

# The Cunningham Courier

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## Board of Ed Hires New Teachers

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Members, Brent Hansen, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal Cody Dunlap; and Clerk, Stacy Webster.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$623,733.08 and the financial reports as

presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Reed discussed the most recent legislation and the impact it would have on USD #332. He also discussed summer technology and facility update plans including possible addition of wireless hotspots throughout buildings. He also discussed the summer jumpstart program and information on district lines.

Principal Dunlap discussed the end of year check out schedule, graduation, regional track and summer sports and activity dates.

Member Joyce Gridley reported that the co-op is hiring new staff for next year, the audit corrections are still ongoing, the assistant director resigned and the life skills locations for next year will be in Kingman and Medicine Lodge.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Brent Hansen, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:05 p.m. until 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go back into executive session with

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:20 p.m. until 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:30 p.m. until 8:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for the negotiation exception under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Brent Miller to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:35 p.m. until 8:40 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for the negotiation exception under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve Steven Coleman as JH/HS Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, sec-

onded by Travis Thimesch, to approve Nicole Kerschen as Music Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Ariel Haskins as Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Joyce Gridley, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to accept the resignation of Angie McGuire as Teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to accept the resignation of Dustin Murphy at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Yeas: Motion carried 5-0

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas.

--Unapproved minutes submitted by Stacy Webster

*"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."*

— Abraham Lincoln

## Kingman County Commission Minutes May 17, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, The Leader-Courier; Pam Stasa, Conservation District Manager; Conservation District Board members.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Linda Langley, Internal Auditor; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Pam Stasa, Conservation District Manager and Board Members were in to give an update and to submit the budget request for 2022. The request submitted was for \$30,000.00.

Commissioners let them know that they appreciate all that they do.

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 unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that the check for the Counties share of the FLAP project in the amount of \$200,000.00 is going out.

Michelle Yingling, BC/BS Representative and Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits were in with an update on the County Insurance usage.

Ms. Yingling reviewed the numbers with the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilson let the Commissioners know what he will do with the information received from BC/BS and they will be back on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with an actual renewal for the County.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor was in to review the department budgets with the Commissioners.

Ms. Langley went over the Capital Reserve Funds with the Commissioners.

The Road & Bridge Projects were discussed and Ms. Langley requested that when projects are accepted that the amount is placed in the minutes and which fund it comes out.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager was in to discuss the new money that is coming to the County that is just under 1.4 million dollars.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that there are webinars that give information on what it can be spent on and he will send the links for the webinars to them so they can attend.

Ms. Langley let the Commissioners know that the money doesn't have to spend the money until December 31, 2024.

Ms. Langley and Mr. Schott suggested having a steering committee for the funding.

Commissioners do not want to lose the deadline to receive the funding.

Mr. Schott let the Commissioners know that he has talked with Witt O'Briens LLC and if they are working with the American Rescue Plan.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to get signatures from the Commissioners on the Spark Account name change to the American Rescue Plan account for the Bank.

Ms. Luntsford submitted a list of delinquent NRP taxpayers.

Bill Vanlandingham and Lance Dixon were in to talk about the Heritage Hall of Honor and it is moving forward.

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## Memorial Day Services



**Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021**  
**Carter-Luce American Legion Post #114**

**St. Leo Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Shelman Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sacred Heart Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Maud Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Hilltop Manor at 11:30 a.m.**

**American Legion Post #98 at Isabel**  
**Coats Cemetery at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Sawyer Cemetery at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Nashville Lutheran Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Nashville Liberty Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.**

IF it is raining on Monday, there will be one service at the Sacred Heart Hall in Cunningham at 10:00 a.m. followed by a second service at 11:00 a.m. at Hilltop Manor.

CATHOLIC Masses

**St. Peter's, Willowdale**  
Saturdays  
4:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart, Cuningahm**  
Saturdays  
5:30 p.m.

**St. Johns's, Zenda**  
Sundays  
8:30 a.m.

**St. Leo**  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre  
620-243-5451  
620-298-2601  
620-246-5370

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**Penalosa**

Worship  
11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

**Contact the church for service schedule.**

Pastor Mike McGovney  
620-298-3201

LUTHERAN  
**St. John's Nashville**

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

Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

**Trinity Medicine Lodge**  
Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
620-656-7431

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

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

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST  
**Penalosa**  
Worship  
9:15 a.m.

**Cunningham**  
Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090  
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

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

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

**Community Bulletin Board**  
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<b>Saturday, May 29</b> HS State Track Meet at WSU **** 8:00 a.m. HS Boys BB practice ***** Swimming Pool Opens	<b>Monday, May 31st</b> Memorial Day (see front page for service times)	<b>Monday, June 14th</b> 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
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**Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day**

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To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman, (620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

**Kingman Historic Theatre**  
237 N. Main in Kingman  
(620) 532-1253  
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

**May 28th - May 30th**

**Cruella**  
Rated: PG-13  
Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 5:30pm.

**All Seats: \$6.00**  
Doors open 45 before showtime.

**FREE Thursday Throwback Movie**  
May 27th 7:00 p.m.

**TWISTER**  
Rated PG-13  
Sponsored By: **Graffman & Smith LLC**  
\*\*\*First 100 people will get a FREE 1 Person Combo provided by Citizens Bank of Kansas and KANZA Bank\*\*\*

**Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community**

**Cunningham Public Library**

**4C Day Care Shop** [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

**West Kingman County Education Foundation**  
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
(Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

**Hands of Hope** (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

**Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)

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

**Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN  
**The Cunningham Clipper**

W.A. Bradley, Editor

**1931**

**May 29-** Cunningham Grade School teachers re-hired for the coming year are Miss Catherine Mayes, Miss Juanita Whitwam, and Miss Cozette Taylor. Principal Edward Naanes is moving to Kingman next week, where he will assume the duties as Kingman County's Superintendent of Schools.

