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City Council Met in November and December

submitted by Dave Steffen

The Cunningham City Council ended 2018 with three special meetings in November and December.

The governing body met in special session at City Hall, 119 N. Main Street, at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14. The Council reviewed the Loan Agreement between the KDHE and the City regarding KPWSLF Project 2929 (Water Well No. 3), approving a motion to accept the loan agreement and authorizing Mayor Murphy to sign the agreement on the City's behalf. The Council approved Ordinance No. 665, authorizing the execution of the loan agreement for the purpose of financing a public water supply project. The ordinance was published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, November 22, 2018.

The Cunningham City Council met at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at City Hall, 119 N. Main. This special session was called due to the cancellation of the regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 26 due to the absence of the Clerk.

At this meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Elliott gave the fire department report, which included discussion of the ISO inspection the previous week. Also discussed were the department's plans for equipment upgrades, as well as repairs to the fire station. A list of fire runs & meetings was submitted by the clerk for Council consideration. The Council approved a motion authorizing payment to the volunteer fire fighters for the 2018 runs and meetings as listed in the amount of $3790.00.

The Council discussed options for Santa Fe Street and approved a motion to accept a proposal from T&R Excavating LLC to rip the existing street from Douglas to Elliott streets, grade road up to put crown in center, haul 200 ton sandy gravel to cap road, and finish grade the gravel surface.

An inspection of the City's brush and tree disposal site by KDHE resulted in no violations. The following week, the City Superintendent observed a large quantity of plastic trash bags containing yard debris in the burn pit, which would have been a violation of the site's permit had the plastic been present at the time of inspection. Mr. Strickland emptied the bags and disposed of the plastic in the city dumpster. Consensus of the Council was approval of making access to the site more restrictive by changing the padlock at the gate and authorizing Tim to control access to the key, monitor loads going to the burn site, and other measures he considers necessary to ensure the site's compliance with the KDHE permit.

The Council approved a motion to cancel the regular meeting set for December 31, 2018, and to schedule a special meeting in its place at 6:30 p.m., December 26, 2018 at City Hall.

At the December 26th meeting, the Council met at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Council approved a motion to renew the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Love's Country Store #695, 445 E. Leiter Ave.

Also approved were Mayor Murphy's reappointments of Jack Crick and Connie Panek to each serve a three-year term on the Cunningham City Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

A resident's concerns regarding drainage on east Third Street were discussed with City Superintendent.

Fire Chief Harold Stark gave the Fire Department report. The Fire Department has received a Stewart-Stevenson 6x6 military truck to convert into a fire truck. A copy of the agreement with Kansas Forestry Service was given to the City Attorney at the meeting. The truck itself will belong to the department after a two-year period. The truck must be repainted within six months and carried a couple of other stipulations. Plans are to put a 1,000 gallon water tank and other equipment on a skid secured to the bed of the truck. The department has a new hose reel and a pump obtained through a Kansas Forestry Service matching grant last year. Chief Stark estimated the total cost of converting the truck would amount to $10,000 to $15,000.

The Council approved a motion to accept the truck from Kansas Forestry Service. The Council approved another motion authorizing the Fire Chief to spend up to $15,000.00 to convert the truck for Fire Department use.

Water Well No. 3 – The project is in the hands of the engineer. After the final design is approved by KDHE, the City should be able to seek bids and drill the well.

The Council approved renewing the City's membership in the League of Kansas Municipalities for 2019.

Also approved was a motion for the City to donate $150.00 to Cunningham PRIDE for the annual Christmas Lighting Contest.

Members of the Council, the Mayor, and City Attorney met in executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing an employee evaluation.

The Council approved a motion authorizing a $0.25 per hour cost-of-living pay raise for David Steffen.

Maintenance – Tim Strickland gave the maintenance report. 1) Snow fence is in place north of Fourth Street near Valley and North of Fifth Street west of the school grounds. 2) A manhole was repaired during the grading of Santa Fe St.

Steffen reported that results from the December water tests came back A-OK.

The next regular meeting of the city planning commission will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019 at City Hall.

Steffen presented the financial report and reviewed the month's bills with the governing body. The Council approved the financial report, including transfers, and paid the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Brittany Early is Cunningham's New EMT

submitted by Monte Rose

Brittany Earley has passed all the state of Kansas exams to become an Emergency Medical Technician. She also completed all the requirements for national certification.

Cunningham Emergency Services, Inc. welcomes her to help provide first responder medical help to the Cunningham community and surrounding area. She will be joining Cunningham's other EMTs: Chris Huffman, Vicki Steffen, Holly Elliott, and Monte Rose, as a first responder.

Brittany Early is pictured in front of the EMT building.

Cunningham Emergency Services, Inc. (Cunningham Rescue) wants to thank the Cunningham Community for your continued support of our EMS group. If you have any emergency, do not hesitate to call 911; a couple of minutes may determine a different outcome.

The Courier wishes to extend congratulations to you; and thank you for your service, Brittany.

Courier photo

New Home Being Built

Tyler Thimesch has began construction of a new home at the site where the old Elmdale Motel was - 221 East 1st Street (old Highway 54).

Dan Frick, photographer

Have You Been to the Zenda Book Sale?

The Zenda Public Library Annual Book Sale is in progress until January 31st. We have books for children and adults (both fiction and nonfiction) available for a free will donation. Come browse the selection any time the library is open - Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m -11:00 a.m., Thursday 6 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. .

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturday, January 12, 2019
5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturday, January 12, 2019
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sunday, January 13, 2019
8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sunday, January 13, 2019
10:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201
620-770-9507

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Trinity
Medicine Lodge
Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa
Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Hilger
620-298-2090

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
Zenda
101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.
Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.
(3rd Sunday of each month breakfast fellowship at : 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist Women meet the 1st Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

January 10th 4:00 p.m.
JH BB at Attica

January 11th
HS BB vs. Pretty
Prairie at Home

January 12th
B-Team BB Tournament

Monday, January 14
HS BB at Stafford

January 14th
Women's Club

Thursday, January 17th,
JH BB at Fairfield

Saturday, January 19th
Boys 54 Classic Tournament
at Cunningham

Monday, January 21st
NO SCHOOL
in observance of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21st
Girls 54 Classic
Tournament
at Skyline

Tuesday, January 22nd
Boys 54 Classic Tournament
at Cunningham

Thursday, January 24th
Girls 54 Classic
at Skyline

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Museum Winter Hours

The museum will NOT have regular hours in the winter.

If you wish to tour the facility, please contact Donna Glenn at
620-388-5602

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1944 – The publication of the Clipper suspended for the duration of the war.

