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Minutes from School Board Meetings in August and September

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Sarah Sipe, Roberta Kobbe and Shawna Sternecker.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests and turned the meeting over to Sarah Sipe of Landmark Architects.

Sarah reviewed the process for hiring a Construction Manager at Risk. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Reed updated the board on student enrollment numbers.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

A Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing is scheduled at 6:40 p.m. on September 15th. A Budget Hearing is scheduled at 6:50 p.m. on September 15, 2021

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday,

September 15, 2021, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Joyce Gridley, Travis Thimesch; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Randy Ford and Bjorn Halderson.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Guest Recognition President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Superintendent reviewed the proposed Budget mill rates compared to the Revenue Neutral rate presented by the county. He also reviewed mill rates required by state regulation.

Adjournment Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the agenda as amended, adding IX d.

accept resignations and e. approve positions. Motion carried 4-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2021 Special Meeting. YMotion carried 4-0.

Member Brent Miller arrived to the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$253,355.90 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Randy Ford of BFR CPA, LLC presented the June 30, 2021 Audit report. Randy Ford left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Superintendent Reed reported that we are still in need of 4 paras, a cook, and custodian.

He shared enrollment numbers for the year. Superintendent Reed updated the board on the stage curtain replacement and KSHAA 6 man vote.

Special Education Report
Member Joyce Gridley reported that many positions are still not filled at this time.

Principal Dunlap updated the board on student clubs and schedules and upcoming sports events. He also shared with the board updates to the website he is working on.

President DeWeese turned the meeting over to Sarah Sipe. She reviewed the Bond Project Request for Qualifications, asking for any changes before submitting and discussed the next steps.

Next, Steve Shogren of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company reviewed financial and state regulation time lines for a bond vote. He also gave the board an idea of the mill rate impact on the

district.

Steve Shogren and Sarah Sipe left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Executive Session Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap for 15 minutes at 8:15 p.m. to discuss individual employees for the non-elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 5-0.

Guests Jason Jump and Levi Adelhardt left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Guests Bjorn Halderson, Abby Bock and Shawna Sternecker left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adopt Resolution 2022- 2014 Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley, to adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch to accept the resignation of Tyler Bernhardt as custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller to accept the resignation of William McReynolds as custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Joyce Gridley to approve Lori Godines as Custodian for the 2021-2022 school year. DeWeese, Hansen, Gridley, Thimesch, Miller, Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in the Board

School Board Will Meet Monday Evening in Special Session

AGENDA

October 25, 2021 6 p.m.

High School Music Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Bond Project
 - a. Executive Session- Interview McCown Gordon
 - b. Executive Session- Interview Hutton Construction
 - c. Executive Session- Interview Wiens & Co.
 - d. Approve Construction Company (CMAR)
- V. Other
- VI. Adjournment

Takeaways from the October School Board Meeting

As 'promised' I've come up with a list of items discussed at the school board last week. If things are unclear, I apologize, I am reading from my notes and my handwriting isn't exactly old school perfect. Nor could I interrupt the meeting to ask questions.

1. Sump pump for library was replaced. Eck Electric came out and worked on an electrical issue in the library.

2. The Ag department has received a grant from Skyland Grain for \$5,000 and has purchased a food dehydrator, an incubator, and a tower garden.

3. Food service has had very little interruption due to shortages. They have switched delivery companies as

SYSCO is no longer delivering to this area. Styrofoam cups were mentioned as something difficult to obtain. *(Editor's note: maybe another alternative could be found as Styrofoam has been proven to be harmful to the health of people and the environment).*

3. Mr. Reed has applied for a grant to purchase new buses. The condition of all district vehicles need to be addressed in the near future. *(Editor's note: There are currently grants available to schools. The buses purchased with the grant money are electric, reducing the emissions from diesel fuel.)*

4. U.S.D. 332 site council has begun meeting again.

5. Mr. Reed has applied for a KDHE grant that would support COVID 19 rapid testing. The grant money can be used for a variety of aids including a nurse or additional staff.

6. The district is still in need of para-professionals to help in the classrooms.

7. A brief discussion of a baseball/ softball program was brought up. Most agreed that any participation would detract from the track program.

7. A steering committee for the bond project is still being put together.

8. Five proposals for the construction manager were received. The district will interview three of them: McCown Gordon; Hutton Construction; Wiens & Co. The interviews will be conducted on October 25th in a special meeting.

9. Lauren Schwartz was hired as custodian



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Friday October 22nd End of 1st School Quarter. Dismiss at 1:30 ***** 7:00 BOE Meeting	Wednesday, October 28th 7:00 p.m. Book Club
Saturday, October 23rd HS FB Sub-state ***** HS Cross Country IA Regional Meet ***** Robotics Game Day *** HS VB Substate	Friday, October 29th HS VB State Playoffs ***** KAY Halloween Party for K - 5
Monday, October 25th 6:30 p.m. City Council	Sunday, October 31st Halloween ***** 4 - 6 p.m. Family Fall Fest at the Christian Church parking lot
Tuesday, October 26th HS FB playoffs -- to be announced ***** Lions' Club	



Meanderings

I know everyone has noticed the expansion of the newspaper to 12 pages. I did this in anticipation of the Spotlight pages and the sports pages coming up. I was a bit worried that I would not be able to fill them every week. I can. I do. I have leftover stories and photos every week. Every single week. I hope you enjoy the extra reading and the extra photos. Be sure to tell folks how much you enjoy the paper. Remind them to advertise locally. The paper can only survive through advertising dollars.

Back by popular demand and beginning the week of Thanksgiving, The Courier will be offering the same gifting subscription as last year. If you buy a subscription as a gift, or renew a current gift subscription, you can have one year added to your subscription. A newspaper subscription makes a very nice gift.

I saw this headline recently in an email: Battle of the Breakfasts: Kansas' Corned Beef Hash Ranked America's 23rd favorite breakfast food, reveals poll.

I checked out the website: www.mealfinds.com/favorite-breakfasts-in-each-state/

Obviously, no one polled me. I was stunned to say the least. I had no idea corned beef hash was considered a breakfast food. I have never in my life eaten corned beef hash for any meal, much less for breakfast. I must be missing something.

I generally associate pork with breakfast – sausage, bacon, brats, ham... I could probably eat steak for breakfast... just not sure about corned beef hash. Hm.

The #1 favorite breakfast? Texas claims the Breakfast Taco. The least favorite breakfast food? Sorghum Pie in South Dakota. I have eaten breakfast tacos. I have never eaten sorghum pie; it says it is sweet and tasty. I might just have to take their word for it.

I am afraid I am going to be moving sometime soon...no doubt after I've read the last novel by Louise Penny. I can hear

Quebec, Canada calling to me. Three Pines, Quebec that is. I want to sit in the bistro and talk about books and art. I want to wander through Myrna's bookstore and read the titles on her shelves, take a book and sit in a comfortable chair with a cup of tea and a basket of croissants. I want to sit on the bench at the top of the hill that says "Surprised by Joy" while I watch the children of this village play hockey.

I want to see the old railroad station that has been turned into a fire department, headed by the cranky old poet, Ruth Zardo. I think I'd even like for her wave to at me with her middle finger extended in the classical way she has of telling one she likes them.

I am so enjoying this series of mysteries. I am beginning the 13th book, and it makes be sad to know that in a couple of weeks I will have read the 17th and last book about Inspector Gamache and his family and friends. I don't know when or if there will be any more after #17. I do hope so. I know Ms. Penny took some time away from it to write a political thriller with Hillary Clinton. "State of Terror" was re-

leased earlier this month. In "The Great Reckoning" she wrote in her author's notes that her husband has dementia. "It has progressed, marching through our lives, stomping out his ability to speak, to walk, to remember events and names. Dementia is a marauder, a thief." I wonder how she continues to write while her world falls apart. Bless their hearts.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Glass Houses" by Louise Penny
Roberta

"One must always have a song in the heart."
"And an éclair in the hand,"

— Louise Penny, A Great Reckoning

(editor's note: eclairs would be good for breakfast)

"When you wake up in the morning, Pooh," said Piglet at last, "what's the first thing you say to yourself?"

"What's for breakfast?" said Pooh. "What do you say, Piglet?"

"I say, I wonder what's going to happen exciting today?" said Piglet.

Pooh nodded thoughtfully. "It's the same thing," he said."
— A.A. Milne

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"The moment we cry in a film is not when things are sad but when they turn out to be more beautiful than we expected them to be."
— Alain de Botton



My Breast Cancer Experience Part 11

By Beth Blasi 2021
OncotypeDX Score-

Finally, the long-awaited meeting with the oncologist. This was where I was going to finally find out if I was going to need chemotherapy. His PA did some preliminaries – my DEXA indicated I had bone loss of <1.9> - they start treating at <2.5> so suggested I should take additional vitamin D and calcium to combat any more decrease.

Her initial view was no chemo. When the oncologist came in, we all had a laugh over my purple hair – he wasn't expecting that from me after our first meeting. However, he then reviewed stuff and pulled out the ol' Oncotype score – a 40. This is considered high and indicates a 30% chance of recurrence in 5-10 years. If the score was in the 20's, it was really borderline.

