

The Cunningham Courier

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City Council to Meet Monday Using Zoom

The Cunningham City Council will conduct its monthly meeting through Zoom, a remote conferencing service that combines video conferencing, on-line meetings, and chat. Council members will be able to attend the meeting from their home, place of business, or wherever they are using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. Members of the public will also have access to the meeting using the same devices. A phone option is available, although the numbers provided by the service are not toll free.

Those attending the meeting must sign in, whether using a phone or computer. Upon sign-in all participants are muted. The meeting host can unmute participants individually or as a group, which will allow time for public comments. The meeting will be recorded to ensure compliance with the open meetings law. Contact the City Clerk at (620) 491-2352 or email at clerk67035@gmail.com for more information on attending the meeting.

The following is borrowed from the City of Kingman. We will follow these guidelines for Monday’s Cunningham

City Council meeting as we use this new format to hold a public meeting during this time when public gatherings in Kansas are limited to groups under ten. – David Steffen, City Clerk.

Helpful Hints for City meetings in Zoom

1. What is Zoom? Zoom is a digital conferencing service that will allow meetings to be broadcast on the internet to devices such as computers, tablets, and phones. It will also allow access to the meeting by telephone audio as well. There is no fee to use Zoom, but your phone minutes or data plan will be used while accessing.
2. Get the FREE Zoom App. If you want to access video and audio, it is highly recommended that users download the free Zoom app. This will allow for easy access on cell phones. You can also download the Zoom app on a laptop or tablet as well. If you do not have the app on your computer, laptop, or pad, after clicking the meeting link you will be prompted to open Zoom or have the option of downloading the app to access the meeting.
3. Meeting Settings. All meetings will have viewers/listeners muted and their video will be disabled. This will

allow the meeting to be orderly and allow everyone to hear what is happening. Those who are participating in the meeting will be unmuted when it is his/her time on the agenda so everyone can see and hear them.

4. Expect an Entry Delay. There will be a delay to enter the meeting once you access it. We have to manually allow entrance into the meeting from the waiting room.

5. Please Provide Full Name. If using a cell phone or computer-type device to access the video/audio for the meeting, you will be asked to list your name – and a pre-populated name may appear automatically. We are strongly requesting that you please input your full name when prompted so we can keep record of who attended the meeting. It also helps us to know who we need to unmute for presentations.

6. Just Click the Link. The meeting invitation will have a hyperlink that will allow easy access to the meetings on your cell phone or computer-type device. Just click the link and it will take you to the proper Zoom landing page. But, we do urge that you go ahead and download the FREE app prior to the meeting so you can experience this magic.

7. Landline/Audio Only Cell Phone Calls. If you are only wanting to call in for audio on either a land line or a cell phone, the meeting invitation will have several phone numbers listed for the United States. Please select a number that does not have a specific city listed beside it. Once you call the number, you will be required to input your Meeting ID followed by a #. The Meeting ID will be listed in the meeting invitation information. You may be asked to provide a participant number if you have it. Nobody will have such a number, so please press # again as the system will request.

8. Thanks for your Patience. Please understand that we are working extremely hard to make these systems work, but we expect there will be glitches and things we have not expected. We are doing everything we know to provide this vital service as easily accessible as possible. This is a learning experience for everyone. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

For more information, contact David Steffen , city clerk, at (620) 491-2352 or email at clerk67035@gmail.com.

County Commission Meeting March 16th

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 16th, 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 and Chief Lux.

Staff: Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Randy Hill; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director; and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse.

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.

Commissioner Foley would like to add discussion on the Expo Center.

Commissioner Henning would like to discuss the jail addition.

County Clerk asked to add Susan Hubbell to the agenda.

John Caton, County Counselor would like discussion on the Public

Building Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Expo Center discussion; Jail addition discussion; adding Susan Hubbell and John Caton about the Public Building Commission. 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.

Commissioner Henning discussed that the weather has caused water to get into the dispatch.

Heather Kinsler, 911/ Dispatch Director discussed the issues they have had every time we have rain due to the construction.

Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance was in to request doing some grounds keeping by the Health Department.

Commissioner Henning discussed that putting in trees and bushes cause root damage to property.

Mr. Schnittker let them know that he will not replace the bushes and trees that had died.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to review the February 2020 Budget Reports.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that SKACE meeting that was scheduled in St. John on April 2nd, 2020 has been postponed.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the County Engineer’s/Road Supervisor’s Annual Report for 2019.

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NINNESCAH VALLEY BANK

IMPORTANT READ:

Notice Regarding Banking Operations Effective MARCH 25, 2020.

Ninnescah Valley Bank remains committed to providing our customers with essential banking services. However, as a result of the continued spread of the COVID-19 Virus, we have made the decision to restrict access to the bank lobby. We now ask that you conduct all banking business through our on-line banking platform, by telephone, or night deposit facility. If you need assistance with cash transactions or other transactions that cannot be done through on-line banking, telephone or night deposit, a temporary area is available by entering through the southwest door of our building. In the event that you need to open an account, access your safe deposit box, or apply for a loan, we request that you contact a member of our staff, by telephone to schedule an appointment for those services at 620-298-2511.

In addition to the lobby restrictions we will be temporarily changing our hours to Monday through Friday to 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We thank you for your cooperation and continued support during this rapidly changing situation.