January 16, 1969 – Scott Whitmer, Kenneth Dirks, Sheryl Fisher, and Eddie McGuire, all of Nashville-Zenda High School, and Kandi Bradley of Cunningham High School, accompanied by Eddy Emerson, N-Z instrumental instructor, attended an instrument clinic at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Saturday.

Cunningham Masonic Lodge No. 427 is hosting a District Meeting in the Lodge Hall today (Thursday), under the supervision and instruction of Lee DeWeese of Cunningham, District Deputy Grand Master.

The district is comprised of Masonic Lodges from Norwich, Zenda, Spivey, Kingman, and Cunningham.

A 6:00 banquet will be served in the Christian Church undercroft by members of the Cunningham Eastern Star Chapter.

The Cunningham Wildcats won their fourth straight Golden Plains League game last Friday night at Hardtner, edging the Tornadoes, 57 to 55.

John McCune paced the Wildcat scoring with 22 points.

Over 200 persons, including several from Cunningham, attended a seven-county area meeting of the newly-created Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Organization in Kingman a week ago Tuesday evening.

The formation of the RC&D organization embracing seven counties in south central Kansas is the first such group to organize in Kansas but not in the nation. Purpose for the organization is to help small-urban rural areas develop their full potential in joining together in large multi-county groups, the strength of one segment strengthens the whole area and the problems of one area become the concern of all.

The RC&D movement got started in Harper County, with surrounding counties invited to join in. Kingman County was one of the last counties to join the group.

Committee members of the Kingman County segment will present a program of information at the next regular meeting of the Cunningham Lions Club, Monday evening, Jan. 20, at Mary's Hi-Way Café.

January 16, 1964 – The Kingman County School Planning Board will hold five meetings throughout the county during the next two weeks. These meetings are being held by the board in an attempt to give the people of Kingman County a little clearer picture of the state school unification law under which the board is operating, and on the individual school districts throughout the county. The board also expects to get information and opinions from those present at these meetings in regard to the desires of the people on the unification matter.

Members of the county planning board are Joe Strong of Nashville (chairman), Otis Koon of Norwich, Evan Thornhill of Cunningham, and Bill Klaver, Karl Koch, and Dr. George Wallace, all of Kingman.

Sixty-one of 91 high school students had perfect attendance records for the second six-weeks period of the current school year, with 41 students maintaining perfect attendance for full 12 weeks.

The high school basketeers scored their second straight win and third victory of the current season here last Friday night with a 75 to 41 romp over Arlington.

Four Cunningham players got into double figures in the Wildcat scoring attack, with Jim Cain leading the quartet with 18 points, Kenny Kerschen and Elmer Adelhardt each chipped in 14 points, and Gerald Schnittker came up with 12.

The Cunningham Fire Department made a run to the rear of Dan's Standard Service, Tuesday afternoon, where they extinguished a grass fire.

January 15, 1959 – Construction progress is, and will be booming in Cunningham during the next few months.

Construction has practically been completed on the West Café, located at the west city limits of town. Builder and owner, Roy Ellis has leased the air-conditioned building to Mrs. Elaine Archibald of Kingman. Mrs. Archibald expects to open the café before the end of January.

Melvin Oller has started construction of a building in the northeast part of town. A. J. Gillen is laying the rock at the building site.

A tentative location of the new co-op elevator in Cunningham was revealed this week by Santa Fe Agent Ted Hazlett.

The elevator proper (250,000 bushel capacity) will be located across the main track south and just west of the present Gano Grain Corp. elevator. Mr. Hazlett said the co-op elevator office and scales will be located across the main track south of the depot.

The Santa Fe will build a "loop" line from their main track to accommodate the new elevator facilities. Co-op officials have requested enough track for 18 cars, making the loop about three blocks long.

Delmer Huffman expects to start construction as soon as possible on the new Cunningham Post Office.

Cunningham was ousted from the Pretty Prairie Invitational Basketball Tournament, Wednesday evening, by the host team, 38 to 31.

Bill Ridge and Gary Raney paced the Cunningham scoring with nine points each. Center Bill Murphey missed the game due to a sprained ankle.

January 14, 1954 – The sudden and untimely passing of Miss Beverly Ann Amick, lovely twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Amick, comes as a great shock and grief to this community.

Miss Amick, a sophomore in the School of Journalism at Kansas State College at Manhattan, died Monday night at St. Mary's Hospital in Manhattan, as the result of injuries sustained in a car wreck occurring one mile east of Manhattan on U.S. Highway 24-40.

David Schnittker, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker of St. Leo, underwent a major operation, Monday evening, in the Pratt County

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Hospital, for the removal of an open safety pin from his stomach. He had swallowed the pin last Saturday, but it lodged in his stomach, and the operation was required for its removal. He is recovering very satisfactorily.

Mr. Alphons "Tuffy" Liebl and Mr. Harold Stark have the ownership and management of the K-T Service Station, and are operating it under the firm Liebl and Stark's K-T Service.

Darrel McNamar, who was a former employee of Raney's Trucking Service, assumed the management of the Standard Service Station at the east city limits, and is operating it under the name of McNamar's Standard Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stone and son of Wichita, are the new proprietors of the HiWay Café, and have assumed the operation of the eating place under the same name of HiWay Café.

The Cunningham High School basketball team registered their seventh win of the current season by easily defeating Zenda High School, 85 to 27, here last Friday evening. The Wildcatters have suffered two losses thus far in this season's play.

Cunningham's starting line-up was in the game for the entire first period, and also played about two minutes at the start of the first quarter. Wally Becker sparked the Wildcatter scoring attack with 24 points, followed by Billy DeWeese with 16, Victor Becker with 16, and Ronnie Adelhardt with 12.

December 15, 1978

Wildcats On Track with 71-53 Win

By Coach Dale Magnet

The Wildcats got back on the winning track Friday night, as they traveled to Bucklin to take on the Red Aces. It was going to be a tough game, mentally and physically, for us. It would be our first away game of the season and we were going to have to come back from a very tough game on Tuesday. We knew w might be draggy and not shoot well, still feeling the after affects. We did not have an exceptionally strong game but kept running and fighting. Bucklin ran very well also, but we played fairly well on defense to keep us in the game. We got off to a strong start with Scott Huhman hitting 3 long shots, as we moved to an 11-4 lead. Joe Strohl also hit for 7 as Wildcats went up 20-8, with two minutes left in the quarter. We just couldn't get anything to go down from that point, and Bucklin closed the gap to 20-10 at the quarter's end.

The second quarter we did not play well at all. We were standing around on offense and getting too much one-on-one play. Bucklin was able to close the gap slightly 35-26 at half time.

The third quarter saw Bucklin make runs at us, but we seemed to get the basket or key effort on defense when needed. The wildcats went up 54-40 by the end of the quarter.