He asked me if I was willing to do chemotherapy – the treatment should cut the recurrence chance down to 15% so I guess it may be worth it – even though I'll lose my colorful hair. Sigh, I now have to face and deal with the one thing I feared from the beginning - chemotherapy.

Then he asked about any pain in my hip. First, I said "no", and then I said I did have a both-

ersome ache going up stairs like a weak muscle but didn't think much of it as I had a similar issue in my left hip that went away. Seems the PET scan showed something so now we need a pelvic MRI to take a look at that! And maybe a biopsy depending on the MRI! Sheez! As I mentioned before, if I didn't have bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!

So, this is the plan - before chemo I'll need a port-a-cath put in by my surgeon. Chemo should be 6 treatments that are 3 weeks apart and then take a hormone pill for 5 years after that.

My Primary Care doctor had suggested I get the two-dose Shingles vaccine before I go on Medicare (I'd already had the other one several years ago). The oncologist was okay with getting the first Shingles vaccine before chemo with the second after.

He also agreed it was a good idea to reschedule my dental cleaning for the next week to also have that done before beginning chemo (I had read you should avoid dental procedures while on chemo). If it weren't for the additional MRI, I think he would have slapped me in the chemo chair right there and then. However, the scheduler had to get pre-approvals for the MRI and the drugs that were going to be used for chemotherapy.

Lots of things were being set in motion. I asked the scheduler what drug she needed to get pre-approval for. She told me so I was then able to start doing some research on the drug and side effects but she also said they would provide

that info at my first chemo session. Eventually, I finally called the office back to request some fact sheets or something on the drugs I would be receiving.

I wonder why the oncologist didn't just give me a packet that contained this information – the drugs, the side effects, things to do to prepare – the course of treatment – and side effects almost have to be pretty standard, right? Of course, there is the good ol' internet, but the information directly from the doctor would have been a good basis to start doing research.

In my reading, it was mentioned that perhaps they don't provide it before-hand so the patient doesn't get so freaked out that they don't do the treatment – and "everyone is different". However, once you're in the chair, getting a "deer in the headlights" reaction at the side effects with no escape at that point can't be good either. Personally, I wanted some information so I could have some idea of what to expect and resolve myself to just dealing with whatever side effects I experienced and not be totally surprised by them.

Delays-I was dog-sitting for my daughter over the weekend following this oncologist visit and woke up with poison ivy on my nose, my right neck, below my right ear, and some at the back of my neck. So now I'm panicking as I didn't think we wanted to put in the port-a-cath near the poison ivy. My prior experiences with poison ivy is that I get additional hives, it oozes, and could be open

sores – I didn't think we wanted to start chemo with all that going on.

Finally made phone calls about the poison ivy on Monday. Port-a-cath delayed until July. MRI delayed due to approval so next oncologist appt delayed until July. This gave me time to get my dental cleaning done and the labs for the port-a-cath surgery. However, trying to treat the poison ivy was an exercise in futility.

The oncologist office said all was okay for a steroid to treat the poison ivy and get the shingles shot. However, my primary care wasn't going to do either without approval from the oncologist and they were not talking to each other. In the meantime, a friend of ours had had poison ivy last year and had some prescription cream leftover that I started using as well as taking some Benedryl. Amazingly, that seemed to clear the poison ivy up with just application so no steroid treatment needed – minimal hives, no oozing, no nastiness – thank goodness! So, finally, my primary care gave me the Shingles shot – ouch – it hurt for a couple days and had a knot but it's over! Will get 2nd shot in 2-6 months – after my chemo has ended. I started taking some Vitamin D and calcium – and started to have green poop! Ha, Ha, finally decided that came from eating a bunch of cherries we had just been picking but it was a little scary – wasn't even from eating Dr. Suess's "Green Eggs and Ham"!

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USDA Offers Online Tool for Drought-Stricken Ranchers to Estimate Compensation for Feed Transportation Costs
 Assistance also available for water hauling expenses

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13, 2021— An online tool is now available to help ranchers document and estimate payments to cover feed transportation costs caused by drought, which are now covered by the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) updated the program this year to include feed transportation costs as well as lowered the threshold for when assistance for water hauling expenses is available. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin taking applications this fall.

"Drought has had a tremendous impact

on producers, and we are thinking outside the box to help producers mitigate the effects of drought, which is a necessary first step to realizing the Secretary's vision of ensuring agricultural producers get a fair share of the food dollar," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "From climate change to COVID-19, we are continuously working to make our programs as flexible as possible and so they effectively help producers face today's challenges."

The new ELAP Feed Transportation Producer Tool is a Microsoft Excel workbook that enables ranchers to input information specific to their operation to determine an estimated payment. Final payments may vary depending on eligibility.

To use the tool, ranchers will need:

- Number of truckloads for this year.
- Mileage per truckload this year.
- Share of feed cost this year (if splitting loads).
- Number of truckloads you normally haul.
- Normal mileage per truckload.
- Share of normal feed cost

The tool requires Microsoft Excel, and a tutorial video is available

at fsa.usda.gov/elap.

Updates to ELAP ELAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events or loss conditions as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. ELAP now covers feed transportation costs where grazing and hay resources have been depleted. This includes places where:

Drought intensity is D2 for eight consecutive weeks as indicated by the U.S. Drought Monitor; or Drought intensity is D3 or greater.

The tool calculates the estimated payment for feed transportation assistance, but it is not an application. Once FSA begins accepting applications later this fall for feed transportation assistance, ranchers should contact their FSA county office to apply. To simplify the application process, ranchers can print or email payment estimates generated by this tool for submission to FSA. The deadline to apply for ELAP, including feed transportation costs, for 2021 is Jan. 31, 2022.

ELAP already covers above normal costs for hauling water to livestock in areas where drought intensity is D3 or greater

on the drought monitor. FSA is also updating ELAP to also cover water hauling in areas experiencing D2 for eight consecutive weeks, lowering the threshold for this assistance to be available. Program benefits are retroactive for 2021.

Payment Calculations USDA will reimburse eligible ranchers 60% of feed transportation costs above what would have been incurred in a normal year. Producers qualifying as underserved (socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning or military veteran) will be reimbursed for 90% of the feed transportation cost above what would have been incurred in a normal year.

USDA uses a national cost formula to determine reimbursement costs that will not include the first 25 miles and distances exceeding 1,000 transportation miles. The calculation will also exclude the normal cost to transport hay or feed if the producer normally purchases some feed. For 2021, the initial cost formula of \$6.60 per mile will be used (before the percentage is applied).

Eligibility To be eligible for ELAP assistance, livestock must be intended for grazing and producers must have incurred

feed transportation costs on or after Jan. 1, 2021. Although producers will self-certify losses and expenses to FSA, producers are encouraged to maintain good records and retain receipts and related documentation in the event these documents are requested for review by the local FSA County Committee.

More Drought Recovery Information USDA has taken additional steps to assist drought-impacted producers, including:

- Extending deadlines for crop insurance premium and administrative fees, and deferring interest accrual.
 - Streamlining and accelerating losses and issuance of indemnity payments for crop insurance.
 - Investing \$41.8 million through a four-state pilot of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Conservation Incentive Contracts focused on drought practices.
 - Investing \$15 million through a block grant to the Klamath Drought Response Agency to provide payments to producers to reduce irrigation demand.
- USDA offers a comprehensive portfolio of disaster assistance programs. On farmers.gov,

the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine all program or loan options available for disaster recovery assistance. For details, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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Joyce Depenbusch photo



I don't know who this little inquisitive tot is, but what a cutie! Molly took this photo at last week's concert.

Don't Forget!

On Saturday, Oct. 30, plan to attend the Library's Open House from 9-11:30 a.m. You can enjoy delicious refreshments while you browse the shelves.

The drawing for the basket will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th. You not be present to win this treat.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You may purchase your tickets at the library or by contacting one of the library board members: Mary Stackhouse, Linda Kerschen, Jane Meyers, Ingrid Rieke, Tricia Ruckle, Angela Glascock and Rogene Jarmer.

The Fall Sampler Basket includes: Cookies – 2 packages of each kind (5-6 cookies/pkg)

Chocolate chip, Oatmeal, Snickerdoodles, No Bakes, Peanut Butter and Frosted Sugar Cookies

Breads

1 mini loaf of banana bread, 6 small slices of pumpkin bread, 5 cinnamon streusel muffins

2 bags of candy (approx. 30 pieces of chocolate candy)

1 box of Swiss Miss Cocoa Mix

1 box of Celestial Seasonings Honey Vanilla Chamomile Tea, and a mug.

"When I get nervous, I go to the library and hang around. The libraries are filled with people who are nervous. You can blend in with them there. You're bound to see someone more nervous than you are in a library. Sometimes the librarians themselves are more nervous than you are. I'll probably be a librarian for that reason. Then if I'm nervous on the job, it won't show. I'll just stamp books and look things up for people and run back and forth to the staff room sneaking smokes until I get hold of myself. A library is a great place to hid."

— M.E. Kerr, Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack!

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Consider this... "Portals to God"

By Mike Johnson

It's easy to credit the wrong thing for our blessings.

