student for the class. There is an EIG grant available that covers all but \$250 of the books and tuition. The class size would be a minimum of six to eight students. He reported it could cost nothing but mileage reimbursement for Kara after the EIG grant reimburses Pratt County. The classes would be held evenings and some Saturdays.

He received the quote from Osage for remount, it is approximately \$133,000 with a few changes. He checked with Taylor Printing to

wrap the ambulance with reflectives. He presented a new hire slip for Jared Smith, paramedic, starting October 11, 2021, he is willing to work part time before he starts full time.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Jared Smith at \$16.50 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. He presented a pay slip for part time employee Chantae Simpson. AEMT at \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Chantae Simpson, AEMT at \$14.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:37 to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road department, presented a road crossing under NW 90th Avenue and 110th Street. The CAT grader is down for repair. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:50 pm for fifteen minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Aramark Uniforms in the amount of \$6341.09 to pay off the contract and authorize Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor to draft a letter of cancellation of the contract.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, presented a pay slip to hire a new employee at the recycling center. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:10 p.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:15 p.m. and to hire Jonathan Caldwell for the recycling center for \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Adams

seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve minutes from August 16, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment of certificate #3 to Farha Construction, Inc. In the amount of \$82,293.31. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, corrected his statement earlier on auctioning land owned by the county, is put out to bid and the county has the right to reject all bids. He gave an update on the KDOT cost share contract for NE 20th Street by the public safety building. Tyson stated some changes need to be made, some items need to be added into the contract and we need to make sure we can comply before we sign the contract. He presented a town hall meeting flyer from Pratt Energy, Tuesday, August 31, 2021, to discuss Pratt Energy’s carbon capture and sequestration project and the local economic impact. He recommended one of the commissioners attend and come back and give a summary of the meeting at the following commissioner meeting, September 7, 2021.

Commissioner Shriver gave an update on the public safety building. Waiting on trim for the outside, paving and subgrading will start soon. The steel framework is about finished. Garage doors will arrive by November 30, 2021. Interior walls will start going up. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 4:40 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 4:50 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to sign payment vouchers for August 23, 2021. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm.

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Notice of Hearing 2021-2022 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 332 will meet on the 15th day of September 2021 at 6:50 PM at 104 W 4th Street, Cunningham, KS 67035 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at the District and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2021 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2021-2022 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2019-2020 Actual		2020-2021 Actual		2021-2022 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2021 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	1,789,223	20.000	1,893,849	20.000	2,007,580	1,406,315	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	555,068	8.745	580,626	8.141	622,420	609,238	8.486
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	81,403		159,914		125,676		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	8,872		9,138		9,500		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At Risk (K-12)	13	90,051		86,354		130,000		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	535,985	8.000	492,813	8.000	667,893	555,430	8.000
Driver Training	18	2,881		2,905		5,316		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	114,870		113,662		130,086		
Professional Development	26	11,678		1,111		0		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	343,851		341,926		402,110		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	46,376		51,657		53,500		0.000
Gifts and Grants	35	3,290		60,261		63,827		0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	217,949		206,286		249,607		
Contingency Reserve	53	21,323		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	680		3,222				
Activity Fund	56	19,487		22,381				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	3,842,987	36.745	4,026,105	36.141	4,467,515	2,570,983	36.486
Less: Transfers	105	529,063		502,484		585,131		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,313,924		3,523,621		3,882,384		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	2,334,188		2,363,621		2,570,983		

1. Sponsoring District Only

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

	Code 99 Line	2019-2020 Actual		2020-2021 Actual		2021-2022 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	0 Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2021 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$2,334,188		\$2,363,621		\$2,570,983		

Assessed Valuation - General Fund

Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds

Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay

Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2019	2020	2021
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	535,000	270,000	0
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	15,472	54,460	24,154
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	550,472	324,460	24,154

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Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2021-2022 School Year

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Revenue Neutral Tax Rate

	2020-2021			2021-2022	
	Actual Tax Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Neutral Tax Rate	Estimated Tax	Est. Tax
General	\$1,293,832	20.000	18.485	\$1,406,315	20.000
Capital Outlay	\$530,222	8.000	7.396	\$555,430	8.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS					
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$539,567	8.141		\$609,238	8.486
Adult Education	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Sub Total - All Other Funds	\$539,567	8.141	7.527	\$609,238	8.486

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KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2108a General Election of certain board members in Unified School District #331, Unified School District #332, Unified School District #268 At Large and city officials of Incorporated Cities, Kingman County, State of Kansas, will be conducted on the 2nd day of November, 2021.