The final quarter the Wildcats increased their lead to 18 points early and held that edge to the end and the 71-53 victory. For the game the Wildcats hit 40.6 percent on 30 of the 74 shots, our worst shooting of the season. We did do a good job on the boards with 45 rebounds led by Joe Strohl with 12 and Tom Crawford with 10. We had 15 turnovers in the game, which was down considerably from the last game.

Joe Strohl led the Cats with 29 points; Schott Huhman had 14 points and 3 steals; Tom Crawford had 9; and Terry Elliot 8. Berry Bortz had 6 points and 7 rebounds. Brian DeWeese 2 Mike Beat 2, and Troy Rohr 1. Randy Hageman and Bill Osner came off the bench and played well but failed to score.

It was our final game before Christmas, using some fine defense and team work. I have been pleased with the effort that has been put out, and we will have to continue along this line to improve some areas. We will work hard on press this week, so we can use it along with our main-to-man defense after Christmas.

I hope everyone will get a chance to come to watch us. We will have several games after Christmas, beginning with Sharon on January 2 and Attica on Friday, January 5.

Events and Happenings in the Pratt Area

Piper Leigh & The Smokin' Section

Saturday, January 12 – 2:00 pm

Barron Theatre

For advance tickets call 672-1596. Tickets are $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children and Seniors.

Lunch & Learn – Landscaping with Native Ornamental Grasses & Flowers

Wednesday, January 16 – 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm

Pratt Area 4-H Center

Please join the Pratt County Extension Master Gardner's' as they welcome guest speaker, Vicki Simonsen, who will be talking about incorporating native grasses and flowers into your landscaping. In you are interested in attending, please call the Extension Office at 620-672-6121 to reserve your spot. There is a $10 fee for the class that also includes a light lunch.

AirMedCare Network

Wednesday, January 16 – 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce

AirMedCare Network is an alliance of affiliated air ambulance providers and if you are a Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce member, you can purchase a discounted membership! For more information come by the Chamber and speak with Linda, you can also visit their website https://www.airmedcarenetwork.com/

Ascension Lutheran Church Trivia Night

Saturday, February 16 – Doors open at 6:30/ Trivia begins at 7:00 pm

Pratt County 4-H Building

Get your team together now for the second annual Trivia Night hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church! Raffles, games and bonus rounds like "Where in Pratt" and "What jellybean flavor". There will be a first place prize for the best decorated table! Registration is $200 for a team of 8 and includes table, drinks and light snacks. To get registered or have questions, contact Emma Chrismer at emmapchrismer@gmail.com

Young Professionals of Pratt

2018/2019 Calendar of Events

January 21 – Bi-Annual Business Meeting & YPP Speaker Series "Let's Talk Lawyers"

February 19 – Social Hour at Legend's Pub & Grill

For more information about Young Professionals of Pratt, contact Scott Goodheart at

620-450-2000 or visit www.facebook.com/YPPKansas/

Pratt Community College's Club 62+

Tuesday, January 15 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Dodge City Casino

Please RSVP by January 5 - $10

Feel free to share this information with friends, neighbors, church members, and others in the community who may be interested in joining Club 62+. Our spring schedule can be found at www.prattcc.edu/Club62 or by contacting Susan Mayberry at 620-450-2184

What's Happening @ Your Library – January 2019

Have tech questions? The Pratt Public Library can help. If you need help with your computer, e-reader, tablet, etc. call 620-672-3041 or email staff@prattpubliclibrary.org to set up an appointment or text your questions to 620-263-0182.

Preschool Activities

Story Time: Thursdays 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

For children 3-5 years old, parents are welcome to stay if they would like

Toddler Time: Tuesdays from 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

For children 2 & under and an adult who loves them

Elementary Activities – Kindergarten – Fourth Grade

K-4 Fun @ Your Library: Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

January 10 – Egg Carton Penguin

January 17 – LEGO Day

Teen Zone – Fifth – Twelfth Grades

Books, graphic novels, audio books, gaming systems, laptops, & crafts always available. iPads, available by request.

Monday-Thursday 10:00a.m.- 6:30 pm

Friday & Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Adult Activities:

Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 22 – 7:00 pm

Educated by Tara Westover. Discussion led by Suzan Patton. Books are available for check out.

Pratt Public Library presents: The Makerspace

A makerspace is a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring & sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools. The maker mindset is one of creating something out of nothing & exploring your own interests. These spaces are also helping to prepare those who need the critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art & math (STEAM). Makerspaces are also fostering entrepreneurship & are being utilized as incubators for business startups. The Maker Zone @ Pratt Public Library is open to all ages Monday-Wednesday 10 am-5 pm. After hours crafting class are also held on many Tuesday nights. We have a variety of maker equipment including Circuit die cut machines, soldering iron, sewing machine, binding machine, jewelry making supplies, yarn, scrapbooking supplies, hot glue guns, cardboard, LEGOs & art supplies. Our staff is available to assist in creating, finding supplies & brainstorming.

Vernon Filley Art Museum

For Museum Hours and Admission Fees, please visit www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org

North Gallery

Ninnescah Art Exhibit

October 5, 2018 – April 13, 2019

This exhibition has been sponsored in part by Taylor Printing & Pratt Family Practice

B-29 Museum is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road

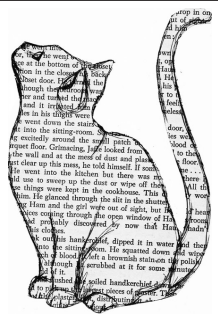
Visit their website at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Bingo

Every Monday

Pratt Elks Lodge - 1103 W. Third Street

Early bird games begin at 6:30 and regular bingo starts at 7:00 pm.



Meanderings

Folks, I started writing about how cute babies were and I wanted to talk about how much I love baby goats, but somehow or another, my column went in a direction I hadn't intended. It is 9:15 of Wednesday evening and the column I thought I was going to write didn't get written the way I thought it would get written, and I've had to take out some bits and pieces and paragraphs and.... I'll write another time about cute baby people and beasts. I'll just start with the about the 8th paragraph of my original meanderings:

Who can resist watching the mother duck parade around with her little ones trailing behind. There is always that ONE that just doesn't seem to get the straight-line concept. Much like a kindergarten class…always that one. And those little ducklings are waddling along following their momma and they are C.U.T.E.

