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## Minutes from the County Commission Meeting February 10, 2020

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 10th, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Kallie Turner, Extension Agent; Michael Clover, Extension Board Chairman; Mike Floyd, Extension Board member; Kristen Floyd, 4H Member; John Riggins, Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc.; Chessica Garten; Tyler Garten; Greta Rosenhagen; Coye Stucky; Alea Boos; Delaney Arensdorf; Kaitlyn Seiwert; Anna Livingston; Janelle Belt; Brant Floyd; Kael McBeth; Payton Willert; Cassidy Blank; Susan Floyd; Lon Floyd; Brian Rosenhagen; Jason Belt; Jeulia Francis; Mary J Sullivan, Regional Extension Director; Mark Schlegel; Troy Smith, KDWP; Joe Kramer, Ducks Unlimited; Stuart Schrag, KDWP; Kenneth Glenn; Suzanne Stillwell; Mark Stillwell; Ron Kinsler; Mary Maloney; Alan Albers; Pat Maloney; Richard Chandler, AEP; Patricia Voth, AEP Attorney.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Amber Hartley, County Appraiser.

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Carol Noblit, County Clerk would like to add discussion of the dog program by the Extension Office.

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

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with John Riggins, Kirkham Michael for the Engineering services contract for FAS #12.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Engineering Services from Kirkham Michael in the amount of \$22,943.95 for FAS #12. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted quotes received from Nancy Milford and Sons of Brisket for catering for the Township Annual Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the quote from Sons of Brisket for the catering for the Township

Annual Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted Resolution 2020-R3 for the commissioners to review and discuss. Mr. Arensdorf requested changes to the Resolution before approval.

Commissioners tabled the Resolution until the next meeting which will be held on February 24th, 2020.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence received from the Extension Council about the Dog Project and the request to reduce rates for use of the Expo Center.

Chairman Steffen read correspondence from Reece Allen about the Dog Project and what it does for him.

Commissioners discussed the concerns of giving a reduced rate.

Mrs. Wood let the Commissioners know that when the dog project uses the facility they clean up after they use it.

Chairman Steffen discussed that the Commissioners gave plenty of notice before the charges were being enforced.

Chairman Steffen said "Not everything can be paid with tax dollars."

Commissioner Henning discussed his thoughts on the Expo Center usage.

Mike Floyd discussed that the 4H members work hard to get things ready before and after the fair.

Ms. Turner discussed the work that the 4-Hers do with the County Commissioners.

Mary Sullivan, Regional Extension Director was in to discuss Districting for the Extension Office and the benefits.

Chairman Steffen asked if they could get a special meeting together to discuss districting and fee structure.

Commissioners discussed the cost for the dog project. No decision was made at this time.

Mike Floyd said that they could get a committee together to come up with a proposal to present to the Commissioners for Expo Center usage.

Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in with a quotes from KOMTEK Systems Corporation for \$3916.00 and Postalocity for \$3447.10 to mail out valuation notices. Ms. Hartley would like to use KOMTEK Systems Corporation.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to go with KOMTEK Systems Corporation for \$3,916.00. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill was in with a lien from Kanza Bank for the replaced police interceptor.

Sheriff Hill said that working with KCAMP on the damaged vehicle was good.

County Commissioners signed Road & Bridge vouchers in the amount of \$35,215.83.

County Commissioners signed County vouchers in the amount of \$126,319.84.

Stan Goetz was in with a letter from NextEra Energy on a route they are going to use for hauling and they let Charles Arensdorf know also.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Department Head Meeting minutes for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Planning/Zoning bylaws for the Commissioners review. Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that he will be presenting changes to the bylaws to the zoning board and to discuss how many members are needed and what would make a quorum.

Kristen Floyd read a message about the usage of the Expo Center and the fees that are to be charged to the 4-Hers. Also, in the message Ms. Floyd discussed what the impact the 4-H Fair and FFA Rodeo have to the economy. Ms. Floyd submitted the Rodeo programs that are put out to promote businesses in the County.

Commissioner Henning discussed that there was plenty of notice ahead of the charges being charged.

Also, Commissioner Henning said that there is a lot of support for 4H and thought maybe they would get donations to pay for the usage of the Expo Center. Commissioner Henning said that he is not willing to say that 4H can use the facility for nothing.

Commissioner Foley said they discussed earlier about the charges.

Chairman Steffen discussed charges that are currently being charged for the facility.

Chessica Garten discussed expenses and income for the Rodeo.

Mark Shlegel, Ducks Unlimited was in to discuss a wildlife area and purchasing property and changing it from tillable to grass land. Would like the Commissioners to write a letter in support to the Ag Department for the land being added to the Byron Walker Wildlife area.

Stacey Hoeme, Greg Glunz and Dennis Dutton with PRO KS are landowners who are in to talk about the Phillips 66 pipeline. They have negotiated with Phillips 66 but the liability to landowners is a concern. They discussed how Phillips 66 is strong arming landowners if they don't agree to Phillips 66 terms.

Mr. Glunz gave copies of the letters that some counties are writing to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Glunz discussed a lease that the landowners received this last Friday and that they need to have an answer to Phillips 66 by February 14th, 2020.

Mr. Glunz talked of his concerns for the landowners if they were to dig and damage one of the lines. Who would be liable for the damage?

Commissioners discussed that Kansas has a one call law.

Mr. Caton asked Mr. Glunz if they are asking the County Commissioners to write a letter stating that they are looking into claiming a moratorium against the construction of pipelines within the county.

Kingman County landowners that are dealing with the Phillips 66 pipeline were in attendance.

The County Commissioners were in agreement that they will send a letter.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Steffen moved to go into executive session with John Caton, County Counselor; Charles Arensdorf,

Public Works and Stan Goetz at 4:15 p.m. to discuss pending administrative decisions pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship. The County Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:30 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Richard Chandler and Patricia Voth with AEP were in to discuss the road agreement. Mr. Chandler thanked the Commissioners for their due diligence on the road agreement and it is a good agreement to protect the County but they would like to see 4a removed from the document.

Chairman Steffen said that they want to keep 4a. Mr. Steffen told Mr. Chandler that he doesn't feel good about this project.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed his concerns for the roads in the road agreement with the Commissioners; Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth.

Commissioner Henning discussed with Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth what Mr. Arensdorf said.

Chairman Steffen discussed to Mr. Chandler that road agreements for the other projects would of been different if the Commissioners knew then, what they know now.

Commissioner Foley asked Mr. Chandler if they have a contact for windfarm questions. Mr. Chandler said that they do have a project manager.