The names of the candidates and the positions for which each is a candidate are as follows:

Board Member District #1 USD 331:

DIANE ONTIVEROS, Kingman

Board Member District #5 USD 331:

K. TAB TURNER, Norwich

Board Member District #6 USD 331:

JEFF SAMUELSON, Norwich

Board Member District 332-At-Large Positions:

MEGAN GREEN, Nashville

B J O R N H A L D E R S O N , Cunningham

BEN HENNING, Cunningham

VICKI OLDHAM, Cunningham

ERIKA THIMESCH, Spivey

Board Member USD 268 At Large Position:

JULIE PEINTNER, Cheney

RUSTY SLUSSER, Cheney

CODY AST, Cheney

Kingman City Commissioners:

MARK ARENSDORF, Kingman

STAN HACKER, Kingman

ADRIAN K HARREL, Kingman

ERIC ROBINSON, Kingman

SEAN WALLACE, Kingman

Zenda City Mayor:

NO FILINGS

Zenda City Council:

NO FILINGS

Norwich City Mayor:

NO FILING

Norwich City Council:

JUNE ARAYE HARDAWAY, Norwich

ELDON HEADRICK, Norwich

MITCHELL J. HEWITT, Norwich

RICHARD JOHNSON, Norwich

KAREN J. POINDEXTER, Norwich

TY TURNER, Norwich

Cunningham City Mayor:

NO FILINGS

Cunningham City Council:

NO FILINGS

Nashville City Mayor:

DONNA CLOUGH, Nashville

Nashville City Council:

K O U R T E N A Y A N N HOUSEHOLTER, Nashville

RICHARD KELLER, Nashville

BARBARA L. KLAUSMEYER, Nashville

CLARENCE "BUTCH" MATTAL, Nashville

TERRY MCKENNON, Nashville

Penalosa City Mayor:

NO FILINGS

Penalosa City Council:

NO FILINGS

Spivey City Mayor:

CLAY A. MITCHELL, Spivey

Spivey City Council:

NO FILINGS

2nd Ward of Kingman City

3rd Ward of Kingman City

4th Ward of Kingman City

Kingman Activity Center (North Room):

All of Hoosier Township in USD 331 Position #1

All of Ninnescah Township in USD 331 Position #1

All of Belmont Township in USD 332

Cunningham Community Center:

All of Eureka Township and all of Penalosa City

All of Union Township in USD 331 Position #1 & USD 332

Cunningham City

All of Dresden Township

All of Rural Township

Murdock Methodist Church:

Galesburg Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Evan Township

All of Dale Township

All of Vinita Township

Zenda Community Center:

All of Chikaskia Township in USD 331 Position #6 & USD 332

All of Valley Township in U.S.D. #331 Position #6

All of Rochester Township

All of Liberty Township

Nashville City

Zenda City

Spivey City

All of Kingman Township

All of Peters Township

Norwich Dotzour Center:

All of Allen Township

All of Eagle Township

All of Bennett Township

Norwich City

All of Canton Township in U.S.D. #331

Sumner County in U.S.D. #331

Sedgwick County in U.S.D. #331

Harper County in U.S.D. #331

Persons living in Reno County in the 331 School District will vote in Reno County.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 268 School District will vote at the Murdock Methodist Church, Murdock, KS.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 311 School District will vote in Pretty Prairie.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 361 School District will vote in Harper County.