Rev. Augustine Rottering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rottering, who was recently ordained to the priesthood, will say his first Mass at St. Leo's Church next Sunday.

**1936**

**May 29-** The City Waterworks System will be formally dedicated tonight (Friday), with a program in the High School Auditorium. Appearing on the program will be Mayor A. I. Jones, Chief Engineer Jack Hefling of Hutchinson, Councilman Wayne DeLair, and Rev. Eugene Stump. Fire Chief James Luce will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and musical numbers will be given by the Preston High School Band, Virginia Bradley, and Helen Luce. Over 100 residential and commercial water meters have been installed in town.

**1941**

**May 30-** Cunningham broke into the win column for the first time last Sunday afternoon, when they won a South Central Kansas Baseball League game from Nashville by a 10-2 score. Adam Gittlein was the winning pitcher.

Two new gas wells and two new oil wells were reported in the Cunningham Oil and Gas Field this week. The new gas wells are the No. 1 Krehbiel "C", and the No. 1 Bowers. The new oil wells are the No. 7 Maxedon "East," and the No. 5 Krehbiel.

All the Cunningham Grade School teachers have been re-hired for the coming year. They are Principal Eugene Chasey, Miss Cozette Taylor, Miss Ruth Wylie, and Miss Josephine Shafer.

**1946**

**May 31-**The Editor has made the sad mistake of talking too much and now is scheduled to make the fatal and final plunge into matrimony, from which, (so they tell me) there is no escape, once you have plunged.

Most all our readers, no doubt, have seen our little advertisement which has run in various newspapers round-about, and are well aware of all the facts of the case.

Born and raised here, there is little the Editor can say about himself that everyone in the community doesn't already know, but the young lady in the case should have a

better chance to defend herself, having only lived here the past two years.

To introduce her to our reading public she is Miss Arlene Tade, music supervisor in our city schools.

A native of the state of Iowa, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tade of Centerville, Iowa. A graduate of Wichita University, where she received her B. S. degree in music, she is a talented musician, and has been re-employed as music supervisor in the local schools for the third year. She previously taught on eyear at Cullison. In college she was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon and Kappa Delta Pi sororities and was prominent in music circles of Wichita.

The main event will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 15, at four o'clock at the First Presbyterian church in Pratt, followed by a reception at 5:30 in the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. William A. Bradley.

**1951**

**June 1-** Operators are still testing the No. 1 McMichael, a wildcat oil well located about six miles northeast of Cunningham. Several formations show possibilities of producing oil, and if any "prove out," a new oil field may be opened in that area.

Joe Schnittker, who lives on the Hugh Morrison Ranch southwest of Cunningham, caught 11 coyotes out of one hole on the ranch last Sunday. Joe has caught 101 coyotes on the 1800-acre ranch since he moved there 16 years ago.

**1956**

**May 31-** The value of products sold in 1954 by operators of 1,320 farms in Kingman County was \$9,348,722, according to a preliminary report of the 1954 Census of Agriculture published by the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce.

The value of all crops sold was \$6,023,792 and included \$5,973,280 for field crops, \$1,098 for vegetables, \$1,644 for fruits and nuts, and \$47,770 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products was \$3,323,396 and included \$570,140 for dairy products, \$196,104 for poultry and poultry products, and \$2,557,152 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$1,534.

The Bachus Oil Company has staked the location for their No. 1 Hay, a wildcat test to be made about eight and a half miles east of Cunningham in section 11-28-9w. This location is three miles northeast of

the Pat Creek Oil Field, and seven miles southeast of the Dresden Oil Field.

**1961**

**June 1-** Rev. Kenneth Hull of Attica, is the new pastor of the Cunningham Christian Church, and with Mrs. Hull, was honored with a reception in the church undercroft, Wednesday evening.

Rev. Hull is completing work toward his Master's degree at Fort Hays Teachers College, while Mrs. Hull is a teacher in the Attica school system. She is also attending summer school at Hays.

Rev. Sidney Dillinger, pastor of the Cunningham-Cairo-Preston Methodist Churches for the past four years, has been assigned to the Gypsum-Roxbury pastorate, in the assignments of ministers announced last Sunday at the closing session of the Methodist Church Central Conference held last week in Hutchinson.

Rev. Vernon A. Horney of Burdett, has been assigned to the Cunningham-Cairo-Preston pastorate, and will fill the pulpit here next Sunday morning at 8:50 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Horney and two small sons, moved to Cunningham this week, and we are glad to welcome them to our community.

**1966**

**June 2-** The Sunshine Club held their annual spring luncheon at the Polynesian Room of the Copa Kitchen in Kingman last Tuesday.

Following the luncheon, the group returned to the home of Mrs. Ray McIlvain, where they conducted their business meeting and enjoyed playing games.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. McIlvain served orange salad, tea, and coffee to Mrs. Amy McClellan, Mrs. Anna Steffen, Mrs. Ruth Cooley, Mrs. Chas. Boen, Mrs. Frances Nossaman, Mrs. Chet Davidson, Mrs. Chick Howell, Mrs. Albert Harris, Mrs. Willis Welch, Mrs. Ethel Cooper, Mrs. Merle Cunningham, Mrs. Max Lagree, and Mrs. Everett Hauser.