Chairman Steffen let Mr. Chandler and Ms. Voth know that they will meet in two weeks because of the Holiday next week.

Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Chandler know that the Action Plan is pretty much done.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to invite the County Commissioners to the County legislative day on February 27, 2020 at the State Capitol.

The County Commissioners signed tabatements.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed an NRP for Jim Park. Mr. Park had submitted proof that he not received tax statement due to his mortgage company.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve having Mr. Park's NRP reinstated due to clerical error. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:05 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

**CATHOLIC Masses**

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

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

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

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

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  
10:30 a.m.

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

**Trinity Medicine Lodge**  
Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship  
8:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

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

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

**Cunningham**  
Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann  
620-298-2090  
Office Hours:  
Tuesdays:  
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**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

<b>Thursday, February 27th</b>	<b>Friday, March 6th</b>
HS BB Regional Tournament Semi-final	1:30 p.m. School Dismissed - end of 3rd quarter *****
<b>Friday, February 28th</b>	HS BB Girls Sub-state semi-finals
HS BB Girls Regional Tournament Semi-final	
<b>Saturday, February 29th</b>	<b>Saturday, March 7th</b>
HS BB Boys and Girls Regional Finals	HS BB Girls and Boys Substate Final
<b>Tuesday, March 1st</b>	<b>Monday, March 9th</b>
8:00 a.m. ACT	7:00 p.m. Board of Education
<b>Thursday, March 5th</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 10th</b>
HS BB Boys sub-state semifinals	HS HOPL Music Festival at Skyline

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**February 27th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Grease**  
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**February 28th - March 1, 2020**  
**1917**  
Rated R  
Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

**- WANTED -**  
Old Photos for *Our Community Album*  
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**Library Recycling!**  
Please keep batteries, CDs/CD cases, ink pens and markers out of the landfill. Bring those unwanted items to Cunningham Public Library to be recycled. The program will continue until the zero waste boxes are full.

**Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community**

**Cunningham Public Library**  
4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com  
(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 Schools** Box Tops for Education

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

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

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

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

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## YEARS AGO IN

### The Cunningham Clipper

William E. Bradley, Editor

#### 1970

**February 26-** William H. Lindemann, 83, a resident of Cunningham for 26 years, died last Wednesday evening at the Memorial Hospital in Kingman after a long illness.

Earl W. Strong, 71, died Sunday morning at his home in Nashville after a heart attack.

Mr. Strong, a lifetime resident of the Nashville community, had been in the insurance business since 1921.

Pretty Prairie crushed Partridge 68 to 36, and Cunningham outlasted Isabel 67 to 61 in the first round games of the Class-1-A District Tournament at Cunningham, Tuesday night.

The Wildcats opened the game as if they would blow Isabel off the court, zipping to a 19-8 lead in the first quarter, but the Vikings rallied to trail only 30-31 at halftime and 45-47 going into the final quarter.

Mike Schrant fired 17 and Curtis Kitson 16 for Cunningham. Allan Pagenkopf hit 25 for Isabel. Mike Cunningham saved the game in the final quarter, coming off the bench and hitting 10 quick points. Ed Panek had 14 points; Dean Simon 6, and Gene Albers and Marvin Oller 2 apiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baber of Cunningham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Eileen, to Daniel D. Theis of Liberal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theis of Healdton, Okla.

Miss Baber is a graduate of Cunningham High School, and Salt City Business College in Hutchinson, and is employed at the Kansas Fish, Forestry, and Game Commission's headquarters near Pratt. Her fiancé is a graduate of Cunningham High School, and is employed by the Woolwine Supply Company in Liberal.

The wedding will take place June 27.

#### 1965

**February 25-** The Cunningham Wildcats closed their regular 1964-1965 basketball season in a blaze of glory here last Friday night, when they edged out the Sylvia Mustangs by a 68 to 64 score.

The victory gave three-fold sweet satisfaction to Cunningham - first, the Wildcat win enabled Cunningham to tie the Mustangs for the Ninnescah League championship; second, it was Sylvia's first defeat following 15 straight

wins, and third, it gave the Wildcats some measure of revenge for the only two losses they've suffered this year - both to Sylvia.

The game was of the "cliff-hanger" or "barn burner" type, and any one of the capacity crowd would agree with you that the winner would be the team who was ahead by only a point or a goal at the final buzzer.

The outcome was very nearly a goal, for after Cunningham's Gerry Schnittker put in a "crip" shot to give the Wildcats their four-point advantage, 68-64, with four seconds left to play, Sylvia came surging down the court for "their" goal, only to have the time run out.

Schnittker paced the Wildcat scoring with 23 points, as Cunningham had four players scoring in double figures - Ron Murphey 14, Elmer Adelhardt 12, and Jim Cain 11. Danny Meyers scored 8 for the Wildcats.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyers of Lawrence, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Feb. 21.

She weighed seven pounds.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mertens, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers, all of Cunningham.

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening, March 8, at 6:30 o'clock.

The banquet, sponsored annually by the Community YWCA, will be served by the Sacred Heart Altar Society, and reservations at \$1.25 a plate, may be made by contacting or calling Mrs. Albert McGovney, Mrs. LaVerna Bradley, or Mrs. Glenn Patton.

All mothers and daughters of the community are cordially invited to attend.

The Cunningham area and southeastward suffered the most crippling ice and wind storm in many years, Tuesday.

Early Tuesday morning, the icy windy wintry blast struck this area of the state, inflicting untold and seemingly unaccountable damage to electric and telephone lines, and creating a ice glaze on the streets and sidewalks, making driving and walking very dangerous.

Thirteen poles in the first mile east of Cunningham were broken, and flipped upside-down by the wind and ice, presenting a very bizarre picture for elec-

tric and telephone repairmen. Cunningham was without long distance service from Tuesday morning until Wednesday afternoon, but service has been restored on a limited basis. Many homes to the east and south were without electric service for part of Tuesday.

Areas hardest hit by the storm appear to be in the Nashville, Zenda, Harper, Anthony, and Argonia areas.

#### 1960

**February 24-** The Cunningham Wildcats won the final game of their regular 1959-1960 schedule last Friday night, downing Norwich by a 59-47 score.

Over the regular 16-game schedule, the Wildcats won 10 games and lost six. They defeated Harper, Hazelton, Plevna, Anthony, Sylvia, Isabel, Hardtner, Arlington, Attica, and Norwich. They lost to Goddard, Greensburg, Kiowa, Partidge, Nashville, and Chase. The Wildcats won one and lost two in the Pretty Prairie Tournament, defeating Burrton and losing to Kiowa and Attica.