Many years ago when I lived in Derby, I spent a Saturday afternoon in May applying stain to my wooden fence. As I was trotting back and forth from the house to the fence, I noticed my four cats, Ol' Floyd, Al, George and Gracie, staring at the ground. In passing, I asked what they were looking at. Only Gracie looked up and replied. I kept working. The third time through, the third time asking, the third time only Gracie replying, I thought I'd better take a look. Oh, and what I found! I felt like getting some crime scene tape and draping it around the air conditioner and the tree. It appeared 4 featherless baby birds fell out their attic-vent nest onto the concrete pad the air conditioner was sitting on. I sighed, poor little things were only a day or two old. I went in the house to get a shovel to bury them.

I came out and the four kitties were staring at one little bird that was laying on the grass under the tree. I took a closer look. It was still breathing. Great. Just Great. Now what am I supposed to do?

I picked it up. Yep, it was still very much alive. I put it in a basket and left it there in the yard. Momma Starling eventually showed up, but I could tell she didn't know how she was going to care for this birdie on the ground. She was all fluttery and nervous.

She kept coming back and she'd fuss and fly off and come back and fuss... until she didn't.

I took the bird in that night and fed it. I was up every 2 or 3 hours. I was digging up worms by flashlight because I ran out in the middle of the night.

I finally went and purchased some hamburger as I was running low on worms-in-the-ground.

On Monday I took the little thing to school with me so I could continue feeding it every two hours. I had it in a basket and set it in my library office.

When my friend, Terry, came in I told her I had to show her something. We walked into the office, and when I turned on the light, that little bird jumped out of the basket squawking for food. Terry screeched and ran from the room. We had a great laugh about that; but you know, baby birds are about the ugliest things on the face of the earth. Those poor babies only have a face a momma can love. And poor mommas who must look at such ugly little things.

I raised Bird for several weeks, he turned into a decent looking little thing, but he never did fly.

I so enjoyed his company. My cats' reaction to him was rather unusual. I'd take Bird out to the yard and he'd be hopping around having such a good time, and my cats, seeing a bird, would run over and get ready to pounce. Then they stop, walk up to it, sniff it, walk away.

Bird would sit on my desk while I worked at the computer. Ol' Floyd, my ginger kitty, would be lying next to Bird, and sometimes Bird would reach out and tweak Ol' Floyd's fur, and when Ol' Floyd would open his eyes, Bird was just sitting there looking at anything but the cat. It was so darn funny. Ol' Floyd would close his eyes, TWEAK! Eyes open. Bird looking out the window or at me.

I had that little thing for about 3 months. One day we are sitting at the computer and Bird jumped down on to my keyboard, I picked it up and said, "What are you doing, Bird?" But Bird was dead. I cried buckets.

I am not sure if I just wasn't feeding it enough or if maybe there were some issues from its fall all those weeks ago, or if it was hurt while I was playing with it outside. I don't know. But I sure did miss that little thing. I didn't miss taking care of it, but I missed its companionship. And I think the cats missed it as well.

Always reading,
and currently reading
"Capitol Threat"
(Ben Kincaid #16)
by William Bernhardt,
Roberta

"Some birds are not meant to be caged, that's all. Their feathers are too bright, their songs too sweet and wild. So you let them go, or when you open the cage to feed them they somehow fly out past you. And the part of you that knows it was wrong to imprison them in the first place rejoices, but still, the place where you live is that much more drab and empty for their departure."

— Stephen King, Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption: A Story from Different Seasons

(I've not read the book, but I loved the story told in the movie.)

Brandon Eck Honored to Play in NAAPS All-American Football Game

On New Year's Day, Russ, Karen, and Brandon Eck, as well as teammate, Luke Johnson, of Wichita, travelled to Gatlinburg, TN to play in and watch the NAAPS All-American football game. Brandon, following a winning 9-1 season for the Wichita Warriors home-school football team received word in October, that he was selected for this honor.

Karen Eck, Brandon Eck, and Russ Eck at the NAAPS football game.

The Ecks enjoyed the Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge area! During the week they perused many unique shops and dined on delicious down-home southern cuisine! Travelling from Louisville, Kentucky, to join in the family fun were daughter Katie and her husband, Foster, and their children. They were blessed to spend family time together at their favorite restaurant, the historic Old-Mill Restaurant which was, at one time, a functioning grain mill from the early 1800's...grits anyone? The fried chicken, fried okra, and pecan pie, were far more appreciated! Keeping two teenaged football players well fed was not a problem in the South!

The Saturday of the big game was crisp, but pleasant. Katie and her family joined the Ecks to cheer for Brandon and his team.

Rocky Top Sportsworld Stadium is surrounded by the picturesque and breath-taking Smoky Mountains. The players were divided into two teams, the "Stars" vs. the "Stripes." The "Stripes" came out on top with a narrow 36-26 victory.

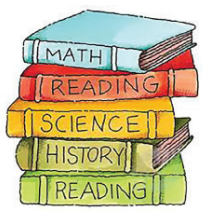
Brandon played on the "Stars" team along with a few of his teammates from the Warriors. He had the privilege of playing the whole game on the offensive line! He was most honored to get to play with and against many talented young men from around the country. The evening before the game, he received his jersey and enjoyed listening to inspirational talks. Brandon aspires to play football at the college level. Brandon is the son of Russ and Karen Eck, and grandson of Ruth Cornelius, all of Pratt.

Story submitted by Karen Eck; photos courtesy of Karen Eck and Chelsie Johnson

CJH 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3.5 - 4.0 GPA

8th Grade
Trey DeWeese
Hannah Ellis
Jake Fischer
Lane Halderson
Alice Huelskamp
Emily Paris
Zachary Strohl

7th Grade
Brianna Dittmer
Alexander Jordan
Michael McGuire
Taylor Schultz



6th Grade
Ada Adams
Wylan Betzen
Ava Bock
Gage Elliott
Emma Harden
Kaitlyn Hennessee
Ellie McGuire
Elizabeth Paris
Dagim Reed

CJH 2nd Quarter Honorable Mention
3.5 - 4.0 GPA

7th Grade
Haley Hindman
Maranda Lohrke
Michael Morgan
Jack Ruckle

8th Grade
Caleb Panek
Shanelle Romine

submitted by Lance McGuire

CHS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
3.5 - 4.0 GPA

Seniors
Vitor Abreu
Taner Hansen
Lauren Murphy
Lillian Reed
Isabelle Wegerer

Juniors
Holly DeWeese
Macy Huhman
Matthew Mercer
Amaya Washburn

Sophomores
Mikhail Donskoy
Alexa Fischer
John Huelskamp
Alayna McGuire
Morgan Meyers
Maddison Panek
Ethan Paris
Jonathan Ruckle
Max Wegerer
Mackenzie Wright