Mrs. Phyllis Cooper of Coats, District Aide of District no. 53, Order of the Eastern Star, was the honored guest at the regular meeting of Ivanhoe Chapter last Thursday evening. Twenty-four guests were present from the chapters of Coats, Turon, Preston, and Cheney, with 28 local members attending.

A musical reading by Miss Betty Amick, and a tribute from the Star Points honored the District Aide, and a gift of a book was presented to her by the chapter.

Mrs. Dorothy Spencer of Idaho Springs, Colo., Worthy Matron here last year, was presented an Eastern Star ring as her Worthy Matron jewel, and a gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Will



**Meanderings**

THREE YEARS!! I made it THREE WHOLE YEARS! Over 150 deadlines. Over 150 newspapers published. Happy Newspapering Anniversary to me!

I forgot to put a correction in the paper last week. We had that nice little note from Ms. Melendez “Waitress Leaves Cunningham with Great Wealth” a couple of weeks ago. I misspelled the writer’s name. Her name is not Amberlyn. It is just Amberly. (one too many letters) I wrote and told her I made a mistake, which I tend to do a few times in each issue. She was so incredibly gracious. She wrote back “Don’t sweat it!! I’m just glad it was able to make it into the paper. Thank you so so much!! And really, the name is all there. You just added some extra sparkle. haha. What a treasure that young lady is. I hope the best for her wherever life’s changes take her.

Well, to celebrate my

anniversary, I’m taking a week off from writing a new column. I’m running the columns from July 13, 2017 AND May 31, 2018. I didn’t write as much back then.... and now I meander all over the place.

Now, I don’t think I’ve had this column in the paper since...but if I have, just read it and enjoy it again.

Do you remember my first meanderings column of July 13, 2017?

Roberta Kobbe, welcome to the newspaper world! Or should I say welcome BACK to the newspaper world. As some folks may recall, a much younger version of myself delivered the Pratt Tribune (on the north side of the highway) from the 1971 to 1975. I would never have thought I’d be in the newspaper business again; but here I am, 46 years later, working for the Cunningham Courier.

I can’t even remember giving a news-gathering career serious thought when I was growing up. I remember reading a biography about Nellie Bly and being impressed with her daring and courage. However, facing possible jail time and traveling the world alone seemed rather daunting to me.

Brenda Starr seemed

rather glamorous and exotic, but I’m too Midwest for that silliness. Now Lois Lane had a job that was a bit more realistic, except I was pretty sure there really wasn’t a Clark Kent turn Superman waiting to dive into a phone booth to save my sorry hide should the evil fake news rear its ugly head.

I suppose that delivering the tome of the paper during the Miss Kansas Week in the heat of July days was as tropically exotic as I was able to handle. The frigid cold of the Kansas winters, 24 inches of snow on the ground, and paper route going uphill both ways, wasn’t tropical or exotic, but it was a bit adventurous.

But here I am, hired to help with the local paper. If you have news to report, feel free to contact me as well as any of the other staff. If it entails a possible jail time or traveling outside Kingman County, you might want to rely on yourself for that reporting. I want safe reporting. Superman hung up his cape when cellphones made an appearance and phone booths disappeared.

May 31, 2018:

In case you haven’t heard, I am purchasing the Cunningham Courier from Jeff Dafforn:

Well, readers, I have

really put myself into a situation. I have immersed myself so far into the newspaper world, I can’t even find the plug now. I believe I have only an inkling of what is in store for me or what I am doing with this newspaper. The most intimidating aspect right now is fifty-two deadlines a year. Geesh. Fifty-two is almost as old as I am. It is like writing fifty-two research papers to be done every Wednesday evening. Is it too late to get out of this?

I am already having restless sleep and odd dreams. I am having worries and frets. But I am also smiling because the idea of being my own boss is a very good idea in my mind. I don’t have to keep track of hours, I can come and go as I wish (sometimes). I put things in the paper I deem relevant. I can put cute things in the paper. I can make changes and rewire and remodel it as I want.

I will be making some changes. I want the paper to be mine as I see our community and my readers, but I will also follow the most excellent advice from the pros – Dave, Kerri, and Jeff. They are the mavens who have taught me all I know. I hope to learn more. Maybe on my own, maybe through

them, maybe through some other aspect of newspapering.

I will make mistakes, and although most folks will be kind and tactful, I know I will have to deal with some who are less so. If you find an error and it’s worth mentioning, let me know; if you find an error and it’s not going to change the world, don’t hassle me about it, I’ll already be fretting about the mistakes I found and worrying about next week’s paper.

So now there is one employee....me.

Our friend, Molly Morgan, is going to help me with some photography, but I am the sole payroll of the Cunningham Courier. Molly is a great friend to be willing to help me out, but she and I can’t do it all, so once again, I am asking for your help in apprising me of news stories... old and new...that are happening in our community or your family or somewhere else that ties into our little town.

Send photos and stories. Write something about your family or an adventure. And, yes, everyone can write. Every writer has their own personal voice. You may not believe you can write, but you can. I have read a few best sellers that make me cringe for the

writing style, but what do I know, these were best sellers, and what I have I sold? Just goes to show one reader’s cringing is another reader’s inspiration.

Thank you all for supporting the paper. Keep up your subscriptions, put in some ads, tell 80 or 90 of your closest and dearest friends to buy a subscription and advertise. I don’t think they will regret it.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Chains" by Laurie Halse Anderson, Roberta

“The average newspaper, especially of the better sort, has the intelligence of a hillbilly evangelist, the courage of a rat, the fairness of a prohibitionist boob-jumper, the information of a high school janitor, the taste of a designer of celluloid valentines, and the honor of a police-station lawyer.”