Cunningham displayed a well-balanced scoring attack with four of the five starters hitting in double figures. Duane Wegerer had 19 points, Bill Murphey 12, and Marshall Swander and Tony Hartle 10 each. Jerry Pelzl scored eight points.

Lennie Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schnittker of Nashville, left last Friday for Vero Beach, Fla., where he will begin spring baseball training with the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lennie, who pitched for the Dodger's farm club at Great Falls, Mont., last year, was invited to be a batting practice pitcher at the parent club's spring training camp.

This area is digging out from a foot-deep blanket of snow which fell Monday night. Temperatures have hovered below 20 degrees since the snowfall.

Cunningham is on its way to becoming known as the "Basketball Referee Capital" of Kansas.

Four Cunningham men are presently employed nightly in district tournaments in this area. Dean Mantooth and Don Schnittker are working the Class BB District Tournament at Sun City, and Merle Cales and Fred Garten are officiating at the Class BB District Tournament at Zenda.

Cunningham has a total of seven officials registered with the Kansas State High School Athletic Association. The other three are Jack Meyers, Paul Rohlman,

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The Courier on  
March 9th



**Museum Hours**  
During the winter months look for Donna's red car or her golf cart in front of the museum. OR you can call her at 620-388-5602

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and Bernal Lagree. Meyers and Rohlman officiated at the Kingman County Grade School Tournament at Adams last week.

Eddie Steffen will be a new school bus driver, March 1, succeeding Dewey Cooley, who resigned last week.

**1955**

**February 24-** J. J. Amick, pioneer citizen of the Cunningham community, will observe his ninety-eighth birthday Friday.

Mr. Amick, the only living resident in Rural Township who preempted an original claim, plans no celebration at his farm home, one and one-half miles east of town, other than the usual birthday cake and congratulatory visits of friends and relatives.

Mr. Amick was born in Cairo, Mo. In 1857, and came to Kansas with his wife and family in 1883 in a covered wagon, settling on a claim one mile west and two miles south of Cunningham. They moved to their farmsite east of town in 1904.

The high school basketball team won and lost games during the past week's activity.

The local cagers traveled to Haviland last Friday evening, where they met their easiest competition so far this year, Friends Bible Academy, and won both the first and second team games.

Cunningham's varsity had things much their own way as they rolled over the academy's first

team by an 80 to 34 score.

Victor Becker paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 25 points, as every member of the team contributed to the eighty-point total score.

The Chase Indians tamed Cunningham's Wildcats by a 61-46 score Tuesday night at Chase.

Walter Becker and LeRoy Schnittker each connected for 12 points in Cunningham's losing cause.

**Off the Record**

A man can be eloquent and still be wrong.

Mixed greens are good for you—especially fives, tens, and twenties.

Winter is the season when the poor take colds and the rich take vacations.

Another thing that would help the country is a further rollback of some workers' shirt sleeves.

People should learn from the mistakes of others. They don't live long enough to make them all themselves.

**1950**

**February 24** – Herman Rohling observed his eighty-ninth birthday last Sunday.

Margaret Duffy of Hutchinson, and Don Schnittker of Nashville, were married last Saturday morning.

The high school basketball team won the Kingman County League Tournament for the ninth straight year last Friday night in Kingman, defeating Norwich in the finals, 49-30.

**1940**

**February 23-** The

high school basketball team suffered their first defeat in nineteen games, Wednesday evening, where they were defeated by Norwich, 21-19, in the finals of the Kingman County League Tournament in Kingman.

The Santa Fe Railroad's snowplow was de-railed at the railroad crossing west of town, Tuesday, while trainmen were trying to break through a huge snowdrift.

After several years of black and white license plates, Kansas motorists will sport red and yellow tags in 1941, celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of Coronado's visit to this state.

The high school debate team, due to their excellent showing in the recent district debate tournament, received an invitation to participate in the State Debate Tournament at Lawrence this week-end. Alvina Greiving, Philip Fee, Leroy Carter, and Grimes Pearson, accompanied by Coach Bruce McCosh, will make the trip.

**1935**

**February 22** – The Skelly Oil Company has completed their No. 5 Leisman test for a daily potential of 117 barrels of oil.

A rash of contagious diseases has broken out in this community. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Influenza, and Pneumonia are all very prevalent, and young and old alike have been experiencing some very sick days.

Mrs. Henry Magee, 72, who had lived on the same farm near Cunningham for the past fifty-six years, passed away, Tuesday.

The high school basketball team defeated Sharon here, Monday evening, by a score of 27 to 24.

Frank Knowles, manager of the Western Light & Power Corporation, announced this week that cheaper electricity rates would go into effect in Cunningham on March 1. The minimum monthly charge will be \$2.80 for forty kilowatts. The next two hundred kilowatts will cost two cents each, and all over two hundred and eighty kilowatts will cost one and one-half cents each.

**1930**

February 21, 1930 – A special train pulling nine car-loads of cattle from Cairo went through town last Saturday evening, bound for the Kansas City, Mo., Stock Market. The cattle belonged to James and Earl Hardesty, and Earl Chitwood. This is the first special train over the local Santa Fe Railroad line for quite a while.

The price of gasoline went down two cents, Monday, to ten cents a gallon, which should have a tendency to put more motor cars in action. The cut in the price of crude oil by major oil companies was responsible for the drop in price.

Employees at Hauser's Market are now attired in orange-colored smocks.

The high school girls' basketball team are the Champions of Kingman County, following their 35-17 victory over Nashville in the finals of the Kingman County League Girls' Tournament at Spivey last Friday evening.

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 FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit [www.advantageeducationloan.com](http://www.advantageeducationloan.com).



**Meanderings**

It is funny—funny as in odd-- almost eerie how events put into motion can lead to other interesting events in one's life.

My decision to return letters to my pen pals who wrote them to me over 45 years ago has made for an interesting and somewhat strange story.

I've had these letters for decades, and I've stored them in boxes and plastic containers and moved them many times.

Those letters moved back here to Cunningham with me. I told you all how I was going to return the letters to the writers. And I have returned some.

But, you know, maybe I wouldn't have actually started this project if it wasn't for this newspaper that I bought almost 2 years ago. I may have just kept in the container until I died, and my family would have hauled everything off to the landfill.

But I do have this newspaper, and I have told folks my stories of the letters and because of this newspaper... every morning I check the local funeral home websites and the local newspapers' obituary pages. I read the obituaries, I note a birthplace, where the person died, and survivors; looking for connections to the people who read this paper. I copy any I want to include in the "Celebrations" page of the paper. I feel I need to let my readers know about folks who have passed away. People they may want to attend services for or send a card to a family they know. I don't charge for obituaries in our little paper. It is a service to my readers. And those who have passed away deserve to have their lives celebrated.