For example, when I arise early to enjoy the most productive time of my day, one of the first stops is the coffee machine. I have the luxurious Keurig push-button machine that makes one cup at a time. But I still have to fill it with water. When I turn the tap, I can always depend on the water gushing from the faucet. On the surface, it's easy to credit the faucet as the source of that water since it is the equipment from which it flows. Yet, that would be false.

In my area, water is only available from a spring fed by snow melt from the Rocky Mountains in the Shoshone National Forest. A collection tank in our neighborhood distributes water through pipes, into my house, through a filter and out that faucet.

Water does not come from the faucet, it comes through the faucet. That little distinction makes all the difference.

Similarly, the source of everything else in our lives comes through us, not from us.

Take our bodies for

instance. We inhabit them, but we didn't create them. Life flows through us, but not from us.

Look at the atmosphere. We do nothing to create the air we breathe, yet we breathe it every moment of our lives without giving it a thought. The air flows into us, we pull out the needed oxygen and exhale the rest. Air flows through us, but not from us.

What about thoughts? Where is a thought the instant before it pops into our mind? Thousands rush through our minds each day, yet they don't originate there. Like the air, as thoughts flow through us, we pull out what we need and let the others dissipate back from whence they came. The thoughts we keep, turn into physical manifestations such as health, jobs, homes and spouses. Despite appearances, all of these things come through us, not from us.

At best, we are co-creators with the source - conduits through which raw materials flow in one side and the circumstances of our lives flow out the other. The better our connection to the source, the richer the raw materials we have to work with. By looking closely, one realizes that each of us is actually connected to

the source. Each of us is a portal to God.

By looking closely at a person, you recognize a piece of the source.

Those with exceptional talents are merely more connected to the source in that particular area of their lives. Sure, those talents were likely honed through study, practice and use. But through experience, confidence increases to such a point that the person KNOWS they can call upon that talent anytime they wish. Because they realize the talent is coming through them, rather than from them, they understand they are tapping into something far bigger than themselves -- something unlimited in scope - an understanding that grants awe, gratitude and peace of mind.

As a writer, this understanding frees me from the false conclusion that I must come up with ideas myself. I merely ask for them and they arrive. They flow through me, not from me. I've agreed to co-create with the source, and in doing so, I gain all the blessings that arise from the partnership. On days when I've let my connection to the source become weaker, the idea-flow slows or stops all together. It's at those times I remember the truth of the situation for all writers - and all people on earth.

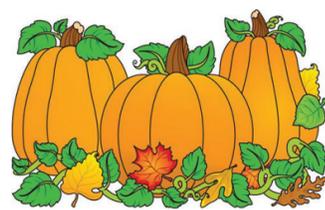
God writes, the rest of us just type.

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Come One, Come All!

The Cunningham Christian Church Junior and Senior High Youth Groups are sponsoring a Family Fall Fest. Wear your costumes. Trick or Treat. Play games. Decorate Pumpkins. Eat Hotdogs.

Join them on Sunday, October 31st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Church parking lot.



Pass It On... You Can Do This

Roland is trim and fit. Yet in his early forties, his knees are giving him trouble. He hobbles across the infield of the track, shouting encouragement to runners, pausing to give a little instruction, gathering the hundred or so small athletes together for organized drills and stretches. If one misses a practice he calls their home. They start at 8 years old and finish at 18. Welcome to the Cheetahs inner-city track club. It's family. The only cost is \$15 dollars for a t-shirt and shorts. Roland was the first in his family to go to college. He earned his degree and put his hand on the business plow, looking forward to working his way up the corporate ladder. But his heart had other ideas. Track had changed his life. He took a teaching job at a local high school and started the Cheetah's track club. Standing among the rapt young runners he can slip easily from street lingo to coach talk. To follow him around at a track meet is to be awash in his boundless optimism. "None of these kids have to be what their circumstance tells them they

have to be," he says. And indeed, as the years have gone by, he's watched former awkward striders become doctors and lawyers, coaches and clergy. Roland preaches from his stadium seat pulpit: "A third place earns points. A sixth place pushes teammates ahead of you. "Any effort is better than no effort."

A good road trip can strain any family. But for the Cheetahs, it only strengthens the bond. At Nationals in Chicago, teams from legacy programs in Atlanta, New Jersey, Los Angeles and New York stepped off shiny, chartered busses wearing matching travel gear accompanied by not only coaches and trainers, but also team pastors. The Cheetahs arrive in cramped family minivans, carrying groceries from home and packed ten kids per room. The volunteer coaches share a room with Roland and the few parents who could make the journey satirically named the Cheetahs "The team with the mismatched water bottles."

But on the first day of workouts before the meet begins, the optimism is at an all time high. Kids wander into the lobby for the free continental breakfast giddy and excited. Roland woke early and ate eggs and

bacon, then sits with the team. "My gut doesn't like sugar anymore," he says. Maybe because he is so full of sweet optimism he can't stomach the artificial glucose high.

This morning, like every morning starts with a team meeting: high doses of "you can do this!" and "this is going to be your best time all year!" Roland knows about the power of optimism. He nearly lost all of this to a pain killer addiction after his second knee surgery. He just couldn't kick it. He went into rehab, that lonely, isolated place where the only person who can save you is yourself. Plenty don't make it. But Roland did, by taking it one day at a time and telling himself over and over again "you can do this."

The Cheetahs win their share of medals at Nationals. More importantly, the mismatched water bottle club is by far the loudest group in the stadium. "You can do this!" they chant from the bleachers. And of course, they do.

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Catholic Churches

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St. Leo Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620-886-3397 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/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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



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





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

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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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Cunningham Public Library

4C Day Care smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



1931

October 23- Traffic will be routed over highway No. 54 from Staples Hill to Cairo today, following the completion of another four-mile stretch of the new surfacing east of Pratt. It will take about 10 days to complete the work from Cairo to the Kingman County line, according to Vernon Stockwell, state highway supervisor for this district.

During the time the work is in process, a detour will be used from Cairo. The route will be three miles south from Cairo, then east and back to the Cannon Ball at the Kingman-Pratt line. The west project was finished several weeks ago and has been in use. - Monday's Pratt Tribune.

1936

October 23-The Better Homes and Gardens Club met Friday afternoon with Bobby Doty and Mrs. Ruby Hoagland as hostesses at the home of the former. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Bonnie Patton was elected President, Mrs. Grace Benningfield, Vice-President, Mrs. Iona Shafer, Secretary, and Mrs. Ruby Hoagland news reporter. Mrs. Bonnie Patton was lesson leader. Mesdames Iona Shafer, Bernice Poland, Grace Benningfield, Carrie FitzSimmons, Bernice English, and Helen Scott, gave topics from the October magazine. The Hostesses served doughnuts, pineapple sandwiches, and coffee to the following: Iona Shafer, Grace Sellon, Grace Benningfield, Helen Scott, Bernice Poland, Bernice English, Bonnie Patton, Carrie FitzSimmons, Bobby Doty and Ruby Hoagland.

1941

October 24-Cunningham high school easily defeated Sharon high school last Friday afternoon on the local baseball diamond. The final score was 14 to 3. It was the high school's seventh straight win.

The locals made three runs in the first inning, two in the third, three in the fourth, five in the fifth and crossed the plate once in the sixth. Sharon scored two in the first and tallied once in the second inning.

Austin Luce and Joey Theis shared pitching duties for the locals and held Sharon to six hits.

1946

October 25-Wilbur Lueck, owner of the local Theatre, has improved his theatre a great deal this week by the installing of a new screen, which theatre goers will find a big improvement. The screen, daylight beaded, makes the picture much more distinct and brings out the natural coloring, which is especially important in a technicolor feature. In black and white productions patrons will find the pictures much more distinct and all eye strain will be eliminated.

A new computer gasoline pump was installed at the Patton Service Station last week to replace the old meter pump which had been in use for many years. The pump has all the new features of all up-to-date pumps, showing the amount of gas sold and the cost to the customer.

While the new pump is a fine addition to the service station, the old pump will be missed by all near-by business concerns for its noisy clang-clang always told when the station had a customer and it was an easy matter to keep up with the doings of the two Patton brothers.

1951

October 26- The southwest edge of the Dresden Oil Pool may have been reached with the disclosure of the news that the No. 6 Bick, in the sw sw 14-27-10w, is a dry hole in the Viola lime at a depth of 4,268 feet. This test is only about a quarter of a mile southwest of the No. 4 Bick, a 6,400 barrel well.

The No. 5 Cannon is drilling at a depth of 3,100 feet-the only activity in the Dresden Oil Pool this week. The No. 5 Cannon is one location west of the No. 4 Cannon, which was drilled in last week, when oil rose 1,800 feet in the hole. The no. 4 Cannon is located in the nw sw ne 14-27-10w.

The Ninescah 4-H Club visited the Ninescah Valley 4-H Club's Family Fun Night, held Friday evening in the I.O.O.F. Lodge Hall. The two Clubs enjoyed folk games and square dances. The Hall was festively decorated in the Halloween motif, with black and orange streamers, feed shocks, and pumpkins.

Refreshments of home-made cookies and cocoa were served to forty-one members, guests, and leaders.—Anna Smith, Reporter.

1956

October 25- The Twentieth Century Club met at the home of Mrs. Laverna Bradley, Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Warren Fouse assisting.