Freshmen
Levi Adelhardt
Madison Dowsey
Annabelle Hansen
Misty Hennessee

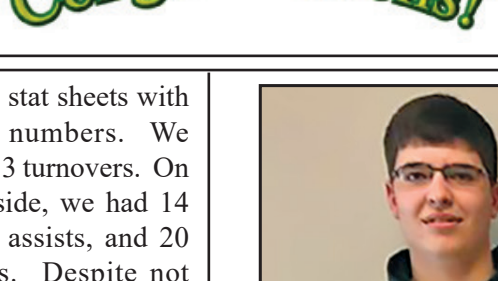
CHS 2nd Quarter Honorable Mention
3.5 - 4.0 GPA

Seniors
Daniel DeBeau

Juniors
Dylan Hensley
Austin Snow

Sophomores
Abigail Hansen
Nathan Lohrke
Kendra Morgan
Evan Paris
Michael Willson

Freshmen
Isaiah Reed



JH Cats Beat Burrton

by Lance McGuire

The first game after an extended time off is usually a little tough, especially on the road. Questions about shooting cold or not being tuned in rattle around a coach's head. The Junior High Boys did not have those problems last Thursday. They played well in all phases of the game against a young, inexperienced team at Burrton. The result was a running clock for half of the game.

JV players picked up lots of varsity court time after winning their own game on a last second shot by Nate Sterneker with Scott Wyatt scoring a team high 10 points. Cunningham varsity boys had their Christmas break extended another week, as they ran away with the score in the first quarter and cheered on their teammates from the bench most of the rest of the game. "You cannot shoot! You cannot shoot! And you cannot shoot!" were their instructions for a couple minutes of second half play.

Dagim Reed led the team in points and rebounds, and everyone filled the stat sheets with positive numbers. We only had 3 turnovers. On the flip side, we had 14 steals, 6 assists, and 20 rebounds. Despite not pressing we scored 22 points in the first quarter which is a lot in any game. Shooting over 50% from the field and 70% from the Free Throw line just added to the blowout win. The remaining games should all be nail biters as we play our last 4 games before league tournament. Most teams in the league have shown they can beat anyone up to this point.

Wildcat Scorers

Dagim Reed	16
Lande Halderson	14
Trey DeWeese	4
Kory Mogan	4
Will Wegerer	3
Sy Romine	2
Gage Elliott	2

TEAM	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	22	17	4	6	49
Burrton	0	0	0	0	0

November's word of the month was "Generosity". Those students who earned Student of the Month for their portrayal of this character trait are Dylan Hensley, Lane Halderson, Emma Harden, and Emily Ogg.

USD 332 photo

Lady Cats Prevail over Stubborn Kinsley

by Eric Meyers

After the long Christmas break, I know one thing: conditioning can be an issue. What I never know, however, is how rusty our play will be, and with a 6-1 Kinsley squad taking the floor, I knew we had little room for error. We scored the game's first bucket, and were steady in forging a 10-4 lead after the first quarter. Indicative of the game, Kinsley flipped the script in the second frame and the halftime tally in this low scoring tilt was Cunningham 15, Kinsley 14. We made a concerted effort to work our inside game, and got plenty of shots where we wanted them, but just couldn't sink 'em. We actually scored all but one basket in the paint, but 9 for 26 shooting from this area justifies my disappointment.

Every possession in this game seem to carry much importance, and both teams were secure with the ball; we had just 7 turnovers and the Coyotes just 9. Were it not for a stretch in the early fourth quarter where we went on an 8-0 run, this was shaping up to be a nail biter, but we managed to maintain some distance throughout the remainder of the game and close the books with a 34-25 win. Our defense was as good as it has been all year, with various schemes, and is more the reason we won than our offense. It certainly had something to do with their poor shooting performance of 20% from the field. Holly DeWeese deftly erased 7 point-blank shots by Kinsley with blocks, a stat by now apparent to me that I should have been tracking all along. She has a knack for that.

I've eluded to our shooting woes, going 10 of 26 from the field (28%), but it carried over to the free throw line where we were just 13 of 23 (57%). Morgan Meyers led all scorers with 19 points, boosted by an 8 of 11 performance at the line.

Holly pitched in 10 points as well, and after that, our scoring was left to Alayna McGuire (3) and Maddison Panek (2). Clearly, more people scoring and better scoring balance is desirous.

Holly was our leading rebounder with 11 and running a close second was Maddison with 8. Holly led us in steals (mostly via blocks) with 5 while Morgan added 3 and Alayna 2. Finally, in the category of assists, Morgan is credited with 3.

There's not time to relax as a road trip to Attica looms. The Bulldogs are 6-2 and always challenging, and after that game we host a different set of Bulldogs (Pretty Prairie) on Friday night. We appreciate all the fan interest and support!

Molly Morgan photos

Kinsley Sinks the Cats

by Bob Stackhouse

Cunningham hosted the Kinsley Coyotes on January 4, 2019 for the first game of the new year. After playing a good defensive first quarter, the Coyotes found our number and ran away with a 52 to 7 win.

Cunningham scored first in the game on a two-point basket from Nathan Lohrke. The Cats played a good first quarter limiting their turnovers to four for the quarter. Kinsley was able to put seven points on the board and led 7 to 2 after one quarter.

Cunningham's poor shooting continued throughout the game with totals of one, four and zero points for the final three quarters, respectively. Kinsley had no problems scoring as they tallied 22, 17 and 6 points in their final three quarters.

Taner Hansen led the Wildcat scoring with three points. Lohrke and Daylen Schnittker each had two points. Schnittker and Hansen each had six rebounds. And the journey continues.

Bulldogs Defeat Cats

by Bob Stackhouse

Cunningham traveled to Attica on January 8, 2019 to take on the Attica Bulldogs with a depleted roster of seven players. The final score was Cunningham 6, Attica 61.

Cunningham scored first with a shot from Vitor Abreu. It wasn't until the fourth quarter when the Wildcats would put points on the scoreboard again. Attica finished the 1st quarter with 19 points. Attica added to their lead in the 2nd quarter by putting in 24 points. The Dogs added 14 more points in the third quarter. Abreu hit a bank three pointer and Shawn Snow added a free throw in the forth to offset the four points scored by Attica. Cunningham will host Pretty Prairie Friday, January 11th.

RCB Bank to Provide Ten Cosmosphere Camp Scholarships

Hutchinson, Kan. RCB Bank is partnering with the Cosmosphere International Science Education Center & Space Museum in Hutchinson, KS, to send ten students in sixth through eighth grade to Cosmosphere Camp this summer. Five students from Kansas and five students from Oklahoma will be awarded a camp scholarship from RCB Bank and will be eligible to choose to attend either Cosmosphere Aerospace Camp 101 or 201.