Last Wednesday morning, I checked the websites as usual, and there on the Livingston's Funeral Home webpage, was an obituary for Walter "Pete" McIver. Now, remember the pen pal I recently contacted to return letters to? Dana McIver.

I opened the obituary, and there she was --- "Other survivors include daughters Dana Eye...."

How fortuitous. Serendipitous.

Dana and I just visited via Facebook, and I just sent her the letters, what? Less than a month ago?

I e-mailed Tim Price at Livingston's to enquire if the family would be at the funeral home on Friday. He said he didn't think so.

I made plans to attend Mr. McIver's funeral on Saturday. I wanted to see Dana and maybe visit for a bit.

The service was at the Cheney United Methodist Church, so the drive was no big deal. It was a beautiful day, a bit cool, but sunny.

I recognized Dana from her Facebook picture, and after the service I waited until I thought she had a couple of minutes to visit. I walked up and introduced myself. "Dan-a? Da-na? (I couldn't remember which it was.) I'm Roberta."

She did NOT say, "Well, this is really weird and awkward. I don't hear from you in almost 50 years and suddenly you are everywhere. I feel like you are stalking me."

She DID smile and say, "This is cool." Bless her heart.

In one of the letters Dana sent me almost 50 years ago, was a scribbled note from her four-year-old sister, Darcy. Dana introduced me to her scribbling sister, who now looks competent enough to actually write, and said, "When Darcy was little, she wanted to do everything I did."

Dana told me she'd been to the funeral home and saw my newspaper there; picked it up and showed it to her family. (Thanks, Tim, for having the paper there for folks to see).

After a few minutes, I could see her family was needing her attention, so I told Dana to let me know when she comes to town to visit her mom, and I'd be happy to drive over for a visit. I'd love to hear her stories.

Dana does subscribe to my on-line paper, and I know she'll think this is weird, me writing about us to all my readers, but the chances of us meeting were nil if I hadn't found those letters this last summer, and decided to return them; and had I not had this newspaper, I'd not have seen the obituary for her father.

And, Dana, I am not stalking you! However, if you see me in your local grocery store, or if I move in next door, be very concerned...

I need to get busy and get the other letters sent back. I've not heard from the Anna in Delaware yet. I may have to write another letter, because sometimes letters don't make it to their destinations.

Maybe Anna is on a cruise. Or maybe she winters in southern climes... I can think of several reasons I've not heard back from the Anna that I think is my penpal, but may not be.

Maybe her family lives close by, and I've seen her, but just didn't know it was her. (some-what like Dana)

I do believe everything happens for a reason, at the time it is supposed to happen. We don't know the whys and wherefores, but things happen, and we wonder... until one meets a pen pal of 50 years ago.... then we know why things happened when they did.

Always reading, And currently reading a book of short stories by Rudyard Kipling

Roberta  
"But I don't believe coincidences are chance events. I think they're the times we happen to see the mysterious pattern connecting everything."

— Julie Gittus, Saltwater Moons

**Money Tip for Students**

**Online security can help protect you from cyber thieves**

The theft of credit and debit card numbers should make everyone, including students, more careful about protecting their money from cyber thieves. The following measures can help, according to KHEAA.

Never provide your Social Security, bank account or credit card num-

ber in response to a phone call, text or email. If you get a text or email from a bank or company, don't click on any link in the message. It may lead you to a fake site run by thieves hoping you'll enter personal information, or it may install spyware or malware on your phone or computer. Instead, sign in through the website you normally use when you do business with that firm.

Never provide bank, credit card or other sensitive data on a website that doesn't explain how your information will be protected, including encryp-

tion to safely transmit and store data.

When you use your ATM or debit card, make sure no one can see your PIN. Check ATMs for obvious signs of tampering or for a skimming device.

Install a free or low-cost firewall to stop intruders from gaining remote access to your devices. Download and update security patches offered by your system and software vendors to correct weaknesses that could be exploited.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to col-

lege. 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 FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit [www.advantageeducationloan.com](http://www.advantageeducationloan.com).

**WIC Services Available at the Kingman County Health Department**

Are you, or do you know someone who:

- ...is pregnant;
- ...is breastfeeding and infant up to one year of

age;

- ...is a child under 5 years old;
- ...has just had a baby and isn't breastfeeding a baby under 6 months old;
- ...or has recently miscarried?

You or those people you know may qualify for the WIC (Women, Infant, and Children) supple-

mental food program—many working people do qualify for WIC and don't realize it. Fruits, vegetables, dairy, protein, and whole-grains foods are available to WIC-eligible people.

Please call the Kingman County Health Department at 620-532-2221 for more informa-

tion or to schedule an appointment!

For more information about the Kansas WIC Program, visit their website at <http://www.kansas-wic.org/families/>

Kingman County Health Department is an equal-opportunity provider.

**Libraries**

**Cunningham Public Library**  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
298-3163  
Closed Holidays

**Zenda Public Library**  
**Hours**  
Monday & Wednesday  
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
620-243-5791

**Kingman Carnegie Library**  
620-532-3061  
Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Pratt Public Library**  
Mon. - Thurs.  
10:00 - 7:00  
Fri. - Sat.  
10:00 - 6:00  
Closed on Sundays

## Students Attend 2020 KAY Unit Conference

*submitted by Brooke Bowman*  
Twenty-two members of the Cunningham High School KAY club recently attended a KAY Unit Number School Group Conference on Feb. 5 at Argoina High School. Accompanying the group was their sponsor Brooke Bowman.

KAY (Kansas Association for Youth) Unit Conferences bring neighboring KAY clubs together in a non-competitive environment, providing the opportunity to share service project and program ideas. The theme for the unit confer-

ences are "Superfantastic Heroes." The Unit Conference is designed to focus on club leadership at the local level in addition to developing teamwork as everyone participates in a conference service project. Conference delegates return to their clubs refreshed and focused to end the school year by finishing all planned projects and functions.

The Kansas Association for Youth is a character-building, leadership training program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This nationally acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity

to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized programs. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation and world.

Throughout the 19-20 school year, the have been CHS KAY club actively involved in the following service projects:

- a. Hosting a Halloween party
- b. Raising money for Pennies for Patients
- c. Buying animals for the Heifer International project
- d. Hosting an anti-vaping presentation.



## Cunningham JH to Perform Play

Cunningham Junior High under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Huelskamp will be performing the play "Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone" by Dean O'Carroll at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10.