Vice-President Mrs. Bill Bradley presided at the meeting in the absence of President Mrs. S. T. Kincheloe.

Seventh District Convention reports were given by the delegates, Mesdames John Kaster, Guy Remy, and Ferd Burnett, and other attending members. Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Seventh District Welfare Chairman, presented her convention speech to the group.

Mrs. Kaster was in charge of the program on the subject, "Political Intelligence," and presented a sample ballot of the forth-coming General Election. An open forum concluded the program.

Arrangements of fall garden flowers and the Halloween motif were used in decorations, and the hostesses served a delicious salad course to the following members, Mrs. John Kaster, Mrs. Guy Remy, Mrs. Gardner Winters, Mrs. Arnold Heeke, Mrs. Edwin Krug, Mrs. Charles Boen, Mrs. Ferd Burnett, Mrs. Bedford Taylor, Mrs. Lon Hoagland, and Mrs. Bill Bradley, and a guest, Mrs. Jessie Nossaman.

The Kay and Kayette Club members with their sponsors, Warren Fouse and Mrs. Will Seacat, attended a Youth Conference at Kinsley, Monday and Tuesday. Representatives of the local clubs attending were Sondra Dunn, Virginia McClellan, Pat Becker, Billy Schnitker, Larry Shaffer, Bobby Zrubek, Keith Welch, Jerry Hazlett, and Tony Hartle.

Hauser's Market

- Frozen Orange Juice 2 Cans 35¢
- Frozen Ocean Perch Pound 39¢
- Birdseye Frozen Meat Pies 4 for 89¢
- Zestee Apple Butter 24 Ounce Jar 20¢
- Shurfine Grape Jam 24 Ounce Jar 35¢
- Shurfine Marshmallows 10 Ounce Cello Bag 17¢
- Hills Bros. Coffee Pound 98¢

1961

October 26- A fighting Cunningham football team came from a 27-25 deficit with two fourth quarter touchdowns to knock Fairfield North from the undefeated ranks in Ninescah League play at Cunningham's annual homecoming football game here last Friday evening. The final score was 38 to 27, and vaulted Cunningham into a first place tie with Fairfield North and Alden in the Ninescah League.

Cunningham took a 6-0 lead on the game's first scrimmage play, when Eugene Huston raced 47 yards for a touchdown. The lead had a short life, however, as Fairfield North came back to score two touchdowns, both by Richard Slifer on runs of 21 and 14 yards, to take a 14-6 lead with points-after-touchdowns being scored by Slifer and Gary Rinehart. Cunningham came scrambling back with another touchdown by Huston and the point-after by Bob Leiter as the first quarter ended with Fairfield North on top, 14 to 13.

Slifer scored again for Fairfield North on a 20-yard run in the second period, but Cunningham kept pace with Huston's 7-yard run, and the half ended with Fairfield North holding a thin one point lead 20-19.

Fairfield North scored their fourth and final touchdown in the opening minutes of the third quarter on a 34 yard forward pass and lateral play from Slifer to Rinehart to Jerry Taylor, and Slifer made the point-after to put Fairfield North up 27 to 19. Cunningham again rose to the occasion with Huston scoring on a 2 yard plunge to bring Cunningham to 25 points against Fairfield North's 27 as the Wildcats failed to pick up the point-after, and the third quarter ended.

Cunningham's fighting wildcats roared to life again in the fourth quarter and got their "go-ahead" touchdown when Roger Krug ripped over from three yards out, but Cunningham again couldn't make the point-after, and led by four points, 31 to 27.

This situation set the stage for what were the five most exciting sequence of plays Cunningham fans will ever see in a football game. Fairfield North came

ground-grinding down the field, reaching the Cunningham seven yard line with first down and goal to go. The Cunningham forward wall, and to name its stalwarts, Robert Leiter, Norman Ellis, Jerry Strickland, David Amick, Lynn Fitzsimmons, and Kenneth Spade, rose up like a brick wall and held Fairfield North on downs on the one-foot line. Cunningham took possession of the ball, and were penalized half the distance to the goal-line for an illegal motion. On the next play from the six-inch line, Quarterback Bob Meyers handed off to Huston who smashed over right guard and raced 79 yards, two feet, and six inches for Cunningham's final touchdown.

1966

October 27-The Cunningham Wildcats will play their annual homecoming football game here tomorrow night against Partridge.

The crowning of the homecoming football queen will be held at half-time of the game. The candidates for queen are Donna Lacy, Virginia Ellis, and Shirley Park.

A dance for the high school students, alumni, and friends will be held in the high school gym following the game.

The Christian Women's Fellowship met in the home of Mrs. Wesley Hendricks last Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Ray McIlvain as co-hostess.

President Mrs. Merle Cunningham called the meeting to order, followed with prayer by Mrs. Ruth Cooley, and the secretary and treasurer reports by Mrs. John Vermillion. Plans were made for the soup supper at the church, October 29, and the members were invited to be guests of the Turon Christian Women's Fellowship in Turon, November 9.

Mrs. Milton Brooks gave the devotions, and Mrs. McIlvain, presented the lesson. Both used the subject, "Danger and Leisure Ahead."

At a meeting of the West Kingman County Teachers Association, two weeks ago, Unified District No. 332 Supt. of Schools Milton Brooks was nominated to be a candidate to the Board of Directors of the Kansas State Teachers Association from this area.

The local association selected a committee with representation from all seven schools in the unified district, chaired by Wilbur Dunkelberger of Zenda Grade School, to promote Mr. Brook's campaign at the election held during teachers meetings, November 3 and 4.

Officers of the local teachers association are Fred Garten, Zenda Grade School, President; James Stucky, Cunningham High School, President-elect; Sister Mary Rose, St. Leo Grade School, Secretary, and Charles Bales, Nashville Grade School, Treasurer.

1971

October 21- The West Kingman County Teachers Association met in the Nashville-Zenda High School Library last Thursday evening.

President Ken Klufa presided over the business meeting, and made various announcements concerning future school meetings.

The WKCTA Players, an impromptu dramatic group, presented an amusing playlet entitled, "Now Children, About Our Raises." Those taking part were Don Shorock, Don Schnitker, Lee Allen, Judy Stevens, and Arlene Bradley.

The Zenda teachers served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

The Homemakers EHU met at the home of Mrs. Loren Cooley last Wednesday afternoon.

President Mrs. Albert McGovney opened the meeting, and 10 members answered roll call by showing their baby picture.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are Mrs. Melvin Oller, President; Mrs. Harol Baker, Vice-President; Mrs. Orville Shelman, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Irene Schnitker, Public Relations Chairman.

Several members attended craft Day at Lake Ninescah, Friday, Oct. 15.

The meeting closed with the hostess, Mrs. Cooley, serving delicious refreshments of gingerbread topped with ice cream.

The next meeting will be "Craft Day," and will be held in the undercroft of the Cunningham United Methodist Church, with a covered dish luncheon at noon. — Mrs. Irene Schnitker, Public Relations Chairman.

Museum Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Highlights from CJH vs. Skyline



Stephen Kerschen



Blake Swope



Dylan Halderson



Stephen Kerschen and Lane Halderson



Lane Green and Kollin Fischer

Molly Morgan Photos



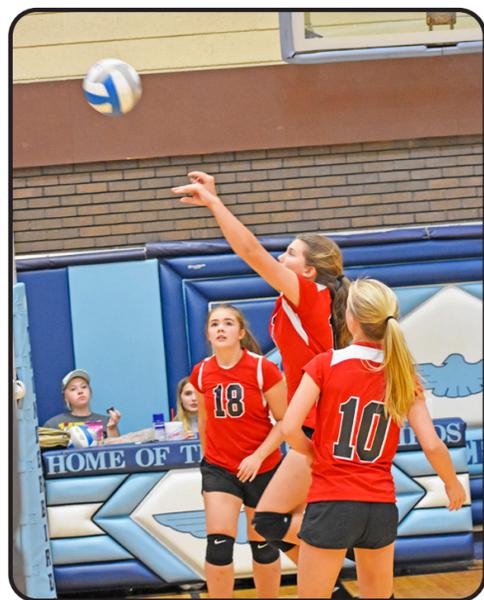
Volleyball Action from Skyline



Emily Ogg



Kyra Morgan



Grace Hageman

Kingman County Wrestling Club

Kingman-- A new youth wrestling club is starting its first season in Kingman County. The Kingman County Wrestling Club will begin practice on November 1, 2021. The club is chartered through USA Wrestling, and all Kingman County children aged five to eight are invited to participate. Practices are scheduled for every Monday and Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Kingman Armory and competition schedules are to be announced. The club organizers are currently collecting information from interested parents and will be sending out official registration information at a later date. For more information, contact kingmancountywrestlingclub@gmail.com.



Liam McGuire, Katie Ogg, and Bryer Barber enjoy a little pick-me-up basketball game on beautiful fall evening.

The 13 Scariest Places to Scream This Halloween

(StatePoint) There is a new phenomenon happening, where scream seekers travel the country trying to locate the scariest attraction.

To plan your annual road trip, visit Hauntworld.com, the world's biggest directory of haunted attractions featuring over 4,000 listings. The site has been publishing its Top 13 Scariest Haunted Houses list for nearly two decades.