To be eligible for consideration, participants must register and compete in a space agriculture contest, where they will attempt to grow the most food within a one-cubic meter garden, mimicking experiments currently taking place on the International Space Station. The contest begins on Feb. 1, 2019, and concludes on April 30, 2019. For a full set of contest rules and frequently asked questions, please visit: cosmo.org/news-and-events. Students wishing to participate must register by emailing education@cosmo.org.

"The opportunity for students to experience true astronaut training at a young age is something they will never forget and may be the career defining moment in their lives," said Roger Mosier, president and CEO of RCB Bank. "We are pleased to be able to offer such an opportunity for both Kansas and Oklahoma students."

Winners will choose to attend either Cosmosphere Camp 101 or 201, where they will train like real astronauts in Cosmosphere simulators like the 4-G centrifuge, multi-axis trainer and stress simulator. Students will engage with rocket engineering history through artifacts found only at the Cosmosphere and build rockets including a model V2. Finally, contest winners will fly missions in the Falcon lll spacecraft simulator and even train for microgravity environments with a SCUBA experience.

For more information on Cosmosphere Camps:

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The Cosmosphere International SciEd Center & Space Museum is located at 1100 North Plum in

Hutchinson, KS. Its collection of U.S. space artifacts is second only to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, and it showcases the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow.

This unique collection allows the Cosmosphere to tell the story of the space race better than any museum in the world while offering fully immersive education experiences that meet the Next Generation Science Standards and introduce students to the power of wondering—asking the critical questions that lead to discovery. The Cosmosphere's Carey Digital Dome Theater offers documentary showings daily and recently-released feature films on weekends. The state of the art digital 4K projection theater coupled with digital surround sound audio provides an immersive environment that wraps the viewer in a theater-going experience they won't find anywhere else. Visit the Cosmosphere online at www.cosmo.org.

Money Tip for Students, December 2018: *How to get in trouble with credit card debt*

Students can get into trouble with credit card debt if they don't take time to think about what they're doing, according to KHEAA.

One quick way to get into trouble is to carry a high balance and pay only the minimum payment each month.

If you have a $1,500 balance, your minimum payment might be $30 a month, since many credit card companies set the minimum payment at 2 percent of the balance. Let's say your card carries a 22 percent interest rate. If you only pay $30 a month and don't charge anything else until you pay off the entire balance, it will take you more than 11 years to pay your balance down to zero — and you'll pay $2,600 in interest.

It's worse, of course, if you pay the $30 and turn around and charge another $30.

That circle is especially bad for students. Many college officials say more students drop out because they have to go to work to pay off their credit cards than because they flunk out.

Before using your credit card, ask yourself if you really need what you're buying and if you can afford it. And if you can't pay off the entire balance, pay as much as you can, not just the minimum.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To learn more about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

A Bit of Something about Wildcats

Wildcat can reach 29 to 46 inches in length and 7 to 18 pounds of weight.

Soft fur of wildcat can be grey-brown, yellowish-grey, dark grey, reddish or sandy colored and covered with various spots and stripes. Black-tipped tail is covered with dark rings.

Dark-colored wildcats with prominent spots and stripes often inhabit moist areas and forests. Wildcats from arid areas have pale-colored fur with less prominent markings.

Wildcat is an agile climber, but it lives and hunts on the ground (terrestrial animal).

Wildcat has keen sense of hearing and eyesight which are used for detection of the prey during the night.

Its diet is based on rodents, birds, reptiles, insects and spiders. It occasionally hunts large prey such as rabbits, small deer and antelopes. Wildcat eats entire prey, including the feathers, fur and bones.

Wildcat can reach the speed of 30 miles per hour.

County Commission Meeting
December 17, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 17th, 2018. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Carol Voran; Gayle Dye and Roger Depenbusch

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director; Sheriff Randy Hill; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Steffen wanted to add LEC Discussion and an Attorney Client Executive Session.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of LEC Discussion and an Attorney Client Executive Session. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any public comment.

Roger Depenbusch was in to submit his resignation from the Evan Township Trustee position on December 31,2018 and submitted the name of Tarry Zerger to fill it.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept Roger Depenbusch's resignation from Trustee of Evan Township. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Tarry Zerger to fill the Evan Township Trustee position as of January 1, 2019. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen would like to request an executive session for potential litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session at 8:05 a.m. with John Caton, County Counselor to discuss pending potential litigation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship and that they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:20a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:20 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with merit raises and budget updates.

Sheriff Hill requested executive session for non-elect personnel with employee performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 8:28 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:40 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know about the population in his jail currently.

Sheriff Hill also asked the Commissioners if they would start looking for someone for Emergency Management.

Mr. Goetz discussed with the Commissioners about how hard it is to find individuals to fill positions for the Law Enforcement Center and maybe consider an incentive for employees that start employment with the Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Hill said he felt the upfront option would be good to help move someone here to fill the positions.

Mr. Goetz said he would like the Commissioners to look at the options and he will come back to talk about it later.

Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to discuss a need for the replacement of the breaker box on the fourth floor due to bad wiring.

Mr. Schnittker submitted a bid from Eck Electric for $3170.00 and it is an urgent situation because the breaker keeps tripping.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the bid from Eck Electric for $3170.00 due to urgency. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, was in and thanked the County Commissioners for the Christmas Party they provided and that it was a good time.

Mr. Goetz submitted the tobacco form for the Wellness program that they need to sign and the physical form for 2019 if they so like to participate.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he will be purchasing new labor law posters that are required to have posted.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that there is a Planning meeting tonight with Sempra.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:15 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, County Counselor at 9:35 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to appoint Commissioner Steffen as the Chairman for 2019. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to change the meeting time to 1:00 p.m. starting January 7, 2018. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the December 10, 2018 Commission Meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approved the December 10th, 2018 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the November 2018 Transfers & Corrections for $7120.47. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed their ratings they each had from the interviews for the LEC:

Foley's Ratings were:
The Law Company #1
Nabholz/ HMN #2

Steffen's Ratings were:
The Law Company #1
WDM/Jayco #2

Henning's Ratings were:
The Law Company #1
Nabholz/HMN #2

The top two Construction company interviews were The Law Company and Nabholz/ HMN.

Commissioner Henning let the Commissioners know that he did some investigating on the flood elevations currently for the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with bids for a new copiers because her current copiers are too old to communicate with the server.

The bids Ms. Hubbell submitted were from the following:

Sumner One(Western Imaging):

Kyocera Taskalfa 3252ci for $8,400.00

Office Solutions:

1-CopyStar CS 3252ci for $7,056.00

1-CopyStar CS 2552ci for $5,177.00

Ms. Hubbell would like to get both the copiers from Office Solutions CopyStar CS 3252ci for $7,056.00 and CopyStar CS 2552ci for $5,177.00. Ms. Hubbell would like to pay one out of her Tech Fund and one out of her Register of Deeds Budget.