Sally Cotter is a light-hearted parody of the Harry Potter books. Our lead character, Sally, finds herself whisked away to a strangely familiar literary world, Froggull Academy. She and her friends Dave and Harmonica must balance the demands of attending class with the danger of trying to discover the plans of the villain, Lord Murderdeath.

Admission will be \$2. Students with an activity pass will be admitted for free.

## Track & Field Parent Meetings Scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020

The junior high and high school track & field athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Cunningham School cafeteria. The junior high meeting begins at 6:00 pm with the high school meeting to follow at 6:20 pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend.

Athletes must have a physical, concussion form and waiver on file before they can begin practice.

Call the school office at 298-2473 if you have any questions

## Cheer Meeting Scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020

Upcoming Junior High and High School girls interested in cheer will need to meet in Mrs. Nix's room at 5:15 on Monday, March 2. This is before the track meeting.

## Lady Cats Survive Mighty Test; Win League

*by Coach Eric Meyers*  
As the regular season's end draws near, the Lady Cats have faced their stiffest challenges of the year. On the heels of an exciting home win against Central Christian last Friday night, Cunningham took their perfect record on the road to the hostile confines of Norwich High School and some hungry players. To our credit, in a game that was maybe not the prettiest, our girls showed plenty of grit and hunger as well. We have been everyone's target all year, and it's hard to play well every night as I have said before, but up to the task we were. The first quarter was atypical for both teams in terms of scoring, as we found ourselves trailing by a pale 6-3 count. The second quarter was more in line with expectations as we scored 12 while holding the Eagles to just 4 points. Both scores at halftime, our 15 and Norwich's 10, were easily season lows. Every move by every player was contested, and the effort from all was supreme. As if the rivalry between these two schools was not enough, the league title was up for grabs as well since Norwich had stubbed its toe only once prior within league play. The Eagles were able to

shave two points off our halftime advantage during the third frame, setting the stage for a back and forth, drama-filled fourth quarter. Norwich grabbed a late 2-point lead with under 30 seconds to go and the Lady Cats called a timeout once in front court to set up a final play. With some debate in the huddle, I let the girls trump my play selection with one of their own and their execution was perfect! Madie McGuire converted a basket with 6 seconds remaining and the game would roll into overtime tied at 32. Cunningham converted 4 of 5 free throws in the fourth quarter and 5 of 6 in overtime to eventually outlast Norwich and win the game 37-34. A mentally and physically exhausting game it was.

The Lady Cats put 7 players in the scoring column compared to 5 Eagle players. I've got a few reserves that I trust and that I can turn to in times like these and that's a luxury for sure. We shot a mediocre 38% from the field and were lucky to win considering we gave up too many offensive rebounds to the Eagles which was the biggest contributor to the fact that Norwich took 10 more shot attempts than we did. Morgan Meyers led our team with 12 points and her back court mate Alayna McGuire added 10 points while making good on all four of her field goal attempts. Three

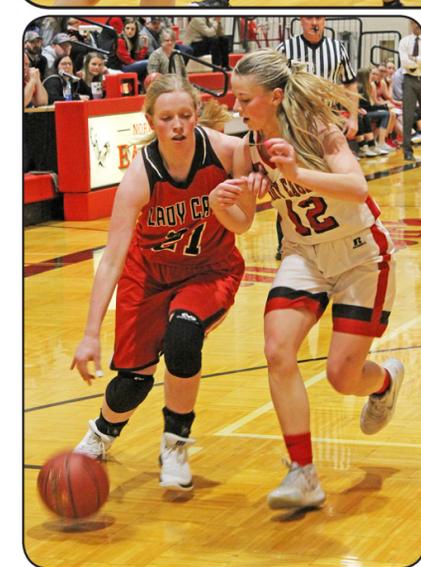
players – Madie McGuire, Hunter McGuire, and Holly DeWeese – scored 4 points apiece while Mackenzie Wright added 2 points and Maddi Panek 1 point. At the free throw line we succeeded 59% of the time on 10 of 17.

Holly paced us in rebounding with 7 while Hunter added 4 and Mackenzie 2. Morgan was active defensively with 6 steals to go along with Alayna's 3 and Hunter's 2. Morgan had a good floor game and made perhaps her most impact finding others in scoring positions as she handed out 9 of the team's 11 assists.

Basketball season is long, and it can be a grind at times. Cunningham won the HOPL League title with this win and won't be sharing it with anyone! The regular season wraps up at Burton on Thursday and the Lady Cats have a chance to go undefeated. I demand that they respect every opponent and refuse to let them overlook anyone. We want this!



Left: Alice Huelskamp and Hannah Ellis on defense. Below: Holly DeWeese shoots and scores.



Above: Hunter McGuire keeps the ball from Norwich defense.



Above: Morgan Meyers passes the ball to Alayna McGuire. Right: Jessemey Stalcup prepares to pass the ball.



Molly Morgan photos

## Wildcats Defeat the Eagles

*by Coach Bob Stackhouse*

The Cunningham Wildcats won their third game of the season with a 46 to 40 victory over the Norwich Eagles on February 18, 2020.

The Cats scored first and never trailed in the game. Trey DeWeese scored five points with Nathan Lohrke and Daylen Schnittker each adding four and two points, respectively. The first quarter end with the Cats up 11 to 3.

Cunningham extended their lead by three in the second quarter tallying 12 points and allowing 9 points to the Eagles. Isaiah Reed led the way with five points. Schnittker made a traditional three-point play with Lane Halderson and Lohrke scoring two points. The halftime score was Cunningham 23 and Norwich 12.

The teams played even in the third quarter, each scoring eight points. DeWeese made four points with Schnittker and Halderson adding two each.

Free throws determined the outcome of the game in the fourth quarter with Cunningham making 11 out of 22. Norwich made a run, scoring 20 points, but the Cats were able to maintain the lead by scoring 15 points. DeWeese made 6 of 8 free throws along with five free throws by Halderson and two two-point baskets by Halderson and Lohrke sealed the win.

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
Halderson	3		5/13	11	9	2	1	
DeWeese	2	1	8/10	15	7	3	2	
Schnittker	3		1/2	7	4	2	1	
Lohrke	4		0/1	8	8		1	
Paris			0/2	4	2	1		
Reed	1	1		1	6			
					2			

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	OT/Final
Cunningham	11	12	8	15	46
Norwich	3	9	8	20	40



Above: Lane Halderson shoots.

Far left: Daylen Schnittker under the basket.

Left: Trey DeWeese looks to pass to another Wildcat.