— H. L. Mencken

(for those who are too busy to look it up: I found this 'reasoned' definition on wordreference.com: boob-jumper-- "a person who thinks alcoholic beverages should be illegal and who attacks unsuspecting customers of bars in pursuit of that goal")

**Years Ago**

Seacat as a farewell gesture before their leaving for a new residence in Gove.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Mrs. Adia Hayes, Mrs. Pearl Walker, and Mrs. Bertha Underwood.

The Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the First Baptist Church, will get underway Saturday afternoon, June 4, with preparations at the church from 1:30 to 3:30 o’clock, followed by a parade. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the

parade. The school will open Monday morning, June 6, and continue for two weeks until June 18, with classes from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. daily in four departments, beginners (4-5 years), primaries (6-8 years), juniors 9-12 years), and intermediates (13-16 years).

Pastor Rev. J. P. Cragar will serve as principal, with Charles Garrigues assisting and serving as secretary. Superintendents include Rhonda DeArmond, Mrs. J. P. Cragar, Mrs. Howard Stucky, Mrs. Harry DeArmond, with Jill Rose serving as pia-

nist, Rhonda DeArmond as song leader, and Mrs. Harold Stark as refreshments chairman.

There will be bible study, stories, missions, singing, fun, and refreshments daily. A special feature for those nine to 16 years of age, will be free tennis instruction and a daily tournament from 10:45 to 11:45 o’clock. Gold and bronze medals will be awarded in singl

**1971**

May 27-Governor Robert Docking announced Thursday that more than \$2 million in federal funds have been allocated to 24 Kansas cities, two counties, and 19 state parks by the Kansas Joint Council on Recreation. Gov. Docking said \$2,347,244 will finance 18 facility developments, seven swimming pools, and right-of-way acquisition for seven future projects-all in local communities.

The joint council met Thursday in Topeka. The Governor said \$541,500 of the appropriation will fund park roads and sewage system work at state parks. The funds will be matched by local funds for the local projects, and state funds for the state park work.

Cunningham was among the seven cities

receiving an allocation for a swimming pool and bathhouse. The city’s allocation is \$36,094, to be matched by local funds if citizens vote to build a swimming pool and bathhouse.

Graduation Exercises were held for Eighth Graders at St. Leo Grade School, Zenda Intermediate School, and Cunningham Grade School this past week. Graduation Exercises for eight Eighth Graders at St. Leo Grade School, were held in the school auditorium, Sunday morning. Mrs. Arlene Bradley played the processional, after which Fr. Michael Lies, pastor of St. Leo’s Church, conducted the baccalaureate mass. Teresa Eck read selected Scripture passages, and the graduates gave prayer petitions, followed by an offertory processional. Fr. Lies gave the graduation address, after which Sister Mary Conrad presented the class for graduation to Sylvester Adelhardt, member of the Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education, who awarded the diplomas.

Music was provided by the graduates, who sang “On This Day O Beautiful Mother” for the offertory hymn; “Let There Be Peace On Earth” for the communion hymn,

and “Graduation Day” after the awarding of the diplomas. They were accompanied by their vocal music instructor, Mrs. Bradley, who also played the recessional. A reception for the graduates concluded the ceremonies.

The graduates were Dale Adelhardt, Marilyn Albers, Kim Eck, Teresa Eck, Shirley Ford, Frank Jarmer, Judy Neises, and Gary Vierthaler.

Eighteen Zenda Intermediate School Eighth Graders received diplomas at their Awards and Promotion Assembly in Nashville-Zenda Gym Auditorium at Zenda, Monday evening. The processional and recessional were played by Mrs. Arlene Bradley, and the invocation and benediction were given by Fr. Louis Struble, pastor of St. John’s Church of Zenda. Beth Ann Westerman gave the class history; Terry Danahy read the class will, and Lois Goetz gave the class prophecy. Mrs. Linda Adelhardt and Richard Flores presented the athletic awards, and Principal Lloyd Miller made the scholastic awards. Mr. Miller presented the class for graduation to Joe Dirks and Dean Pagenkopf, members of the Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education, who awarded diplomas to Gary Adelhardt, Margie Blasi, Terry Danahy, Karen Depenbusch, Ronald Dick, Kathy Dicke, Ricky Dirks, Michael Gillen, James Goetz, Lois Goetz, Rodney Goetz, Sheila Henning, Mary Lubbers, Donald Miller, Nancy Pagenkopf, Dale Thieme, Debbie Thimesch, and Beth

Westerman. Music was provided by the Zenda Intermediate School Band, under the direction of Eddy Emerson, who played “Stormy,” “Hogan’s Heroes,” and “Turn Around, Look At Me”; a mixed ensemble of graduates who sang “The Water Is Wide,” “One Little Candle,” and “The Impossible Dream,” and a girl’s ensemble of graduates who sang “He” and “Let There Be Peace On Earth.” They were accompanied by their vocal music instructor, Mrs. Bradley.

Graduation Exercises for 15 Eighth Graders of Cunningham Grade School, were held in the Cunningham High School Gym-Auditorium last night (Wednesday). John Steffen gave the welcome, and Kirk Huhman read the class history. Kenneth Klufa presented the awards, and the graduation address was given by Kris Sheldon, Valedictorian of the Cunningham High School 1971 Senior Class. Mr. Klufa presented the class for graduation to Principal Harry Johnston, who awarded diplomas to Lloyd Bishop, Russel Hamby, Barbara Hansen, Kirk Huhman, Kathy Johnston, Steven Long, Byron Milburn, Marlene Oller, Karla Rohr, Deborah Schrant, Tina Shelman, Marvin Shelton, John Spade, Russell Starr, and John Steffen. Music was provided by the Eighth Grade Girls, who sang “Close To You,” and the Eighth Grade Class, who sang “Let There Be Peace On Earth.” They were accompanied by their vocal music instructor, Mrs. Bradley.