The Officer conducting the School Board General Election and Cities General Election is the election officer of Kingman County, Kansas and the election headquarters for this election will be located at the County Clerk's Office, Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas 67068.

Witness my hand and official seal this 25th day of August, 2021.

Carol D Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

To vote in favor of any question submitted upon this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" to vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

VOTING FOR THIS GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Please check your polling location for this election.

VOTING PLACES

Kingman EXPO CENTER (South Room):

1st Ward of Kingman City

You'll Probably Be Disappointed by Your Dog's Reaction to Your "Fake Fainting"

Dr. Ernie Ward, DVM [Editor's Note: We are not encouraging or endorsing trying this and, if you do, DO NOT do it in a place where your dog is free to wander off, get lost or end up in traffic.] We'd all like to believe our dogs would act heroically when faced with danger. Dashing to retrieve rescue for an injured owner, dragging a helpless child from a burning building or Dialing 911 for a collapsed companion—that sort of stuff. Well, as seen on BarkPost™ and Buzzfeed, some pet parents are testing their pet's "superdog" status and videoing the results.

Turns out not every dog can channel their inner Lassie and save the day. In fact, most seem pretty perplexed by the whole thing. The setup Before I go any further, I want to make it clear that I don't recommend nor advise what these wanna-be-internet-famous folks are doing. In fact, I think it can be downright dangerous. Here's the setup: A person is out walking their dog on a leash and pretends to collapse. Video rolls to share how the dog responds when the guardian fake-falls to the ground, feigning fainting. (Say that five times fast.) So how'd the dogs do? Underdog to the rescue? The results Not so much. Most of the dogs simply ignored the guardian and continued trekking. One

kept walking until you couldn't see it, and another took the opportunity to hightail it elsewhere. Not a single dog poked, prodded, licked, sniffed or snuggled their guardian. Only one made any attempt to even glance back at their blacked-out buddy. Disappointed doesn't do it justice. Sometimes, dogs do get upset As fate would have it, my wife inadvertently conducted a similar experiment last weekend. She was with her yoga class participating in a beach sunrise session. As the group entered shavasana ("corpse pose" or the final deep relaxation stage), a large Boxer-mix and guardian approached. As the class lay on the beach, face up, hands by their sides, not moving, my wife noticed the Boxer abruptly stop. It stared at the group and

stared up at its human. The Boxer repeated this back-and-forth attempt to get its oblivious guardian's attention several times. Finally, the Boxer began pulling toward the group as if to say, "Can't you see there's a bunch of dead people over there? Help them!" Needless to say, my wife broke pose and went over to hug her newfound hero friend. Too bad she wasn't videoing it. My theory My personal theory on why these dogs ignored their gaurdian's counterfeit catastrophe is simple: They knew it was a sham. Dogs are highly intuitive and I suspect they didn't perceive any real threat signals. I'm holding out hope that my mutts would know when the danger was real or phony and launch into "Sam" from I am Legend on a horde of zombies.

I'll post that video. A note about safety If you're going to test your pooch's protector status, at least do it in a confined, safe environment. Most of these dogs fled the scene, potentially resulting in unintended tragedy. You should also prepare to be ignored. It seems you can't fake out a real hero dog. If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian

-- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.



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Kingman County Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program



Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Kingman County Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program. Up to \$2000.00 in matching funds is available to commercial or residential property owners for costs associated with the removal of dilapidated structures. This program is available to all Kingman County property owners. Funding is limited. Contact Economic Development at 620-553-4029.

Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program

Kingman County has established a Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program to remove sources of blight from Kingman County, improve the appearance, and encourage development on clean, shovel ready sites.

The abatement program will allocate \$40,000.00 per year in grants to commercial and residential property owners located within the county. The maximum grant is \$2000.00 funded jointly by the County and the City where the project is located.