John Caton would like for Ms. Hubbell to get a copy of Office Solutions service contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the purchase of the CopyStar CS 3252ci $7,056.00 and CopyStar CS 2552ci for $5,177.00 from Office Solutions. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners signed abatements and additions

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the North Main project for the County Commissioners. Mr. Arensdorf submitted copies of two emails he received from John Riggins and a response that Clayton Pagenkopf sent to John Riggins.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that he is upset with Cornejo & Sons and the way they are handling this project. He has a meeting at 8:15 a.m. this Wednesday with Cornejo. Mr. Arensdorf is also upset with Kirkham Michael because he feels they could of kept on them to continue.

Mr. Arensdorf, Mr. Bachenberg and the County Commissioners discussed the water under where the brick is and if we should just keep with the original design and move forward.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed 2018 transfer percentages of extra funds to be 75% to Special Highway and 25% to Special Machinery.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve 75% to Special Highway and 25% to Special Machinery with remaining funds. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted insurance settlement for the backhoe and feels that it is too low so he would like to get in touch with insurance and discuss a different figure.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a consultation request from Evan Township for a larger box bridge and widen in Section 35, Township 27, Range 5W.

Mr. Bachenberg said it is to narrow.

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

Mr. Arensdorf requested extension of his remaining five days of leave.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve extension of leave for Mr. Arensdorf. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg updated the Commissioners know that he submitted an application to KDOT for the local road safety plan and it is set for 2020. The amount of the grant is $50,000.00 and the County match would be $5,000.00.

Mr. Goetz submitted merit raises for the Commissioners approval and the resolutions for a 1.5% across the board raise for County Employees.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2018-R20 for 1.5% raise non-exempt employees. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2018-R21 for salaried and exempt employees. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed that there will be no merit raises in July and any merits will need to be submitted by December 1, 2019 for review.

Mr. Caton discussed a call he received from Mr. Ayres in Sedgwick County about the Norwich Hospital District and they wanted to know if they could not be in the District anymore but there is not currently any way to get out of a Hospital District.

MOTION:The regular board meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

County Commission Meeting
December 21, 2018 Special Meeting

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on December 21st, 2018. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Visitors: None

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning

Chairman Steffen called the Special Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was approval of the agenda.

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

Stan Goetz, was in to discuss a resolution to revise commercial wind farm application guidelines.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2018-R22, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO ARTICLE VII OF THE COMMERCIAL WIND FARM APPLICATION GUIDELINES AS ADDENDUM TO THE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS FOR KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed that there will be no merit raises in July and any merits will need to be submitted by December 1, 2019 for review.

Mr. Caton discussed a call he received from Mr. Ayres in Sedgwick County about the Norwich Hospital District and they wanted to know if they could not be in the District anymore but there is not currently any way to get out of a Hospital District.

The County Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of $200,641.15.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Really Unimportant Information about the Month of January

"The name, given to the month of 'January', is derived from the ancient Roman name 'Janus' who presided over the gate to the new year. He was revered as the 'God of Gateways', 'of Doorways' and 'of the Journey.' Janus protected the 'Gate of Heaven', known as the 'Lord of Beginnings', is associated with the 'Goddess Juno-Janus', and often symbolized by an image of a face that looks forwards and backwards at the same time. This symbolism can easily be associated with the month known by many as the start of a new year which brings new opportunities. We cast out the old and welcome in the new. It is the time when many reflect on events of the previous year and often resolve to redress or improve some aspect of daily life or personal philosophy."

Various Christian feast dates were used for the New Year in Europe in the Middle Ages, including March 25 and December 25. However, medieval calendars were displayed in the Roman fashion of twelve columns from January to December. Beginning in the 16th century, European countries began officially making January 1 the start of the New Year once again sometimes called Circumcision Style because this was the date of the Feast of the Circumcision, being the 8th day from December 25."

The Roman Senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1st to be the beginning of the new year. During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Year's Day - it has only been celebrated in the western world for about 400 years.

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An Equal Employment/Educational Opportunity Agency.

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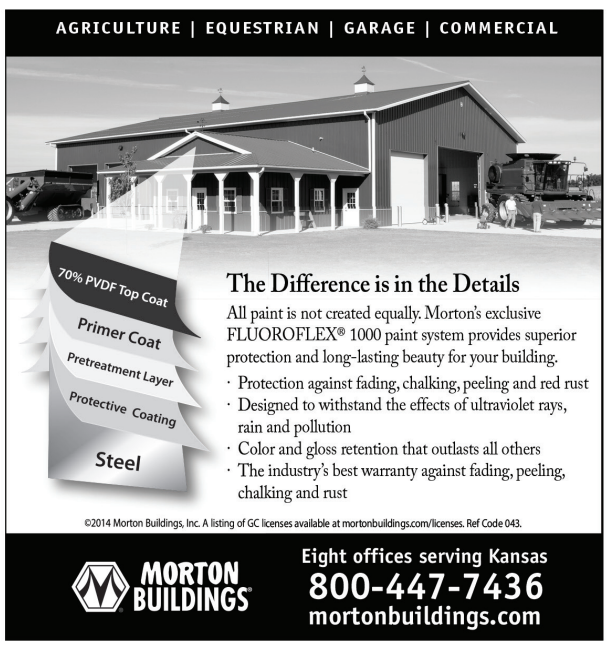
Donley Memorial Clinic is currently seeking a full time Certified Medical Assistant or an LPN. Responsibilities include scheduling appointments, maintaining records and accounts, rendering clinical assistance to patients within the medical practice in support of the Providers and as directed by the Providers. Will work as the liaison between the patient and the Provider for establishing and maintaining quality patient care. Apply online at www.kchks.com. EOE



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Fri. - Sat. 10:00 - 6:00
Closed on Sundays

Celebrations of Life

Darlene Robinson

Darlene Robinson, 76, died Jan. 3, 2019 at Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

She was born April 13, 1942, at St. Leo, Kansas the daughter of Frank B. and Helen Mies Thimesch. A longtime Kingman resident, she was a former cook for Wheatlands Healthcare Center and Friendship Meal.

Darlene was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman.

She was married to Franklin Dean Robinson in 1964; he died on April 26, 1975. Darlene was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Jerome, Leon, and Kenny Thimesch and sister, Connie Kay Rigsby.

Survivors include three sons and their wives, Frank and Debra Robinson, David and Joyce Robinson, and Ken Robinson and Faith McIntosh; brothers Bob, Charlie, Richard and Gary Thimesch; sisters Betty McLaughlin and Mary Frances Flores; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Parish rosary and visitation will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Wednesday morning, with burial in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School in care of the funeral home.