**Comfortably Dumb** by Bruce Quast

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"I hate parallel parking!"

Libraries			
<p><b>Cunningham Public Library</b> Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Closed for Holidays 298-3163</p>	<p><b>Zenda Public Library</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Kingman Carnegie Library</b> 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Pratt Public Library</b> Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041</p>



## Summer Reading to Begin June 7<sup>th</sup> A Virtual and In-Person Program With Something For Everyone!

What do a former Ringling clown and a children's author have in common? They're coming together to entertain your children this summer with a Wild Animal Adventure! We've allowed for every contingency at CPL this summer by partnering with Page Turner Adventures, an Emmy Award-winning organization, to bring an animal-themed virtual summer program to children, ages 4-10+. This program has it all – kids can follow along to virtually participate in animal-themed comedy shows, field trips, create "paw-some" crafts, and mix up some cool recipes. Kids can actively participate in all the fun from the comfort of home or at the library.

We're pleased to offer this new, free, six-week program beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details on how to access the shows from our website in this newspaper, from the library's Facebook page and on our website.

This year's Summer Reading Program will also include in-person programs, make & take craft kits, outdoor activities, StoryWalks®, a virtual magic show and more!

Drop by the library to sign up, or sign up using the links in our "Virtual Library" posted on our Facebook page and on our website. Once you've signed up, be sure to access Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show by clicking on the "Enjoy the Show" link in the Virtual Library post.

Pick up reading logs at the library and begin logging your books and/or minutes spent reading now and get ready for a fun-filled Summer Reading Program at your local library!



## Pratt Regional Medical Center Achieves Healthcare 'Triple Crown'

Top 20 Rural and Community Hospitals Ranking, Leapfrog 'A' for Patient Safety and CMS 5-Star Rating

Pratt Regional Medical Center has achieved a first in its 70-year history: a healthcare "Triple Crown." It is not only a first for the 35 bed acute care hospital, it's an exclusive group overall – with fewer than a handful of hospitals across the entire U.S. achieving this level of excellence in patient safety, patient care, patient outcomes and patient experience.

"Congratulations to Pratt Regional Medical Center on this impressive distinction," said Senator Jerry Moran. "Quality local health care is an important factor when people decide where to live, and I applaud PRMC's commitment to caring for the people in south central Kansas."

In March, the National Rural Health Association

(NHRA) announced the hospital's ranking on their Top 20 Rural and Community Hospitals® list. PRMC was the only hospital in Kansas named to the list. This is the 2nd year in a row for Pratt Regional Medical Center to make the Top 20 list, and 3rd year in a row to be within the Top 100 rural and community hospitals across our nation.

"Patient care that meets the highest standards of safety and quality is a strategic priority of the Kansas Hospital Association and the hospitals we serve," said Chad Austin, president and CEO of the Kansas

Hospital Association. "Delivering the right care at the right time in the right setting is a core mission of Kansas hospitals. Congratulations to Pratt Regional Medical Center for their excellent commitment to improving the quality of care they deliver every day."

The Leapfrog Group in April released that Pratt Regional Medical Center had earned its 4th Straight "A" grade for Patient Safety. The Leapfrog Group is an

independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. Only 12 Kansas hospitals received "A" grades during the Spring 2021 period, and PRMC is the only hospital in a community with under 20,000 people!

Also in late April, PRMC learned of its overall CMS 5-Star Rating, CMS assigned star ratings to hospitals

nationwide based on their performance across five quality categories. This top rating places PRMC in the top 13.56% of over 4,000 hospitals nationwide; one of only 5 facilities in Kansas that can claim this distinction.

"The Triple Crown is impressive in horse racing, but we believe it is even more impressive in healthcare," said Bill Keller, Chairman, Pratt Regional Medical Center Board of Directors. "The recognition of Pratt Regional Medical Center as a Triple Crown winner in healthcare is clearly an indication of the great dedication and service of PRMC staff in striving, every day, to be Simply the Best."

## Cunningham Child Care Center Awarded Grant



The 4C was awarded a community grant from South Central Community Foundation. This grant helped us upgrade and add new classroom supplies such as cubical organizers, book shelves, bean bags, cots, a play yard for our babies, an outdoor toy box, and a rocking chair. Pictured clockwise from above: Staff and children surrounding the book shelf and bean bags; one of our kiddos putting toys in the outdoor toy box; and one of our new colorful cubical organizers.

The kids, staff, and 4C board would like to thank SCCF for their help in being able to purchase these new supplies.

photos and story submitted by 4C staff



## 2021 Cunningham Swimming Pool Staff



Molly Morgan photos

Standing: Erin Schwertfeger; Hannah Ellis; asst. manager, Megan Hansen; Maranda Lohrke; Joanna Hansen; Sitting: Kenrda Morgan, Luke McGuire, and Alayna McGuire. Not pictured: Taylor Schultz, and Magnificent Manager Molly Morgan



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### Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, June 5th - Hamm Auction Center

Saturday, June 12th - guns and ammo auction

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For a complete list of auctions, see our website at

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## Regional Track and Field Meet, Caldwell, Kansas Regional #21

The Cunningham High School track team took on a hard week of practice out of their normal school routine and brought their "A" game to the Regional meet at Caldwell. I am really proud of these kids as most of the entire team wanted to continue to work even though the school year was over. Many of the kids didn't sit well in the Regional rankings but they showed heart and strong work ethic for a good week of track practice in the hopes to perform well one last time and improve their season's marks.