According to Hauntworld, haunted attractions have drastically changed over the last five years, with escape rooms, outdoor scream zones, horror arcades, scary photo opps, haunted midways, axe throwing, pumpkin festivals, hayrides and more.

So, which attractions give thrill-seekers the most scream for their money? This year's list includes everything from theme park attractions taking fear to another level, to locally-owned and operated haunted attractions. So carve your jack-o-lantern, decorate your yard with skeletons and ghosts,

and pack your bags, because Hauntworld is taking you on the scariest road trip across Haunted America with the top 13 scariest, best, biggest and best places to scream this Halloween season!

1. 13th Gate, Baton Rouge, La. 13th Gate includes amazing set design, animations and character actors who bring scenes to life. One of the largest indoor haunts nationwide at over 60,000 square feet, it features everything from Hollywood-level sets to live snakes!

2. Headless Horseman Hayride, Ulster Park, NY. Headless Horseman is a massive scream park with the country's best haunted hayride, haunted houses and unique gift stores.

3. Haunted Overload, Lee, N.H. Haunted Overload is probably the single most creative Halloween experience nationwide, with massive one-of-a-kind creations. Your trip through the forest will never be the same.

4. Field of Screams, Mountville, Pa. Field of Screams is an intense haunted attraction with an all-volunteer dedicated staff of actors, a massive hayride, haunted houses and a giant

haunted midway.

5. The Darkness, St. Louis, Mo. Some rank The Darkness the best haunted house in America due to its amazing set design and the industry's largest collection of monsters, animations and special effects, along with a huge gift store.

6. Pennhurst Asylum, Spring City, Pa. One of the most notorious abandoned asylums has been transformed into one of the scariest haunted experiences in America. If there's such a thing as real fear, Pennhurst Asylum has it!

7. Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights, Orlando, Fla. Probably one of the most famous haunted events in America, Universal Orlando shows all other theme parks how to do fright right, featuring haunted houses, rides and more.

8. Hellsgate, Lockport, Ill. Created by the Zombie Army near Chicago, this haunted house features amazing detail and a cast of monsters second to none. Hellsgate is a throwback haunted house to when haunts were scary.

9. Knott's Scary Farm, Los Angeles, Calif. The longest-running theme park

haunted event is bigger and better than ever. Knott's Scary Farm's highlight is "The Hanging," a show where they mock a celebrity.

10. Bennett's Curse, Baltimore, Md. Bennett's Curse features some of the biggest collections of monsters, animations and high-end costumes and masks. Prepare to take a trip to the underworld!

11. The Dent Schoolhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio. Your worst nightmare is going back to high school where your long lost teachers are back to torture from the other side. Dent Schoolhouse will leave you scarred for life.

12. Disney Haunted Mansion, California and Orlando. You can't visit Disney without a trip to the Haunted Mansion, the original haunted house and still as spooky as ever, with ghosts at every turn.

13. Spookywoods, Archdale, N.C. Spookywoods is more than just a haunted scream park. With ziplines, trains, tram tours and much more, it's Halloween fun by day and fear by night.

This year's Cunningham Wildcats were toddlers who don't remember the high stakes and double overtime loss that dampened the Wildcats last trip to Moscow in 2008 for the first round of 8-man playoffs, but their coach and the more mature Wildcat faithful sure do. Nerves were on edge for the 5-0 Wildcats on Friday, October 8, as we found ourselves in Moscow for the first time in 13 years. We were short handed for the first time all season, suiting up 9 of our 13, facing last year's 6-man runner-up and this year's 3-seed from the South.

We won the toss and then did something uncharacteristic; committed a turnover the first series followed by another turnover in the second series. Two things happened in that first quarter that made the difference in the game. First, our defense rallied on a short field after both turnovers to stop the home team from scoring. This is not easy to do in 6 man with a wide open field and fewer players to cover it. Second, giving the ball away twice made us mad. We were visibly angry and took it out on Moscow. The Cats scored on the next six out of seven series, while at the same time the

Wildcats Return to Moscow for a Win

defense smothered the home team by not allowing a score and forcing multiple turnovers.

On the third offensive series Luke and Dagim combined for 5 rushing plays in a row that were 5 yards or greater. Blockers were moving defenders completely off the ball. On play six of the drive Luke completed a pass to Isaiah for 51 yards and a score. Dagim knocked in two points with the kick and the Cats were finally on the board with a minute 53 left in the 1st quarter. The quarter ended 8 to 0.

The Cats had stopped Moscow on a three and out at the end of the quar-

ter and started the 2nd quarter with the ball. It took only two plays for Luke to hook up with Isaiah a second time for 42 yards and a score. Dagim went two for two with 2 more points on the kick. The boys found a groove.

On defense it took 3 plays to collect their first turnover. Jack Ruckle recovered a fumble in enemy territory on a hustle play that almost resulted in a touchdown. Dagim tallied a 9 yard rushing touchdown and the two point kick to stretch the lead to 24-0. Lucas Hageman collected the next fumble again on Moscow's side of the for-

ty yard line. The Wildcats took 3 plays to score on this drive. Luke passed a 23 yard touchdown to Trey DeWeese. After Dagim kicked the extra points play the Cats had run the lead to 32-0. Carlos Hurtado collected the 3rd fumble of the night deep on Moscow's side after the home team had only two plays in their series. It took the Wildcats only 3 plays to score on this drive on a 2 yard run by Luke. Dagim piled on another two points on his 5th extra point in a row. Cats up by 40. The defense held them on downs but had to punt which ended their chance to score 6 straight

series. The defense then snagged their 4th turnover of the night when Dagim picked off a Moscow pass. Lucas Hageman scored the last points of the game on a 7 yard run. Overall, the offense put a bunch of points on the board in just a little over a quarter, but it was our defense and special teams that shined. Holding the opposing team to 0 points, collecting 4 turnovers, going 5 for 5 kicks, getting 5 touchbacks on kickoffs, and instilling their will on their opponents. The Wildcats dug deep for a big win.

by Coach Lance McGuire

Cross Country Place All League



ALL LEAGUE cross country runners Ada Adams and Will Wegerer!!!! Ada placed 7th in our league and 12th in the combined leagues for a double award winner (25:49). Will Wegerer placed 7th in our league and 14th in the combined leagues to also be a double award winner!!! (19:53) My heart is full of pride for these two. They have worked so hard all year and it has definitely paid off. Way to go Wildcats! I am so proud of you!!

by Coach Ingrid Ricke



Wildcats Lose One; Win One

On Tuesday we traveled to Stafford to play in our last tri of the season. We faced Pretty Prairie and Stafford. Our first match was against the Bulldogs. We have faced them once in the previous season and it was a challenge for us. This time around we competed and battled back and forth in both sets in the beginning. After a couple of missed serves, the Bulldogs pulled out in front and stayed that way. The first set was 10-25 and second was 15-25.

Our final game of the night was against Stafford. We had competed against them in our home opener in August. We seemed to do better at every aspect of the game against Stafford. Our serves were great, we had some great kills, and some great digs. We played great as a team and fought until the very end. We won in 2. 25-22 and 25-10. Saturday the 16th, we travel to Attica to compete in the HOPL Tournament.

Coach Ariel Haskin

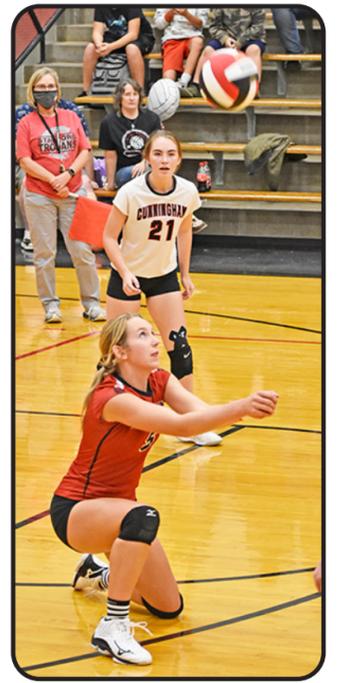


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Ashlynn Miracle



Ashlynn Miracle, Hannah Ellis, Maranda Lohrke



Hannah Ellis

Photos From the League Tournament at Attica



Hannah Ellis



Mattie Jump



Ellie McGuire

"They were all on the volleyball team together and tall and fit as colts and when they went for runs it was what the track team might have looked like in terrorist heaven."

— Junot Diaz, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*



"If volleyball was easy, they would call it football."

— Sydney Sierra

Kingman County Commission Minutes for October 4, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on October 4th, 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; Larry Landwehr; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Trisha Rowe, Office Assistant; 4-H Ambassador Jayden Belt and 4-H Ambassador Lanie Wood.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Sheriff Hill and 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 with discussion of the steps. 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.

No comments. Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss that he received a request from a County for a copy of the windfarm agreements.

Commissioners and County Counselor agreed that it was okay to give that information to the County requesting it as it is an open record.

Mr. Goetz reviewed the solar power regulations with the County Commissioners and let them know that he will let the Company know that they should come in and talk to the Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

Peter Clouse for a machine shed in Section 16, Township 29, Range 08W.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 27th, 2021 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 27th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 8:50 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluations pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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The County Commissioners returned to the regular board meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to request an NRP project extension for Mike & Marsha Strothman.