Kingman County Landfill fees will be reduced for applicants. Properties located in Cunningham, Kingman, Nashville, Norwich, Spivey, and Zenda will be approved by their respective City Commission/Council. Unincorporated areas, municipalities, and Penalosa properties will be approved by the

- County Commission.
- Grant applications are accepted until funds are exhausted. Approval is based on condition of structure and visual impact. Approval is required before work begins.
- Applicants must be current on all property tax. This is a reimbursement grant and funds will be dispersed upon completion of the project.
- Program Overview**
- The mission of the Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program is to remove sources of blight and improve the appearance of our county. Our goal is to increase economic viability and spur new development.
- Questions may be directed to economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com or 620-553-4029.
1. Applicants must be property owners or municipalities.
 2. Property must be located in the county limits.
 3. Applicants are eligible for one grant per calendar year.
 4. Applicants must be up to date on all city and county taxes and free from city liens against the property.
 5. Applicants must comply with all laws and regulations.
 6. Cost estimates/bids must be included with application. Estimates should reflect disposal fees at the discounted landfill rate set by the County Commission.
 7. Photos of structure must be included with application.
 8. Work must be complete before reimbursement is issued.
 9. Receipts/proof of payments are required before reimbursement will be issued.
 10. Receipts/proof of payment and after photos must be submitted within thirty days of project completion.
 11. Awards will reimburse labor costs of third party contractors only.
 12. Utilities must be disconnected, and sewer lines must be plugged.
 13. All work must be completed by December 31.
 14. Maximum reimbursement amounts are based on location within the County:


Kingman County Dilapidation Program Funding Allocations						
Location of Property	Max Single Award Total	Amount Paid by City	Amount Paid by County	Max # of Awards	Total Funding by County	Total Funding by City
Unicorp./Penalosa*	\$1,500.00	N/A	\$1,500.00	4	\$6,000.00	N/A
Spivey	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Zenda	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Nashville	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	2	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Cunningham	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	3	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Norwich	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	3	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Kingman	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	7	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
TOTAL COUNTY					\$25,000.00	
					Total All Cities	\$15,000.00

*Unincorporated areas of Kingman County & Penalosa

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

- Sunday, August 22, 2021**
- Traffic stops 4
 - Traffic complaint 14000 block S Hwy 42, Nashville
 - Traffic complaint 600 block N Main St. Spivey
 - Traffic check tag 700 block W. D Ave. Kingman
 - Welfare check 6000 block SE 60 St. Murdock
- Monday, August 23, 2021**
- Traffic Stops 1
 - Traffic check tag NE 40 Ave & NE 20 St. Kingman
 - Traffic check tag 10000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
 - Traffic check tag 9000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
 - Traffic complaint 11000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
 - Animal 400 block S Cowgill St. Nashville
 - Non-injury accident 800 block E. D Ave. Kingman
 - Non-injury accident 11000 block E Hwy 42 Zenda
 - Vehicle disabled 10000 bock E Hwy 54 Murdock
 - Welfare check 6000 block SE 60 St. Murdock
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021**
- Traffic stops 1
 - Traffic complaint 700 block Kingman State Lake Rd. Kingman
 - Animal SW 90 St & SW 30 Ave.area Spivey
 - Animal 8000 block SE 20 St. Murdock
 - Suspicious vehicle 400 E. D Ave. Kingman
 - Theft 13000 block NE 50 St. Cheney
- Wednesday, August 25, 2021**
- Traffic complaint @mm151
 - Traffic complaint SE 70 Ave & SE Station St. area, Kingman
 - Traffic complaint SE 10 St & SE 80 Ave. Murdock
 - Traffic complaint 700 block Kingman State Lake Rd. Kingman
 - Fire- structure 200 block S Cowgill St. Nashville
 - Harrassment 2000 block S Hwy 14 Kingman
 - Harrassment 400 block S Main St. Norwich
 - Suspicious Person 4000 block NE Sunset Lane, Cheney