The Cunningham Girls finished the Regional meet placing 9th out of 22 teams with 18 points.

The Cunningham Boys finished the Regional meet placing 14th out of 22 teams with 15 points.

Three Cunningham athletes will be representing themselves and the Cunningham community at the State meet on Saturday May 29th. These athletes are: Alayna McGuire senior, Lane Halderson sophomore and Trey DeWeese sophomore.

Alayna is the Regional champion in the 100m hurdles and runner-up in the pole vault. Alayna will jump pole vault at 8:00am on Saturday, run the prelims in the hurdles at 12:28pm and hopefully run again in the finals at 2:26pm. Lane Halderson will be throwing the javelin at 12:00 noon and Trey DeWeese will be running his 800m race at 6:22pm. Best of luck to these Wildcats!

Eric Kerschen



Molly Morgan photos



photo by Amy McGuire



Clockwise from above left: Reese McGuire; Lane Halderson; Lane Halderson, Alayna McGuire and Trey DeWeese are headed to the state track meet at Wichita State University on May 29th.



## Launch Into Summer at the Cosmosphere

Beginning May 28, Cosmosphere returns to seven days a week of operation and will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

In addition to the new CosmoKids interactive STEM area for children, families will also enjoy the return of weekend feature films at the Carey Digital Dome Theater.

Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer films with "Raya and the Last Dragon" showing

at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Two new docu-

mentaries launch May 28 and bring the real drama of space to life. The documenta-

ry combo of "Asteroid Mission Extreme" and "Astronaut—Ocean to Orbit" feature the science and secrets of asteroids and the intense underwater training that helps NASA astronauts overcome crises in space. A variety of documentaries show every day at the Cosmosphere.

And remember, if you have a large group looking for entertainment this summer, check Cosmosphere's group rates and scheduling options.

"We are happy to

schedule private showings and anything else within our power to bring fun to groups whether it's a business outing or a family reunion," said Samantha Hyman, Cosmosphere Box Office Manager.

Plan now for a Father's Day outing on June 20, when Dads get in free with a paid admission.

For more information on Cosmosphere summer promotions, call 800.397.0330 or visit the website at Cosmo.org

## Cosmosphere Offers Free Admission for Military Personnel and Families this Summer

Cosmosphere will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently-serving U.S. military personnel and their families, this summer. The 2021 program will begin on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, 2021, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2021. Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums nationwide.

"The Cosmosphere is proud to partner with our fellow museums and the National Endowment for the Arts in honoring the men and women who serve our country," said Mimi Meredith, Cosmosphere Sr. VP of Communication and Chief Development Officer. "It is a small way to give back to them and their families."

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S.

Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card, DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID) or a DD Form 1173-1 ID for entrance into a Blue Star Museum.

The Cosmosphere International SciEd Center & Space Museum is located at 1100 North Plum in Hutchinson, KS. Its collection includes U.S. space artifacts second only to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow. This unique collection allows the Cosmosphere to tell the story of the Space Race better than any museum in the world while offering fully immersive education experiences that meet the Next Generation Science Standards and introduce students to the power of wondering—asking the critical questions that lead to discovery.

## Exit counseling prepares student loan borrowers for repayment

### Money Tip for Students, May 2021

Students who have borrowed federal loans to help pay for college and are finishing their schooling must take exit counseling to prepare for repaying those loans. That goes for student borrowers who are completing degrees, diplomas and certificates, according to KHEAA.

Exit counseling gives students the information they need to learn about staying on track with loan repayments after college so they can continue to pursue their goals. The counseling also helps students learn what to do if they have trouble making their payments.

Deferments and forbearances let students stop making payments temporarily if they qualify. Most federal student loan payments are in forbearance at least through Sept. 30, 2021, because of the COVID-19

pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Education assigns student loans to one of eight loan servicers.

Servicers not only collect payments but will also help students pick the loan repayment option that best fits students' needs. Students should keep in touch with their servicer to make sure the repayment process goes smoothly.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides informa-

tion about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

The agency also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit [www.advantage-educationloan.com](http://www.advantage-educationloan.com).

*"If you are a student you should always get a good nights sleep unless you have come to the good part of your book, and then you should stay up all night and let your schoolwork fall by the wayside, a phrase which means 'flunk'."*  
— Lemmy Snicket

*"I think the key indicator for wealth is not good grades, work ethic, or IQ. I believe it's relationships. Ask yourself two questions: How many people do I know, and how much ransom money could I get for each one?"*  
— Jarod Kintz



## 4-H Held Parents' Night

The Cunningham 4-H met on May 2 at 6 p.m. This meeting was parents' night, so parents were in charge of the meeting. The meeting was started off by the pledge of alligance and the 4-H pledge which was led by Brianna and Ty.

Twenty-four members answered the roll call question which was "Who is your favorite super hero?" Popular answers were Wonder Woman, Spiderman,

Super Girl, Iron man and Batman.

The museum committee discussed cleaning the museum. The cookie jar committee also discussed the cookie jar for the fair. We talked about the 4-H day camp that is coming up June 2. Talks were given by Ava - purple ribbon cookies (no bake cookies), Taylor did her forensic piece, Wyatt showed us his Lego Titanic and Ty did a bible verse, John 3:16 in sign language.

Meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting is set for June 6th.

- Marianne Dittmer, parent of secretary Brianna Dittmer

## Pratt County Commission Meeting May 17, 2021

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Thomas W. Jones III, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Sherry Wenrich, register of deeds and Mark Graber, IT director.