Molly Morgan photos

## Lady Cats Cap Off Perfect Regular Season

by Coach Eric Meyers

Play was not always perfect, but the results sure have been. Never before has a Cunningham High School girls basketball team navigated the season unscathed... until now. 20-0 has a nice ring to it! The Burrton Chargers were out-matched as the Lady Cats came out of the gate strong to surge to a 19-2 first quarter lead. A 17-point quarter in the second frame removed any doubt and all drama and from the 36-8 intermission Cunningham coasted to the finish line in a 48-18 climax to this game, and the regular season.

We shot 38% from

the floor but only 43% from the free throw line where we were infrequent visitors (3 of 7). Morgan Meyers had 16 first half points and finished with 18 to lead the way. Six other scored: Hunter McGuire (8), Madie McGuire (7), Maddi Panek (6), Holly DeWeese (4), Alayna McGuire (3), and Mackenzie Wright (2).

Our leading rebounder was Maddi with 9 followed closely by Madie and Morgan, each with 7. Mackenzie led us in steals with 4 as Holly and Hunter contributed 3 apiece. Morgan set the pace in assists with 3.

The Lady Cats enter Regional Play next week with a Friday night game at St. John vs. either Fairfield or Stafford. If we manage expectations

and play well, we will earn a spot in the championship game the next night against a worthy opponent, for sure. Its very important that we keep our heads down and look at, not beyond, our next opponent. We've accomplished a lot, but

can't be satisfied, can't be cocky, can't relax. Focus, focus, focus!



photo by Molly Morgan

Left: Madie McGuire shoots. Above: Morgan Meyers in a 2-point layup.

## Burrton Upsets Wildcats

by Coach Bob Stackhouse

The Cunningham Wildcats lost their last regular season game to the Burrton Chargers by a score of 42 to 44 on February 20, 2020.

The shooting touch disappeared for the Cats with a 27% average for the game from the field. Cunningham gained the lead early in the first quarter but was not able to extend it and Burrton came back in the back half of the quarter to take a 6 to 8 lead. Lane Halderson scored six of the points and Nathan Lohrke added two points.

Cunningham regained the lead in the second quarter scoring 13 points and holding the Chargers to four points. Halderson increased his scoring pace as his teammates were able to find him in the middle of Burrton's zone defense to score 8 points Daylen Schnittker added two points and Lohrke made a three-point basket.

Cunningham led at the half, 19 to 12.

The wheels started coming off the cart in the third quarter as Burrton found the range for 16 points and Cunningham could not keep pace scoring 8 points. Isaiah Reed made a two-point basket, Erik Paris scored on a three-point shot and Halderson added two points. The seven-point lead turned into trailing by one entering the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter saw the Cats trail by as many as six points. The would not give up and fought back going 7 for 10 from the line. Halderson scored 12 of the 15 Cunningham points. Paris added a two-point basket and Reed made a free throw. Burrton hit timely baskets and free throws to keep the Cats at bay. Cunningham had one last chance to score with 1.1 seconds on the clock, but a good look bounced off the rim and Burrton stole a win from the Cats.

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
Halderson	8		10/14	26	5	2	6	
DeWeese					4	3	2	
Schnittker	1		1/2	3	6	1	2	
Lohrke	1	1		5	6			
Paris	1	1	0/1	5	5			
Reed	1		1/2	3	3		1	

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	OT/Final
Cunningham	6	13	8	15	42
Burrton	8	4	16	16	44



Far left: Lane Halderson scoring 2 points.

Left: Nathan Lohrke scoring 3 points.

Above: Daylen Schnittker hanging on to the ball.

## Students Study Evidence for Chemical Change in Chemistry



I had this space to fill up, and visited the Facebook page for USD 332, and found these pictures of students in chemistry class. (I believe John Huffman is the teacher.)



This cute little potato bug is Tobias. Molly took this photo and captioned it: "What you lookin' at?"

## Don't Forget!!

### SCCF 2020 Scholarship Opportunities

South Central Community Foundation, in partnership with past and current community members, is excited to offer a total of 35 unique scholarship opportunities. Specific guideline requirements and applications for each scholarship can be found online at [www.sccfks.org](http://www.sccfks.org).

All applications and supporting documents must be postmarked by **March 16<sup>th</sup>** or delivered to the Foundation (114 W. 5th Pratt, KS) by 4:00 p.m. to be considered

for the 2020 scholarship season.

SCCF was established in 1994 and is a nonprofit organization that works towards their mission of "Assuring a Bright Future for South Central Kansas." Along with volunteer committee members, SCCF has worked towards that goal by awarding over \$64,000 in scholarships to deserving students in 2019 within the seven-county service area. Please contact SCCF to learn more about the Foundation or scholarship opportunities at (620) 672-7929 or by email [sccf@sccfks.org](mailto:sccf@sccfks.org).

## USDA Announces Details of Risk Management Programs for Hemp Producers

Washington, D.C., February 6, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of two programs that protect hemp producers' crops from natural disasters. A pilot hemp insurance program through Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) provides coverage against loss of yield because of insurable causes of loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain or Cannabidiol (CBD) oil and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage protects against losses associated with lower yields, destroyed crops or prevented planting where no permanent federal

crop insurance program is available. Producers may apply now, and the deadline to sign up for both programs is March 16, 2020.

"We are pleased to offer these coverages to hemp producers. Hemp offers new economic opportunities for our farmers, and they are anxious for a way to protect their product in the event of a natural disaster," said Farm Production and Conservation Undersecretary Bill Northey.

### Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Pilot Insurance Program

The MPCI pilot insurance is a new crop insurance option for hemp producers in select counties of 21 states for the 2020 crop year. The program is available for eligible producers in certain counties in Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine,

Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. Information on eligible counties is accessible through the USDA Risk Management Agency's Actuarial Information Browser.

Among other requirements, to be eligible for the pilot program, a hemp producer must have at least one year of history producing the crop and have a contract for the sale of the insured hemp. In addition, the minimum acreage requirement is 5 acres for CBD and 20 acres for grain and fiber. Hemp will not qualify for replant payments or prevented plant payments under MPCI.

This pilot insurance coverage is available to hemp growers in addition to revenue protection for hemp offered under the Whole-Farm Revenue

Protection plan of insurance. Also, beginning with the 2021 crop year, hemp will be insurable under the Nursery crop insurance program and the Nursery Value Select pilot crop insurance program. Under both nursery programs, hemp will be insurable if grown in containers and in accordance with federal regulations, any applicable state or tribal laws and terms of the crop insurance policy.

### Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

NAP provides coverage against loss for hemp grown for fiber, grain, seed or CBD for the 2020 crop year where no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

NAP basic 50/55 coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected produc-

tion. Buy-up coverage is available in some cases. The 2018 Farm Bill allows for buy-up levels of NAP coverage from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Premiums apply for buy-up coverage.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

### Eligibility Requirements

Under a regulation authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and issued in October 2019, all growers must have a license to grow hemp and must comply with applicable state, tribal or federal regulations or operate under a state or university research pilot, as authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Producers must report

hemp acreage to FSA after planting to comply with federal and state law enforcement. The Farm Bill defines hemp as containing 0.3 percent or less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on a dry-weight basis. Hemp having THC above the federal statutory compliance level of 0.3 percent is an insurable or ineligible cause of loss and will result in the hemp production being ineligible for production history purposes.

For more information on USDA risk management programs for hemp producers, visit farmers.gov/hemp to read our [frequently asked questions](#). For more information on the U.S. Domestic Hemp Production Program, visit USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services' website to read their [frequently asked questions](#).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

## House Republican Leadership Unveils Plan to Make Kansas Work

Topeka, KS-House Republican Leadership has unveiled a five-point plan to spur rural revitalization, increase workforce, and reduce dependence on public assistance. The plan is called Make Kansas Work and focuses on five bills that leadership has or will introduce in the coming days. The five bills are:

- The Rural Hospital Innovation Act creates a \$30,000,000 fund using public dollars matched

by private dollars to be granted to rural counties to help rural hospitals respond to changing markets, identify needed improvements and make the changes necessary to stay open and protect access to health care in rural areas of the state.

- A first-time home buyer savings account modeled on the state's successful 529 education savings plan. The accounts allow for tax deductible deposits to help Kansans save for their first home, or for parents and grandparents to save on behalf a child who will put down roots in Kansas or even for communities to save to attract needed professionals such as doctors, dentists or teach-

ers to the community.

- The Kansas Targeted Employment Act which would provide for integrated workshops where those with disabilities could work alongside those who receive public assistance but want to work. Private businesses that send work to an integrated employment center would receive a tax credit so long as the workers are paid at least minimum wage and offered benefits upon full time employment.

- Our tax relief plan for Kansas seniors would raise the exemption for senior citizens receiving Social Security from \$75,000 in annual income to \$100,000 in annual income so that Kansas

seniors can continue to work and earn additional income if they wish to do so without having to pay higher taxes. Kansas seniors should not be penalized for continuing to work, farm, or run their own business just because they are drawing the Social Security benefits they've earned.

- The Kansas Promise Act is modeled on the successful Tennessee Promise Act but modified to enhance workforce development. Under the bill scholarships are offered to Kansas graduates who agree to complete a certificate or two-year program in one of the state's high need areas for labor. The students must work part time or perform commu-

nity service during their education and commit to remaining in Kansas and working for two years post-graduation.

"There's a feeling among a lot of Kansans that things aren't working for them anymore," Ron Ryckman, Speaker of the House said, "they see their children grow up and move away, find education too costly, or have little reason to move home. We want to change that." He said no single measure will change the fortunes of rural Kansas, but several measures taken together could help provide revitalization.

House Majority Dan Hawkins added, "These bills are built on Republican principles;

hard work, self improvement, community driven solutions, and public and private partnerships that don't just make a new government program. The path to a new decade of prosperity in Kansas won't be paved by taking more solutions from Washington D.C."

"Kansans are resilient, dedicated and always looking to improve," said Speaker Pro Tern Blaine Finch, "With this plan our people and our communities will have new tools to build Kansas solutions for the challenges they face."

More information about the plan can be found at [MakeKansasWork.com](#).

## Things to Do in the Pratt Area

### Boots & Bling – It's a Cowgirl Thing!

Gamma Beta ESA Sixth Annual Quartermania Jewelry Action

Saturday, March 7 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Pratt County 4-H Building

Put on your Boots and Bling and bring plenty of quarters to bid on fabulous pieces of jewelry and purses.

Tickets are \$25 and available from any Gamma Beta member or can also be purchased at Hello Beautiful in Pratt. Your ticket includes 1 paddle to bid with, lunch, drinks, a fabulous desert buffet, photo booth, and lots of girlfriend FUN! Gamma Beta ESA Sorority sponsors

this event each year as a fundraiser so that we can donate to philanthropic causes within our community.

### Dairyland Donkey Basketball

Tuesday, March 10 – 7:00 pm  
Skyline Schools – Big gym

Come out for an evening of side-splitting, family fun tournament action!! Students, faculty, and business members will be playing basketball on donkeys. Advanced tickets are available for \$7.00 from any Skyline FFA member. Tickets at the door at \$10.00. Half time donkey rides for elementary students.

### Tractor Safety Training

Saturday, March 28 – 7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Pratt Community College

If you are 14 or 15 years old and planning to do farm work for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, you must take a Tractor Safety Course according to the U.S. Department of Labor requirements. The \$40 registration fee includes lunch and is available to those who live in Barber, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt and Stafford Counties. If you live outside the listed counties, the registration fee is \$50 and \$60 for anyone who registers after March 13. Contact your local Extension Office to register. This event is sponsored by Pratt Community College, BTI Pratt, Kincheloe's and KanEquip

### Vernon Filley Art Museum

For Museum Hours and Admission Fees, please visit [www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org](#)

"A Western Perspective" by Lori Jones

January 24 – April 4, 2020

This exhibition is sponsored in part by: Stull, Beverlin, Nicolay & Haas, LLC; Legacy Bank; & Ninescah Rural Electric Co-Op.

Beginning Landscape Watercolor Workshop with Mike Fallier

Saturday, February 29 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 1 2:00 to 4:00 pm

This two day workshop will focus on land-

scapes and techniques including: wet on wet, dry brush, scraping and experimentation. Multiple skill levels are welcome. Ages 18 and up. Space is limited so sign up today! Cost is \$100 per student.

Art classes are available

sign up by visiting our website:

<http://www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org/education/>

### Pratt Community College

Spring Musical – Into the Woods

Friday, February 28 & Saturday, February 29 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 1 at 2:30

Tickets are \$5

**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!

## Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

LOIS J. JACOBS, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2019 PR 12

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Lois D. Mullins, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Lois J. Jacobs, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and

expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 10, 2020, 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.