- Vehicle disabled
 - Vehicle disabled
- Thursday, August 26, 2021**
- Traffic stop
 - Traffic complaint
 - Traffic complaint
 - Traffic complaint
 - Traffic Control
 - Alarm
 - Traffic debris in road
- Friday, August 27, 2021**
- Traffic complaint
 - Traffic complaint
 - Alarm
 - Suspicious vehicle
 - Theft/Larceny
 - Theft/Larceny
 - Welfare check
 - Wefare check
- Saturday, August 28, 2021**
- Traffic Stops
 - Traffic check tag
 - Traffic complaint
 - Traffic complaint
 - Traffic complaint
 - Alarm
 - Alarm
 - Assist other agencies
 - Suspicious vehicle
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Cunningham, KS 67035

West Kingman County Unified School District 332 intends to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to interested General Contractors for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the project(s)

that would result from a successful bond issue campaign in the spring of 2022. The projects would include new construction addition(s) to the current facility and renovations to same.

A formal RFQ will be available on September 16th, 2021. Firms interested in receiving a copy of the RFQ shall submit a written request by the close of business on September 22nd, 2021 to: Sarah Sipe, Landmark Architects, 1020 N. Main St. Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, sarah@landmarkarchitects.net. Responses to the RFQ will be due on or before 5:00 p.m., September 27th, 2021 to be eligible for further consideration.

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This cost covers all seven ads (plus the website ads) throughout the school year. The website ads will be listed on a page titled "School Spotlight Advertisers" and will be available on the website from September 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022.

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Doris Condray

Doris Jean Condray, 74, passed away Friday, August 27, 2021 at Hill Top House in Bucklin. She was born on August 13, 1947 in Onaga, Kansas to Ivan Ernest and Sophie Dorothea (Kolle) Bosse. Doris married Jerry Lee Condray on January 28, 1967 at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Kansas. They were married for 54 years.



Doris worked as a Elementary Teacher and Special Education Teacher at Garden City and Pratt. She attended Kansas State University for 2 years and then went to St. Mary’s of the Plains where she received her Bachelor in Education. She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and Ladies Guild. She enjoyed camping, gardening and homemaking.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; son, Jared Ethan Condray of Hudson; daughter, Julianne (Ben) Hemphill of Kansas City, Missouri; granddaughter, Jackie (Christian) Folkers of Great Bend; grandsons, Preston Hemphill and Logan Hemphill both of Kansas City, Missouri; great-grandson, Clayton Folkers; great-granddaughter, Faith Folkers; brothers, Lowell (Sandy) Bosse of Wheaton and Kenneth (Marcia) Bosse of Independence; and sisters, Donna (Lynn) Spencer of Bentonville, Arkansas and DeAnn (Harlow) Clements of Olathe.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service was Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Nashville with Pastor Merlin Lohrke presiding. Burial followed at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Concordia Theological Seminary in care of Larrison Mortuary.

David Wiske

David Paul Wiske, 77, of Keota, OK, died Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, KS.

He was born on April 11, 1944 in Nashville, KS, the son of William Paul Wiske and Imogene Marie (Kahmeyer) Wiske.



David was always self-employed as a small engine repairman, a cattleman, a cattle buyer/shipper, auto-transmission rebuilder, a rabbit breeder and for the last 30 years he mined and sold decorative landscaping boulders. David was a generous man who went out of his way to help others. He had a quick wit, a playful sense of humor and was an amazing storyteller able to keep his family and friends entertained for hours. He always had something to talk about or something to do and was able to make a friend out of anyone he met.

He was also an avid fisherman and hunter who enjoyed spending time outside whether in the trees or on the boat. When he was feeling particularly rambunctious he would trick his nieces, nephews and grandkids into picking sand plums, so he could make his homemade wine.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge, KS, the Jaycee’s and the Lions Club.

Surviving are one daughter, Paula (Allen) Doman of Medicine Lodge, KS; Four grandchildren, Wendy (Jessie) Prosser of Odin, KS, Dacya Doman of Medicine Lodge, KS, Shane (Kaitlin) Doman of Medicine Lodge, KS and “Kimberly Ann” Doman of Fort Worth, TX; Six great grandchildren, Adessa, Austyn, and Coy Prosser, Kenadie, Emersyn, and Rilynn Doman; one sister, Colleen Gehlen of Hutchinson, KS; one sister-in-law, Cheryl Wiske of Medicine Lodge, KS; nieces and nephews including; Regina, Malinda, Tina, Jolinda, Rory, Jaceilia, and Emma, and many wonderful great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.