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, gave a report on the current

Legislation. HB 2332

veto was overridden. Senate sub for HB 2183 was vetoed but also overridden. SB 273 still has an unsure status of what the governor will do. HB2313 addresses reimbursements for property taxes. Heather also did an overview of the coronavirus recovery funds which will be for March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

She gave a brief explanation of what funds can be used for and that there will be

quarterly reports due which she will file. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, asked if funds outside of the initial contract for the public safety building could be recovered.

This would include the \$180,000 for furnishings and \$86,000 for the tower. Tyson also was wondering if the county would need to reach out to have help working on the reporting process. Heather said she would have to see how the report forms were.

Kelly McMurphy, Landmark architect, pre-

sented a change order for three items. 1) for Alpha Land surveys to stake out the building layout at a cost of \$9350 2) \$16,376 for hardware and doors around the generator that need to be FEMA rated 3) grating and GPS model upgrade by Meese Construction for \$3025. Total cost is \$28,751.38.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$28,751.38. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Kelly McMurphy also returned the plans for the jail.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 2:55 pm for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:05 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning

director, reported on the interlocal

agreement with the city of Coats and the city of Iuka. The city council of Iuka wants this to go to a vote but would like to wait until after the next election. Tim said he is going to wait until then to proceed any further.

DJ McMurry, county appraiser, brought in his reappointment paperwork which is due by June 30, 2021. Discussion was also had on the extension of Joe Roth for another year as the commercial appraiser for the county. This was tabled until next week.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, gave the covid update. She reported that there have been no active cases for 4 weeks. She is going to do the KDHE update weekly on Wednesdays. The WIC program for Pratt County is being audited in June along with Barber County out of this district.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from May 3, 2021 and May 10, 2021 as presented.

Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The letter of support to reinstate the commercial drivers' license service in Kingman was signed.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to pay \$816,930.00 to Harmon Huffman Const. Group Inc for certificate No 5. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was had on the PRRC building. No action was taken.

Commissioner Shriver requested a 10-minute executive session to discuss an

Attorney/client matter at 3:31 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. At 3:37 pm commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session with nothing to report. Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion at 3:38 to return to executive session for 10 minutes on a non-elected personnel matter. Commissioner

Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:45 with nothing to report. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for May 17, 2021.

Commissioner Shriver seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Scott Harris, EMS director, presented the run reports from the first of this year to the present for the commissioners to review. The commissioners requested additional information on specific runs concerning covid-19.

Mark Graber, IT director, reported that he will have a report tomorrow afternoon on the phones.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 4:18 pm Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

## Kingman County Commission

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They are shooting for a grand opening on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at the Expo Center.

Mr. Dixon discussed the lighting for the pictures that would be on display at the Expo Center.

Commissioners agreed that changing the lighting in the Expo Center hallway to accommodate the pictures would be good.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with two letters of support for the

NRP program.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Schrag know that he attended the City meeting by zoom and felt the City did not know why the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was being discussed.

Commissioners discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the permit for Ideatek self supporting monopole and that he has received a check from them.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the project agreement with KDOT for Bennett Twp #25 Bridge

replacement for a 90/10 match.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the design agreement from Kirkham Michael for Valley 36 Bridge Replacement Agreement and includes construction inspection costs \$39,000.00 from the Special Bridge fund.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the contract for consulting services for the 2021 Surface Overlay Program Phase II - RS 607 in the amount of \$14080.00 upper limits of \$124,000.00 with Schwab Eaton to be paid out of the Special Highway Fund.

Mr. Arensdorf sub-

mitted the contract for consulting services for the 2021 Surface Overlay Program Phase II- RS 364 in the amount of \$10450.00 upper limits of \$92,000.00 with Schwab Eaton to be paid out of the Special Highway Fund.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the construction inspection agreements for FAS 364 & 607 Hot Mix Overlay Projects.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to request purchasing a vaccine freezer-pharmacy grade with auto defrost and submitted a quote from Medical Device Depot Inc. in the amount

of \$1424.80.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she has PHEP funds approved to pay for it.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of a vaccine freezer-pharmacy grade from Medical Device Depot Inc. in the amount of \$1424.80. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to go over the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Commissioners let

Ms. Luntsford know that they will be requiring that starting with the 2021 tax season if the NRP applicants have not paid all their taxes by the deadline then they will be kicked out of the program. The deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup> for the first half of taxes and May 10<sup>th</sup> for the second half.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:43 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Everyone must have been behaving this week, as I received no notes from the sheriff.

### Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

**What do we serve:** Food

**When do we serve:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**Where do we serve:** 117 N Main (Old School Board Office - Alley Access)

**Why do we serve:** To provide food assistance to those in need.

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**ELECTION NOTICE:**

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #332 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2108a (a):

There shall be a General Election on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021, for the purpose of electing three USD #332 Board Members At-Large positions. A Primary Election, if any is needed for all positions will be held on August 3rd, 2021. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 1st, 2021. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, KS. Filing fee is \$20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

Carol D Noblit  
Election Officer

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**ELECTION NOTICE:**

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #331 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2108a(a):

There shall be a General Election on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 for the purpose of electing USD #331 Board Members to the position of #1, #5 & #6. A primary election, if any is needed, for all positions will be held on August 3rd, 2021. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 1st, 2021. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas. Filing fee is \$20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

Carol D Noblit  
Election Officer

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**ELECTION NOTICE:**

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ALL INCORPORATED CITIES IN KINGMAN COUNTY BEING:

Cunningham City, Kingman City, Nashville City, Norwich City, Penalos City, Spivey City and Zenda City.