Commissioners asked if it was the first request for an extension and Ms. Stucky said that it was.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to extend the NRP for Mike and Marsha Strothman. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with a maintenance agreement quotes for Accurate Controls, Inc.

Bronze- \$13694.60 1-yr agreement
Silver - \$21,821.67 1-yr agreement
Gold- \$28903.67 1-yr agreement

Sheriff Hill would like to approve the Bronze agreement for one year as the system is starting its second year and should not need much maintenance in the amount of \$13694.60.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Bronze plan for Accurate Controls, Inc. maintenance agreement in the amount of \$13694.60 for 1-yr. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the radios that Sheriff Hill presented a couple of weeks ago to possibly purchase with ARPA funds.

Sheriff Hill asked the Commissioners to stop by and he would show them the radios.

Chairman Henning opened the bids received for the following equipment:

County Clerk submitted the 2021 County Assessed Valuation for Kingman County which is \$106,667,827.00.

Commissioners discussed the front steps of the courthouse and what the condition of the steps were underneath the rock coating that was removed.

Kallie Turner, Kingman Extension Agent presented the new office assistant to the County Commissioners.

They have hired Trisha Rowe for the position.

4-H Ambassadors Jayden Belt and Lanie Wood presented the proclamation for 4-H week to be signed by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to make this week National 4-H Week in Kingman County. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

AT & T-repair cable on the north side of Section 14, Township 28, Range 5 (Vinita).

South Central Wireless-road crossing fiber optic cable-between Section 33, Township 28, Range 10 (Rural) and Section 4, Township 29, Range 10 (Kingman).

Mr. Arensdorf presented the engineering agreement for FAS 11 & 12 bridges for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the construction engineering with Kirkham Michael in the amount of 20% of the upper compensation of \$384,009.91. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf presented the engineering agreement for FAS 13 bridge for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the contract for engineering services with Kirkham Michael for FAS Bridge #13 in the amount of \$195,389.30. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know some damages that were done last week.

Commissioners discussed the KDOT zoom meeting.

Commissioners moved the meeting to outside so they could review the front steps after Mark Schnittker had removed the rock coating.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:38 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting were not available at time of publication.

Public Notice

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

BLB OIL LLC., a Florida limited liability company;

BRENDA B. REDFERN, as trustee of THE BRENDA B. REDFERN LIVING TRUST dated September 14, 2006;

KIM L. CURRY, as trustee of THE KIM L. CURRY REVOCABLE TRUST dated August 1, 2018

Plaintiffs,

v.

BAYSHORE ENERGY KS LLC; JEWELL DARLENE KLINE; JAN LEE STEWART, deceased; LISA M. MCCORMICK; JENNIFER L. PEARSON; KENTON S. STEWART REVOCABLE TRUST dated January 23, 1995

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of

THE PAUL K. BOYER TRUST; CIT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;

WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;

and

The unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of persons alleged to be deceased; unknown spouses of any defendant; unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of a defendant that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation; unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of a defendant that is or was in partnership; and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of a defendant that is a minor or is under any legal disability,

Defendants.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60 Case No. 2021-CV-000017

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SUIT

To Bayshore Energy KS LLC,

Jewell Darlene Kline, Jan Lee Stewart (deceased), Lisa M. McCormick, Jennifer L. Pearson, Kenton S. Stewart Revocable Trust dated January 23, 1995, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as successor by merger to the Valley National Bank of Arizona, trustee of The Paul K. Boyer Trust, CIT Bank, National Association, individually and as successor by merger to Mutual of Omaha Bank, and Washington Federal Bank, National Association, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of above-captioned persons alleged to be deceased, unknown spouses of any above-captioned individual, unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditor or creditors and assigns of an above-named individual or entity that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporation, unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any above-named individual or entity that is or was in partnership, and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of an above-named individual that is a minor or is under any legal disability, and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, Civil Department, by BLB Oil, LLC, Brenda B. Redfern, as trustee of The Brenda B. Redfern Living Trust dated September 14, 2006, and Kim L. Curry, as trustee of The Kim L. Curry Revocable Trust dated August 1, 2018, praying for partition of the working interest in the following described oil and gas leases covering the following described land situated in Kingman and Harper Counties, Kansas:

a. "Banta A Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated August 17, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and Magnolia Petroleum Company, as lessee, recorded in Book 66, at page 329, insofar as it covers the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 30 South, 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

b. "Banta E Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated August 17, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and Magnolia Petroleum

Company, as lessee, recorded in Book 66, at page 329, insofar as it covers the North Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 30 South, 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas;

c. "Smith BA Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated January 1, 1953, between Ethel Starr, a widow, as lessor, and Everett A. Miller, as lessee, recorded in Book 33, at page 504, covering the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 31 South, Range 8 West, Harper County, Kansas (hereafter referred to as the "Smith BA Lease");

d. "Banta C Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated January 5, 1953, between L. D. Banta, et ux., as lessors, and David Jackman, Jr., as lessee, recorded in Book 32, at page 333, insofar as it covers the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 8 West, Harper County, Kansas;

e. "Boyle N Lease": Oil and Gas Lease dated May 4, 1945, between J. C. Boyle et ux, as lessors, and Earl W. Strong, as lessee, covering the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, all in Township 30 South, Range 8 West, Kingman County, Kansas.

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before November 24, 2021, in the court at the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N. Spruce Street, Kingman, Kansas 67068. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS, LAING, EVANS, BROCK & KENNEDY, CHARTERED

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 17

Traffic / Check Tag 16000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic / Check Tag 2000 Blk W Hsy 54, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle 400 Blk N Main St, Zenda

Monday, October 18

Animal Complaint NW 50 St & NW 10 Ave, Cunningham
Animal Complaint SW 40 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Animal Complaint S Main & W Stanley Ave, Spivey
Suspicious Person NW 110 Ave & NW 50 St, Cunningham
Traffic / Motorist Assist 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint S Main & W Stanley Ave, Spivey

Tuesday, October 12

Traffic Complaint SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Accident / Non-Injury 5000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman

Wednesday, October 13

Traffic Complaint 200 N Main St, Spivey
Traffic Complaint 2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint 1700 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago
Suspicious Person 13000 Blk SE 40 Ave, Rago
Suspicious Person 14000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

Thursday, October 14

Traffic Stop 3
Animal Complaint 700 Blk N Main, Kingman

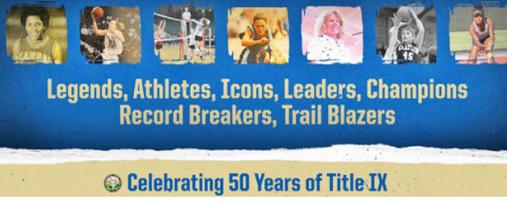
Friday, October 15

Traffic Stop 2
Agency Assist 300 Blk N Main, Kingman
Agency Assist 200 Blk E E, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle 1500 Blk SW 20 St, Kingman

Saturday, October 16

Traffic Stop 1
Accident / Non-Injury NW 20 St & NW 170 Ave, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Women in Activities



St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Dynasty
Celebrating 50 years of Title IX
2017 St. Thomas Aquinas Golf Team

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park has won more than 100 state championships in its history. But there had to be a first. The Aquinas girls golf team claimed a championship in 1992 and has continued to set the pace at the school.

When Aquinas opened in 1988, 15 years of Title IX compliance had fostered robust competition in girls sports across Kansas. Girls golf, however, was one sport that was taking a little while to get going statewide. The Saints joined the field and quickly became competitive. After a few years to develop, the program started grabbing up state championships.

Since 1992, Aquinas has claimed 13 state titles, three second-place finishes and eight third-place finishes. Eight times, an Aquinas player has taken

home the gold medal. In the last 29 years, 24 have medaled at state.

For nearly a quarter of a century, coach Ryan Best has guided the dynasty. But he inherited a program that in very short order had already become a powerhouse. There were several coaches who helped it reach that point. In fact, in a six-year span, Aquinas took three state championships with three different head coaches prior to Best taking over.

"I don't claim to have built anything," Best said. "There was obviously a successful program already established when I got here."

"The girls in the program that I took over had already won a state championship, and they wanted to do it again. Confidence breeds confidence. When you've done something before, it almost becomes an expectation. My job was to try to build upon that success, with some of my own experience to bring in."

The program really hit its stride in 2007 when it ran off a string of six straight titles.



Aquinas coach Ryan Best with Baile Winslow (left) and Jordan Chael (right) - part of team champs in 2010-2011 helping capture the 5th and 6th straight state titles - Winslow won state individual in 2011. Chael won first in 2012. Baile played collegiate golf at Northern Colorado and Jordan started at Nebraska and finished at Kentucky.

Perhaps it's no coincidence that the girls golf team was the one to claim the 100th championship in Aquinas' history, in 2017.

"We started looking at the history of the school and realized that the 100th was coming up," Best recalled. "The school kind of made it a big deal. My team knew that, and they really wanted to be the ones to get it. They were really driven by that, particularly my seniors. Winning the 100th made us spend some time looking back at the history, and that really brought to light the success of the girls golf program."

The best golfer in the history of the Saints program, Gianna Misenhelter, ran off a string of three champion-

ships from 2007 to 2009. She remains the only Aquinas golfer to win multiple individual titles. She went on to play at Kansas State University and competed professionally. She said she's proud to look back on her role in the Aquinas program, and what the experience did for her.