Proceeding him in death are his son Harry Allen Wiske, parents William Paul Wiske and Imogene Marie (Kahmeyer) Wiske, his sister Lyla Jean Wiske, his brother William Chris (Bill) Wiske and his nephew William Albert Wiske.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 27, 2021 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at Mallory-Martin Funeral Home, Keota, OK and Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge, KS with Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer officiating. Burial was in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville, KS.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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Elmer Freund

Elmer Charles Freund, 85, passed away Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born on August 14, 1936 in Nashville, Kansas to F.M. and Marie (Gorges) Freund. Elmer married Johnna (Cooley) Freund on September 6, 1958 in Hutchinson. They were married for 62 years.

Elmer graduated from Cunningham High School in 1955. He served in the United States Air Force. He worked as an aircraft mechanic for HAC in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a member of Cunningham Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He enjoyed aircraft, wood-working, anything mechanical, farming and spending time with his family.



He is survived by his wife, Johnna; daughters, Cindy (Danny) Gibbs and Nancy (Stan) Weglarz both of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; son, Jay (Erin) Freund of Bloomington, Indiana; grandchildren, Loren King, Laslee (fiance’, Brittany) King, Isaac King, Sophia Freund, Graham Freund and Alec Freund; brothers, Eugene (Clara) Freund of Nashville and Richard (Rose Mary) Freund of Cunningham; and sister, Emma Jane (Marvin) Reif of Colwich.

Elmer is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Joann Moore and Margaret Turner.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Rosary will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 2, 2021 with Mass of Christian Burial following at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham with Father Roger Lumbre presiding. Burial with military honors will follow at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to West Kingman County Education Foundation Class of 1955 Scholarship, Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Cunningham Christian Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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Cunningham- Wednesday, September 1st from 9:30am-12:00pm

Nashville- Wednesday, September 1st from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Norwich- Thursday, September 2nd from 1:30pm-4:00pm

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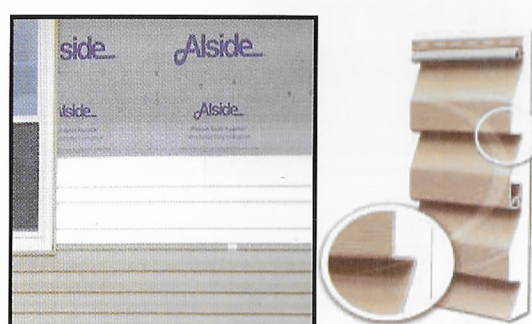
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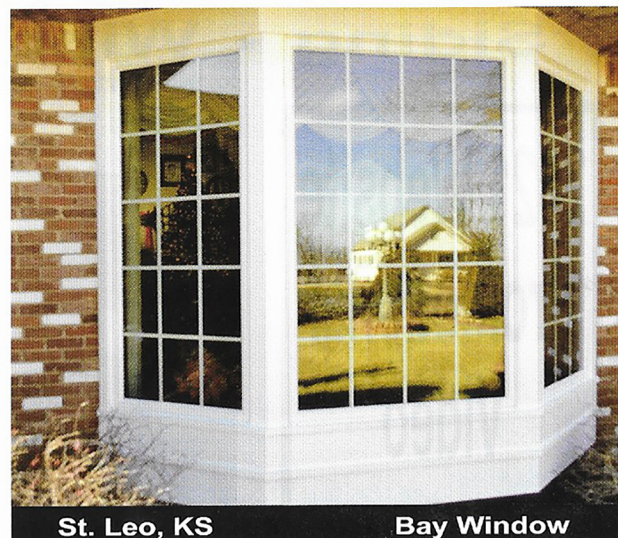
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