To those persons living in these cities, there will be a General Election for mayors and city councilmen on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021, for persons to be elected to fill such offices. A Primary Election, if needed, for any positions will be held on August 3rd, 2021.

The filing deadline for said positions will be at 12:00 NOON on Tuesday, June 1st, 2021. The place of filing will be with the County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse. Filing fee for these positions will be \$20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

Carol D Noblit  
Election Officer

## A Bit of History About the Sheriff's Office

A sheriff is generally a legal official with responsibility for a county or parish. The duties of a sheriff vary from country to country. The term comes from Anglo-Norman English. The king's officer in each shire was called a "shire-reeve". His function was to enforce the king's law in the shire or county.

The term shire reeve appears in documents in England in the early 11th century.[1] When William the Conqueror conquered England in

1066, he kept most of the Anglo-Saxon sheriffs. [2] When William abolished the great Anglo-Saxon Earldoms, the sheriff became the immediate representative of the king in the county. [2] His appointment was typically for one year. He held court where he punished minor offenders.[3] Later, his powers were reduced to arresting and imprisoning criminals.

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**Health Clinics**

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinic in June on the following dates.

Cunningham- Wednesday, June 2nd from 9:30am-12:00pm\*

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Norwich- Thursday, June 3rd from 1:30pm-4:00pm

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# Celebrations of Life

## Alice Jacobs

Alice Lucille Mertens Jacobs, 87, died May 21, 2021 at Newton.

She was born March 12, 1934, at Willowdale, Kansas the daughter of Leo and Lucille Miller Mertens. A longtime resident of the Kingman and Murdock communities, she was a homemaker, and custodian and cook for the Murdock Grade School.



Alice was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church, the St. Louis Altar Society and the St. Louis Quilting Group, all of Waterloo.

On Oct. 18, 1955, she married Oscar Julius Jacobs at Willowdale; he died May 9, 2021. Survivors include sons Dan, David (Linda) and Dean; daughters Donna (Tom) Ratzlaff, Debra Lorg, Dianne Taber, Denise (Greg) Baker, Darlene Jacobs and Doris Boroughs; brothers Leo, Leroy, Donald, Ronald "Gene", and Marvin Mertens; sisters Pauline Jacobs, Helen Meyers, Karen Lubbers; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers Edwin, Lawrence and John Mertens; sisters Dorothy Swartz and Rosella Henning; and granddaughter Nicole Marie Beat.

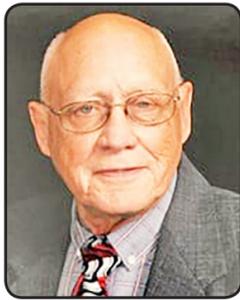
Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, May 26, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Louis Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials may be made with the St. Louis Catholic Church, the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Paramount HCF and Good Shepherd Hospice, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

## Carl Shore

Carl L. Shore, 91, of Pratt, KS, died Friday, May 21, 2021 at Parkwood Village, Pratt, KS.

He was born on December 24, 1929 in St. John, KS, the son of Albert H. Shore and Eva (Smith) Shore. On January 9, 1953, he married Frances Louise (Gobin) Shore at Kansas City, MO. She survives.



Carl was employed at the Peoples Bank for 48 years. After retirement he and Louise enjoyed travelling in his RV and spending winters in south Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he joined in 1944. After the First Baptist Church closed, he joined the Iuka Methodist Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club for 25 years. Carl was a 3rd Class Petty Officer for the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Surviving in addition to his wife Louise Shore of Pratt, KS are three children, Denise Williams of Healy, KS, Kevin Shore of Pratt, KS and Carlton Shore of Lawrence, KS; Two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents and by his siblings, Myrtle Lynch, Vada Shoemaker, and Raymond Shore.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, KS 67124 with Louis Keeling officiating. Private family inurnment will be held at the Iuka Cemetery, Iuka, KS.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Iuka United Methodist Church, in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Condolences may be left at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).

## Sterneker Named to Region 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Carley Sterneker, a freshman at Hutchinson Community College was named to the Region 6 softball 1<sup>st</sup> team as a first baseman.

Sterneker's batting average was .383 in the conference, hammering out 6 home runs, 18 doubles, 2 triples, and drove in 36 runs. She had a slugging percentage of .716 and amassed a 19-game hitting streak, the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest in Hutchinson Community College Softball history. She recorded 202 putouts on defense as a first baseman. Additionally, Sterneker was named to the Dean's Honor Roll with a 4.0 GPA. The Hutchinson Blue Dragons finished their season 2nd in the Jayhawk East Conference and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Region VI tournament.

Carley is the daughter of Patty and Marty Sterneker of Wichita and the granddaughter of Marge and Bob Sterneker of Cunningham. *submitted by Patty Sterneker*



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## Pratt Student Named to Mars Hill University Dean's List



Mars Hill, NC (05/25/2021)-- Dalton C Davidson of Pratt is one of 380 students named to the Honor Roll of the Academic Dean at Mars Hill University for the spring 2021 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 on a minimum of 12 semester hours, and carry no grade below a C.

About Mars Hill University:  
Mars Hill University is a premier private, liberal arts institution offering over 30 baccalaureate degrees, as well as master's degrees in criminal justice, elementary education, teaching, and management. Founded in 1856 by Baptist families of the region, the campus is located just 20 minutes north of Asheville in the mountains of western North Carolina.

## SNHU Announces Winter 2021 President's List

Manchester, NH (05/20/2021)-- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Amber McElyea of Pratt (67124)  
Sarah Navarro of Pratt (67124)  
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