Lois Diane Mullins, Petitioner  
Matthew W. Ricke  
Ricke Law Office  
349 N. Main, PO Box 113  
Kingman, KS 67068  
Attorney for Petitioner



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You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 10, 2020, 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.  
Lois Diane Mullins, Petitioner  
Matthew W. Ricke  
Ricke Law Office  
349 N. Main, PO Box 113  
Kingman, KS 67068  
Attorney for Petitioner

**A Thank You**  
*The family of Martha Albers Strong would like to thank their community of friends for the prayers, memorials, food, and other acts of kindness following her death and funeral. A special thank you to the people of Parkwood Village and Interim Health-care for the excellent care they gave to her.*  
 The Martha Strong family

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# Celebrations of Life

## Sister Mary Conrad Miller

GREAT BEND – Miller, Sister Mary Conrad, 91, died February 22, 2020, in the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary, Great Bend. She was born June 21, 1928, in Willowdale, KS, the daughter of Conrad and Anna Gehlen Miller. She entered the Dominican Sisters Community in 1947 and pronounced vows in 1950. Sister Mary Conrad ministered as a teacher and principal from 1952 - 2013. Sister Mary Conrad was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and two sisters. She is survived by two sisters, Leona Henning of Wichita and Alfreda Youngers Bock of Kingman, as well as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

Mass of Christian Burial was February 25, 2020 at the Sisters' Convent. Burial was in the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials in honor of Sister Mary Conrad may be sent to Dominican Sisters of Peace, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219-2098. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at [www.bryantfh.net](http://www.bryantfh.net).

## Pete McIver

Walter E. "Pete" McIver, 84, died Feb. 19, 2020, at Cheney.

He was born Dec. 23, 1935, at Satanta, Kansas the son of Oscar and Alice Marie Harlow McIver.

A longtime resident of Cheney, he was a retired Field Operator for Panhandle Eastern Natural Gas and former owner/operator of Walt's Fina Station, both in Satanta.

Pete was a member of the Cheney United Methodist Church, a 54 year member of the Hugoton Masonic Lodge #406, the Scottish Rite Bodies and Isis Shrine Temple; the Cheney American Legion; and was a U.S. Army veteran.

On Sept. 30, 1960, he married Clara Sheffield at Satanta. Other survivors include daughters Dana Eye, Jana McIver, Kim McIver and Darcy Harkcom; brothers Jim McIver, Mark McIver and Vernon McIver; grandchildren Sali Mattison, KaLeena Martinez, Kin Gilfillan and Darian Harkcom; great-grandchildren Liam Vesely, Kieran Vesely, Caden Acosta, Calvin Mattison and Jaci Mattison. He was preceded in death by brothers Lester and George McIver; and sisters Ella Marie Hazelton and Crystal Parton.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 22, at the Cheney United Methodist Church, followed by burial at the Pioneer Cemetery, Cheney.

Memorials may be made with Isis Shrine Temple in care of the Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

## Students Achieve Success in Pioneer Electric Youth Tour Program

From 67 applicants to four delegates, Southern Pioneer Electric congratulated Clare Pollock of South Barber High School; Alayna McGuire of Cunningham High School; Daylen Schnittker of Cunningham High School and Brecken Webber of Sublette High School for their success in 2020's Youth Tour program. McGuire and Webber will represent Southern Pioneer at the Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. and Schnittker and Pollock will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO.

"Every year, our judges interview so many outstanding sophomores and juniors and have the tough job of selecting the four students to win these trips," said Dee Longoria, program coordinator and energy services coordinator. "Southern Pioneer Electric recognizes that our youth are our future leaders and that we need

to provide them with opportunities to learn about our nation and to develop their leadership skills through these trips.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., covers the power of democratic control and civic engagement. Students have opportunities to meet with legislators, tour historical monuments and view the history that has shaped our country. The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp focuses on giving students tools to better themselves as leaders and learn about the cooperative system. Students interact with various presenters and begin pinpointing their strengths as leaders. This camp challenges students through multiple leadership roles and gives them a chance to look at leadership in completely different ways. At camp, students visit with professionals in the electric cooperative industry, participate in team-building activities, manage their own



Daylen Schnittker and Alayna McGuire photo courtesy of USD 332

"candy cooperative," go rafting and participate in additional team-building activities.

"Southern Pioneer Electric is proud to be a part of the Kansas Electric Cooperative's (KEC) Youth Tour program," said Longoria. "More than 1,800 young people from 45 states participate in the Youth tour every year. Our delegates come back from

their trips with a sense of gratitude, have made new friends and bring back new skills to their communities."

Questions regarding either trip, the judging process and requests for details regarding 2021's program may be directed to [dlongoria@pioneer-electric.coop](mailto:dlongoria@pioneer-electric.coop).

story from *Southernpioneer.net*

## Public Invited to Robotics Demonstration

BEST Robotics is a competition that focuses on engineering and design. On Kick Off Day, the team receives the rules and finds out what the game parameters will be for that year's competition. The students are also given the electronic components, as well as a box containing a variety of materials, such as plywood, sheet metal, screws, etc.

Their robot may only be built from the available parts provided. For six weeks, the students design, build, test, redesign, and program their robot for the competition.

Teams are required to document their engineering process throughout, as well. This documentation is used as part of their score in the competition.

On Game Day, the teams compete in head to head matches. The teams that score the most points, move on to the finals, then the regional competition and national competition.

The community is invited to attend a BEST Robotics demonstration put on by Cunningham High School's Robotics team. The program will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9th at the Cunningham Community Center. The Cunningham Women's Club is sponsoring the event and will serve refreshments.



## Local Students awarded degrees at Kansas State University

More than 1,430 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in fall 2019. The graduates are from 89 Kansas counties, 42 states and 30 countries.

The university awarded 1,213 bachelor's degrees, 244 master's degrees, 54 doctorates and four associate degrees. Several students earned multiple degrees.

More than 200 students earned graduation honors for outstanding academic performance. Of those, 55 students graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 74 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 76 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849.

A list of students who have earned degrees and, if applicable, graduation honors from Kansas State University:

Cunningham: Isaiah McAdam, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Cunningham: Nicholas Vanpelt, Bachelor of Science in Education

## Community Album



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Cunningham Daycare getting ready to head to the park and enjoy the one fairly warm day of the week.  
Kathy Albers photo



This photo is of the Cunningham United Methodist Women's group in 1990 or 1991.

Back row: Helen Long, Elsie Hergert, Gertrude Crick, Elizabeth Sheldon, Arlene Bradley, Kay House, Mary Oller  
Front row: Eileen Crick, Patty Huffman, Liz Miller, Cindy Houtved, and Lola Torkelson. The two ladies standing behind Mrs. Torkelson are unidentified.  
photo sent in by Eileen Crick



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