Lila Darwinne Reiser

Lila Darwinne Reiser, 87, Branson, MO was born September 15, 1931 in Nashville, Kansas to Darwin and Maxine (Owen) Hudson. She passed away January 2, 2019. Darwinne was born in Nashville, Kansas and resided in Branson, Missouri until her death. She was preceded in death by her husband Glen M. (Don) Reiser, Jr.

Darwinne had a full career which included working in a local Doctor's office and as a newspaper reporter in Pratt, Kansas. She was very proud of having the opportunity to interview President Richard M. Nixon for the paper. She and her husband Don were entrepreneurs owning many businesses including several rental properties in Pratt, Kansas and motels in Branson, Missouri.

Survivors include daughters; Misty D. Reiser, Sherry J. Buchan and husband Jim, and Sheila J. O'Connor and husband Kevin; grandchildren, Corey O'Connor, Dustin O'Connor, April Roche and Amber Frauenholtz; great grandchildren Parker and Finley Roche and James and Griffin Frauenholtz.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5th at the Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at Rivermonte with burial in Rivermonte Memorial Garden.

Online condolences may be made at www.klingnerfuneralhome.com

Mary Maxwell

Mary Maxwell, 85, passed away Thursday, December 27, 2018, at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. Born February 23, 1933. Cremation has taken place. There will be a service at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 13th at Turon Community Church. Memorials may be made to Turon Senion Center in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 400 N. Martin, Turon.

Jay Voth

Jay H. Voth, 66, died December 20, 2018. Graveside services will be held on May 24 at 3 pm in Lerado Cemetery. Celebration of Life gathering at Eagles Pub & Golf at 5 pm, Kingman, Kansas.

Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Alberta Milton-Trujillo

Alberta Mae Milton-Trujillo, age 84, passed away on Jan. 2, 2019 at Kenwood Plaza, St. John, KS. She was born on Sept. 28, 1934 at Preston, KS, and was the daughter of Albert Leslie and Velma Mae (Sowers) Smith.

Alberta was a homemaker and life-long resident of St. John, KS, and Truth or Consequences, NM. She also was a cook for St. John Schools, St. John District Hospital, Hearthstone Nursing Home, Barton and Pratt Community Colleges.

On Aug. 28, 1963 she married Ivan "Bud" Milton at St. John, he preceded her in death in 1994. On Mar. 9, 1996 she married Jerry O. Trujillo at St. John, he preceded her in death in 2006.

She was a member of the Country Sam's Club.

Survivors include her daughter, Sonja Staab (Conrad), Russell, KS, two sons, Bill Milton (Tammy), St. John, KS, Ivan Milton (Lisa), Hudson, KS; 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and her extended family in Truth or Consequences, NM.

Funeral service was Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 at Trinity Community Church, Hudson, KS, with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. Burial followed in the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House or Trinity Community Church in care of Minnis Chapel, P.O. Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

Auxiliary Issues Call For Rosies

The United States was plunged into World War II on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese Imperial Navy bombed Pearl Harbor. Thousands of Kansas patriots were among the millions who left their civilian jobs and joined the military in response to a presidential call to arms.

Heroic Kansas women were among those sixteen million females who answered the call to work on assembly lines, farms, in shipyards, airplane factories, and other institutions in support of the military overseas.

Rosie the Riveter became the iconic image of World War II's working women. She was the star of a campaign to recruit females to work in defense industries. American Legion Auxiliary President Karen Hasting announced an initiative to honor their service and share their stories with future generations of Americans. "The Auxiliary wants to recognize its Kansas Rosies for their inspiring patriotism and service to Kansas and the United States," Hasting said. "The Department of Kansas American Legion Auxiliary will honor its known Rosie the Riveters during the American Legion's Mid-winter Forum.

Auxiliary Vice-president Paula Sellens is spearheading the effort to identify Rosies. "The Auxiliary is issuing a call for Rosies," Sellens said. "Our known Rosies will be honored in a ceremony in Dodge City, Kansas on February 1, 2019. We're asking that everyone that knows of a Kansas Rosie, living or deceased, to call me at 620-255-9339 or send information by email to: werchaps@cox.net."

January is School Board Appreciation Month

There are seven individuals in this community who are ordinary citizens – our friends and neighbors – but who display extraordinary dedication to our community and our children. They are our locally-elected board of education. Their service to our school district is done on a volunteer basis, and they deserve our appreciation and thanks. They are held accountable for the decisions they make that impact the future of not only our students, but our community.

Public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. In fact, in 1966 the people of Kansas amended our state's constitution to specifically call for local public schools that are 'maintained, developed and operated by locally elected boards.' Our local board of education is responsible for setting a vision our local education program and partners with staff and other members of the community to provide the facilities and infrastructure to achieve that vision.

Each board member is a strong advocate for the success of every child in our schools. They research, study and then discuss issues so that they can make informed decisions on countless complex challenges. Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members make. They spend hours in meetings and on committees, and also advocate for our schools with elected politicians by speaking out against budget cuts or pushing for policy and program reforms.

The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. It is time we change that, at least that last part. January 2019 marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month. The theme this year is "School Board Members Lead the Future." This is a time to shine a light on how local boards prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. In January, join with others throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide leadership for our public schools.

This note of appreciation was borrowed from the KASB website.

Health Information -- Sinusitis

This time of year, sinus symptoms are a prominent reason for patients to seek medical care. Symptoms include:

Headache, sinus pressure

Fever

Cough

Sore throat

Nasal congestion or drainage

Postnasal drip (mucus that drips down the back of the throat from the nose, causing a sore throat)Some sinus statistics from the CDC:

9 out of 10 sinus infections in adults are VIRAL and will not improve any faster on antibiotics.

5-7 out of 10 sinus infections in children are VIRAL and will not improve any faster on antibiotics.

Most sinus infections last 7-10 days. If your symptoms last longer than 10 days, contact your primary care provider.

Supportive treatments to utilize to help battle your symptoms include:

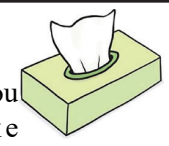
Get plenty of rest. This allows your body to direct energy towards fighting the infection.

Stay hydrated.

Humidified air via a cool mist humidifier, vaporizer, or shower.

Avoid smoking, secondhand smoke, and other irritants.

Try OTC treatments that may be suitable to help battle your symptoms, including acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen to relieve pain or fever. Call your primary care provider if you are unsure which medications you can take with certain medical conditions, or which medications are suitable for young children.



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Submitted by Amy Miller, APRN, Cunningham Clinic

Mystery Picture

The rock is close to the street. North side of town.

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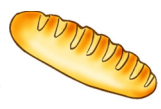

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