"It's been so special to be part of that legacy," Misenhelter said. "Coach Best was able to create a great environment in which we all cheered each other on, we learned from each other, we drove each other, we wanted the best for each other. He was able to foster that for us."

Misenhelter and Best agreed that participation in golf, perhaps more than other sports, is very beneficial to high school

girls.

"Every sport has those life lessons in them. But I think the psychology of the game really mirrors life in so many ways," Best said. "Golf teaches things like honesty, having character, hard work and dealing with frustration."

"It's kind of weird, because golf is an individual sport at its essence, but there is such a social aspect to the sport. I love that golf can teach them some social skills and life lessons, particularly dealing with friendships."

"Golf gives you a lot of opportunity to talk between holes or while you're waiting on the green or whatever, to make really deep, lasting friendships," Misenhelter added. "You can really create some bonds that will last. I'm still friends with all the girls who were on the Aquinas team with me."

Best said that the most successful golfers are those who appear calm and able to stick to a plan despite pressure and frustration. Coping skills learned through golf can be life-changing, he said.

"There's the issues of nervousness and anxiety. That's a hot topic out there right now - stress and anxiety and depression," Best said. "Golf teaches how to deal with situations that are not fun or easy. And you can have relationships in

your sport that help you with your nerves and with your performance."

Golf gave Misenhelter (now Augustine) a lot, and she's trying to pass those benefits on. She is a teaching pro in Kansas City, working primarily with children.

"Golf is a hard sport. It takes a tremendous amount of perseverance and hard work," Misenhelter said. "It really translates so well to being a business owner. I know what hard work is from golf. There are a lot of times in golf where you get frustrated or maybe feel like giving up, but the competitive spirit makes you keep going."

"Golf takes a lot of hard work. But you can do anything you want to, and there are people out there who want to help you do it."



Gianna Misenhelter was a three-time state champ.

Kansas Profile:
Danny Scott and Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation

Danny Scott, Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation

Posted on September 22, 2021 by Pat Melgares

"Betterment: The act or process of improving something."

This definition certainly applies to the work of a group of volunteers who are helping to improve their rural southeast Kansas community.

Danny Scott is with the Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation. He told of how Caney has made progress, thanks to the Kansas PRIDE Program, First Impressions, Rural Grocery Initiative, the City of Caney and members of the community.



Danny and his wife Norma have rural roots. They grew up in Chautauqua County near the rural community of Niotaze, population 82 people. Now, that's rural.

Danny and Norma were in 4-H together and went to K-State before getting married. He started working at the bank in Caney during the summers and joined the bank full-time after earning his ag economics degree. He then worked for a computer network company in Coffeyville

before coming back to Caney's Community National Bank & Trust, from which he retired in 2019. He had become quite concerned about the community's trajectory.

"Caney was running downhill," Danny said. Downtown businesses were boarded up, the grocery store had closed, the town's old swimming pool was leaking, and the chamber of commerce closed down. "It was discouraging," Danny said.

In 2015, the city hired Fred Gress as city admin-

istrator and he started working immediately on infrastructure.

In 2017, Danny and others got with the K-State Research and Extension local director to see what could be done to help. They formed the Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation, which joined the Kansas PRIDE program.

The group set out to conduct fundraisers to support diverse community improvements. One was for the swimming pool, another was to raise funds for a police drug dog, and another was for new Christmas lights downtown. "For every fundraiser we've had, it's been different people that have stepped up," Danny said. "Alumni and other people from out of town are donating too."

These investments began to make a difference. A drug dog was purchased. A new swimming pool was built. Then there was the long-term question of grocery service in the town.

"Our grocery store had closed more than 10 years ago," Danny said. "We tried all different alternatives but none of them worked." Gress knew of an example where the grocery store was municipally-owned and they finally decided to try it.

The city bought the former grocery store building and a bank loan helped finance the operation. Caney Market opened in March 2021 with help from a marketing analysis study provided by K-State's Rural Grocery Initiative. "They've been wonderful," Danny said.

"Kansas PRIDE has helped us a lot," Danny said. "They helped us participate in the First Impressions program and hosted a grant-writing class provided by K-State Research and Extension. We're very appreciative of the PRIDE program."

Danny also credits Gress. "He took the lead on several of these projects. Without him, many of these things wouldn't have happened. Hiring a good city administrator is worth the investment."

Last spring, Caney hosted a May Fest event at which more than a thousand people attended. A couple of K-State grads initiated a downtown outdoor live country music concert series called 4th and Live featuring Nashville recording artists. The concert series has proven quite popular.

"We have had several news businesses move to downtown," Danny said. "We want to keep the positive momentum

going. People have been good to us and I owe it to the community to improve it so it will be good for the future."

For more information, search for Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation on Facebook.

Betterment is defined as the act or process of improving something. The community of Caney has benefitted from such improvement thanks to the work of committed volunteers such as Danny Scott and dedicated public servants such as Fred Gress.

We commend the Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation and all the donors and volunteers who are making a difference by investing their time and treasure. They are making their community a better place.

Posted in Community vitality Tagged Caney, Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation, Danny Scott, First Impressions, Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas PRIDE, Kansas State University, Niotaze, Norma Scott, Ron Wilson, Rural Grocery Initiative



See something "Fish-y"? Kingman County residents should call

620-532-5133 for Kingman County Sheriff's Office OR 1-800-kscrim OR 911 to report suspicious activity

"The simple truth is that you can understand a town. You can know and love and hate it. You can blame it, resent it, and nothing changes. In the end, you're just another part of it."

— Brenna Yovanoff

"Anyone who thinks small towns are friendlier than big cities lives in a big city."

— Richard Peck, A Year Down Yonder

Byron Walker Area 1 of 5 Public Land Hotspots in the Central Flyway for 2021

Among the public hunting opportunities found throughout the Central Flyway are those that bear the mark of Ducks Unlimited volunteers and fellow supporters of wetlands conservation. Give a tip of your hat to their work—and bag a few birds—by visiting the following five remarkable public hunting destinations this season.

Manitoba – Dr. Frank Baldwin Wildlife Management Area

Montana – Big Lake Wildlife Management Area

South Dakota – Odessa Lake Game Production Area

Nebraska – Doug Frey Wetlands Complex

Kansas – Byron Walker Wildlife Area
The South Fork of the Ninnescah River in south-central Kansas has the highest concentration of overwintering mallards in the state, and in the heart of this region is Byron Walker Wildlife Area, a 4,600-acre collection of diverse habitat types that benefit waterfowl, bobwhite quail, and other wildlife.

Named after its longtime manager and visionary, Byron Walker Wildlife Area is a popular destination for Kansas hunters. In recent years, DU has worked with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to expand the area's footprint, further renovate wet-



lands, add a public road access to the river, and otherwise improve the quality and quantity of hunting and recreational opportunities.

"We have 11 wetlands that are flooded

seasonally, access to just over a mile of the Ninnescah River, and several ponds that are open to hunting," says area manager Troy Smith. "In terms of species, you can see a wide variety of wa-

terfowl, from mallards, gadwalls, pintails, blue-winged teal, and American green-winged teal to just about every species of diving duck found in the Central Flyway." For more informa-

tion, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Locations/Wildlife-Areas/South-Central/Byron-Walker>.
(information from ducks.org)
(photo courtesy ksoutdoors.com)

KDWP Introduces Fully-online Option for Hunter Education Certification

PRATT – For the first time ever, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) is offering a fully-online Hunter Education course for prospective hunt-

ers aged 16 and older. Upon successful completion of the self-paced course, students will be issued a Kansas Hunter Education Certificate, allowing them to purchase hunting licenses and permits, and be eligible to hunt without the direct supervision of a licensed adult in Kansas.

Historically, KDWP has offered two delivery methods for Hunter Education certification: a traditional, 10-hour min-

imum in-person course, and an internet-assisted option that requires an in-person "field day." The newly-added, fully-online course – developed by the National Rifle Association (NRA) – is currently offered in 12 states and covers 14 subjects across four modules – Firearm Basics, Firearm Handling, Field Safety and Hunter Ethics.

"While researching online course options for our Kansas resident

hunters, our team was very critical of online delivery options. We wanted a course that was comprehensive, interactive, inclusive and free," said Aaron Austin, KDWP Education section chief. "The NRA Online Hunter Education course exceeded our expectations. The engaging online activities have the students applying what they learn in the course to real-life situations, giving them practical

knowledge they can use while hunting."

Kansas' full-online option will not replace traditional courses or internet-assisted courses; it is being offered in conjunction with previous course formats.

To access the fully-online Hunter Education course for Kansas, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/NRA-Online-Course>.

For more information on all things Kansas Hunter Education – in-

cluding information on upcoming traditional and internet-assisted opportunities – visit ksoutdoors.com/Services/Education/Hunter/Hunter-Ed-Courses.



Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, October 14, 2021 (3t)

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

BJORN HALDERSON, 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:

KOURTENAY ANN HOUSE-HOLTER, 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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION

TO ALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SPIVEY, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given by the Governing Body of the City of Spivey and the county election officer of Kingman County, Kansas, that there will be an election in the City of Spivey on the 2nd day of November, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of levying a city retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half percent (0.5%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Spivey, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Spivey in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto. If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax will take effect on the 1st day of April, 2022. Said tax shall be col-

lected by the state department of revenue, and the revenue therefrom returned to the City of Spivey.

Notice is further given that the polls will be opened for voting between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date at the following places: Zenda Community Center.

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half percent (0.5%) be levied in the City of Spivey, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Spivey, to take effect on April 1, 2022?

Yes
 No

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
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:

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

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Kingman County Election Officer

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
ALOAH C. EHRHEART, Deceased.
Case No. 2021 PR 29
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on September 28, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Karen Periera, the Executrix named in the "First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Aloah C. Ehrheart," deceased, dated May 6, 2021, praying the will and First Codicil filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executrix, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 26, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
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Geneva Theis

Geneva Mae Theis, 84, died Oct. 16, 2021 at Cunningham.

She was born Aug. 24, 1937, in rural Cunningham the daughter of Leo and Josephine Wegerer Albers. A lifetime resident of the St. Leo and Cunningham communities, she was a former election clerk, was a seasonal employee for the Kansas Wildlife and Parks, and was the church organist for the St. Leo Catholic Church for more than thirty-five years.

Geneva was a member of the St. Leo Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

On Oct. 17, 1955, she married Paul Theis at St. Leo; they were married 66 years. Other survivors include their children and their spouses, Deb (Dean) Simon, Donna Theis (Steve Simon), Roger L. (Laurie) Theis and Alan (Jana) Theis; brother Ron Albers; sister Margie Sterneker; seven grandchildren, Scott (Stephanie) Simon, Kelley (Sarah) Simon, Doug (Ritchey) Simon, Annie (Jeremy) Machain, Laurie Theis, Shea (Ryan) Lunt, and Brooke (Wojciech) Borysiewicz; and ten great-grandchildren, Shay Simon, Scarlett Simon, Lane Simon, Juniper Lunt, Kinsley Machain, Lena Borysiewicz, Eric Simon, Clementine Lunt, Lucas Simon and Garnet Borysiewicz.

In addition to her sister and brother, she is survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Oliva Hampel, Bill and Lois Theis, Jack and Serita Theis, Ray Theis and Sylvester Hageman.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday at the St. Leo Catholic Church followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Friends may call at the Livingston Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in the St. Leo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Leo Catholic Church or Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Cunningham both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Delbert Kessler

Delbert Eugene Kessler, 75, passed away Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Hutchinson Regional Healthcare. He was born September 12, 1946 in Pratt, KS to Admiral Dewey and Ruth (Pinkston) Kessler. He married Nici Ann Snyder on June 4, 1966 at Coats, KS, she survives.

Delbert served and retired in the Army National Guard in Hutchinson, KS for 25 years. He was a member of the Iuka United Methodist Church in Iuka, KS.

He is survived by his wife, Nici; daughter, Annette (Earl) Marquardt of Dwight, KS, sons, Delbert Eugene (Dona) Kessler II of Abbyville, KS, Gregory Scott Kessler of Pratt, Jason A. (Laura) Kessler of Montana, grandchildren, Kristina Akue of Omaha, NE, Thomas Ugene (Desirae) Kessler of Elk City, KS, Christopher James Kessler of Pratt, Jacob Kessler of Lane, KS, Shyanne Rocholle Kessler of Nickerson, KS, Travis Kessler of Abbyville, KS, Cody Alan Kessler, Miranda Jane Kessler, Ty Rope Kessler of Montana. Dylan Dwayne Akue, Breana Marie Akue, A'Riyal Rose Kessler of Omaha. Toby Eugene Kessler, Naomi Alyvia Kessler, Paislea Shea Kessler, Riggin Thomas Kessler, Jason James Kessler, Bentley Jay Kessler, Reyna Elizabeth Rochelle Kessler and Karson Eugene Kessler all of KS. A brother, Ronnie Kessler. Sisters Paulette (Steve) Kennedy of Mississippi and Patty and Teresa.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt from 9:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.. Funeral service will be Friday, October 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Iuka United Methodist Church with Pastor Louis Keeling presiding. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery, Iuka, KS.

Memorials may be made to Skyline Scholarship Fund, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation or Pratt County 4-H Foundation in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Marion Oller

Francis "Marion" Oller was born July 31, 1933 in his childhood home to Roy and Thelma Oller in Duquoin, KS. and died Oct. 19, 2021.

Marion married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Verna Maxine Cox on July 1, 1952. Together they had 4 children. He led his family in faith at the Kingman United Methodist Church where he and Verna embraced Christ for more than 50 years. Marion believed in always giving an honest day's work and he did so by making a living in farming, the oil fields, aircraft, and as a local Kingman business owner until he retired in 1999. Marion was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, football, tinkering, repairing and paying the light bill at the local coffee shops where he met his friends daily. Most of all, he enjoyed the years he spent following his grandchildren through sports.

Marion is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Thelma Oller, Son-In-Law Steve Riley, and brothers Leland "Brig" Oller, and Robert "Bob" Oller.

Marion is survived by his devoted wife of 69 years, Verna Oller, daughter Marilyn Riley, son David Oller and wife Gayle, daughter Patricia Zerger and husband Paul, and son Brad Oller and wife Linda. He is survived by grandchildren Jennifer Garcia and husband Homero, Jeremy Riley, Jamison O'Riley, Julie Riley, Dustin Oller and wife Marcea, Mindie Schrag and husband Ashley, Nicholas Zerger, Brianna Zerger, Kara Casad and husband Daniel, and Joshua Oller and wife Jessica. In addition, his life was blessed with the love of 20 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

There will be a viewing Friday, October 22, 2021 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman, Kansas. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10:00am at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Following the funeral service, Marion will be laid to rest in the Duquoin Cemetery in Duquoin, Kansas.

Memorials can be made in Marion's honor to the Kingman United Methodist Church and to Good Shepherd Hospice.



Pat Hogan

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Patrick Michael Hogan, 57, passed away Monday, September 20, 2021 at his home. He was born on January 4, 1964 in Topeka to Norman Hogan and Zona (Harris) Pogue.

Patrick was a graduate of Cunningham High School and worked as a janitor at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City.

He is survived by son, Christopher Hogan of Apopka, Florida.

Patrick is preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Billy Pogue; sister, Lane Kay Hogan; and step-sister, Donna Pogue.

Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in Maude Cemetery, Cunningham.

Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Betty Shay

Betty P. Shay, 94, died Oct. 13, 2021 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center.

She was born Jan. 20, 1927, in Kingman the daughter of Clarence and Pearl Robey Sinnett. A Kingman resident most of her life, she was a former telephone switchboard operator and daycare provider.

Betty was a member of the Kingman United Methodist Church and the O.E.S.

On Jan. 1, 1947, she married Gene Shay at Kingman; he died June 10, 2000. Survivors include a son Pat and his wife Judy; Jeremy Shay (Nancy), Sean Shay (Michelle), Jason Shay (Staci), Amanda (Shay)/Ryan Jett, Meagan (Shay)/Sam Clark; and numerous great and great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Mike and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society in care of the funeral home.

Diane Newlin

Diane Newlin, 83, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Stillwater Medical Center. She was born on April 4, 1938 in Pratt to Perry LeRoy and Virginia Louise (Leach) Fincham. Diane married Paul William Newlin on April 12, 1957 in Newkirk, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on October 13, 2009.



Diane graduated from Liberal High School in 1956. She attended Colorado Women's College and Wichita State University before going to Oklahoma State University. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater. She was a school volunteer and would go in and read to the children and an advocate for Association for Children with learning Disabilities. She enjoyed reading, needlework, spending time with her family, trying new hobbies, cooking, animals and farming/ranching as a hobby and helping with Miss Kansas Pageant.

She is survived by her children, Lisa (Darren) Vargas of Wellington, Stephen Newlin of Wellington, Brian (Lucy) Newlin of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Jason Newlin of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Jonathan Newlin of Stillwater, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Amanda (Chris) Fullerton, Abegail Enriquez, Samantha (Kai) Jonat, Sarah (Kyle) Smith, Danielle (Jessika) Vargas, Darren (Whitney) Vargas and Alyssa (Zlatko) Djurovic; and 25 grandchildren.

Diane is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul William Newlin; and daughter, Mary Elizabeth Newlin.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Reverend Leah R. Hracovec presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Class of 56 Memorial Scholarship Foundation SCCC/ATS Foundation or Perry Fincham Memorial in care of Larrison Mortuary.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you to our family, friends and community for all of the food, cards, calls and texts after the passing of our dad, papa and husband Leon Murphy.

*Aaron, Angela, Bryce and Lauren Murphy
Chris Murphy*

Kingman County Health Department Update

October 14, 2021 -- We have had several calls from many people asking about COVID-19 vaccine boosters.

The only people who do qualify for boosters are those who are 65 and older, people who live or work in areas where the risks of catching and transmitting COVID are high, and people with certain underlying health conditions who have received both of the PFIZER vaccinations over 6 months ago. If you have received both Moderna vaccines and are not severely immunocompromised (emphasis on "severely"), booster vaccinations are not approved for you yet.

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