BOE Special Meeting

AGENDA

March 30, 2020

7 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Guest Recognition
- Review and Approve Continuous Learning Plan
- Review and Approve Resolution to continue wage payments
- Other
- Adjournment

Please Note Due to Social Distancing Mandates No public audience will be admitted. If you would like to attend the meeting, please call Stacy Webster for details on how to “Zoom” in.

City Council Agenda

6:30 p.m. – Meeting will be held through the remote conferencing app “Zoom”

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2020 meeting
- Public comments, concerns, & communications
- Fire Department Chief’s Report
- Spring Clean Up Sidewalks
- Water Well No. 3
- Swimming Pool
- Parks Reports:
- Property Officer
- Maintenance
- Planning & Zoning
- Permits
- Animal Control
- Financial Report & payment of bills
- Adjourn

Cunningham Blessings

Cunningham residents: during this time of the Covid-19 social distancing, if you are in need of supplies or groceries, please contact Barb Shultz or Jennette Rogers. We will help get what you need so you do not have to leave your home.

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OR email cunninghamblessings@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo

Saturdays

5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda

Saturdays

4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays

8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale

Sundays

10:00 a.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.

620-474-9131

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.

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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

Wednesday, April 1st

Monday, March 30th

6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

Ladies' Coffee at Two Palominos

Monday, April 27th

6:30 p.m.

CW Dinner and Daughter Banquet: A 'formal' affair

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http://www.kingmantheatre.org/

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On Saturday, March 28th from 4pm-7pm, we will be offering curbside delivery of our great popcorn and combo concessions. We want to encourage our Kingman Community to stay home and watch your favorite movie, and still enjoy the delicious concessions of your local Kingman Historic Theatre!!!

Orders can be placed at the outside box office window, through our FB pages, or by calling 532-1253. (Our lobby will be closed to the public)

For those taking advantage of this great offer... send us a picture through FB messenger of your Stay at Home and Escape Through The Movies night while enjoying your Kingman Theatre Concessions and you will be entered into a drawing for (4) free tickets and (2) 2 person combo gift cards to the Kingman Historic Theatre.

To Donate or Loan items to the Cunningham Museum, please contact Donna Glenn

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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(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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William E. Bradley, Editor

1970

March 26 – Mrs. Dorothy Hendricks of Cunningham, announces the marriage of her daughter, Cathy, to Larry Lubbers, son of Mrs. Helen Lubbers, also of Cunningham.

The Nashville-Zenda High School T-Bird Dance Band, “The Vibrations,” will appear on the television program, “Community Window” over KTVH (Channel 12, Hutchison-Wichita), Monday morning, March 30, at 7:00 o’clock.

Dance band members are Diane Swingle, Dean Lauterbach, Johnny Mattal, Eddie and Gary McGuire, and Kenny Dirks.

The high school band director, Eddy Emerson, is also the dedicated director of this dance band.

The “T-Chicks,” Nashville-Zenda High School’s girls basketball team, completed an undefeated season, two weeks ago, Wednesday evening, winning the Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament played at Skyline (Pratt) High School.

Members of the team are Lora Hellman, Debbie Hellman, Donna Mattal, Linda Watkins, Esther Whitmer, Marlene Thieme, Eileen Adelhardt, Debbie Kanngiesser, Ruth Aytes, Betty Adelhardt, Lisa Smith, Sheryl Fisher, and the Coach Miss Linda Brune.

1965

March 25 – Thirty-four of 89 high school students had perfect attendance records for the fourth six-weeks period of school, according to Supt. of Schools Will Seacat.

The 11 Freshmen are Alan Albers, Mary Lynn Cundiff, Debbie DeArmond, Layne Harris, Jerry McMillian, Joel Nelson, Monte Rose, Susan Rottering, Paul Sallee, Tom Schnittker, and Betty Thimesch.

The 10 Sophomores are Jean Brady, Eddie Crosley, Dan DeLaRosa, Stanley Hansen, Larry McMillian, Paula Renner, Duane Schnittker, Mike Scripsick, Dennis Theis, and Gladys Voss.

The five Juniors are Pat Baber, Kenny Kerschen, Norman Patton, Dee Ann Scripsick, and Dennis Young.

The eight Seniors are Steve Cooley, Vicki DeLaRosa, Jeanne Lackey, Karen Mertens, Gray Miller, Gail Nelson, Alvin Penka, and Diana

Thanks for recycling

The Courier on

April 6th

Spade.

Marleen Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley of Cunningham, has been accepted to enter the nurse’s training at Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Hutchinson.

Advertisement Public Auction Of 1,160 Acres of Improved Kingman County Grass and Personal Property 2 miles North, 1 ¼ West Of Cunningham Thursday Morning March 30, 1965 At 10:00 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miles And Son, Owners Sale Conducted by Davenport Auction Company

1960

March 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, March 16.

She weighed nine pounds, seven ounces, and has been named Karen Louise.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. August Detmer of Spivey, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Allie Fischer of Cunningham.

(The Editor hopes you had a happy birthday, Karen!)

Ronald Burgess has signed a contract to teach instrumental music at St. John school next year.

Mr. Burgess, a graduate of Southwestern College at Winfield, has been high school music supervisor here the past two years.

Wanted – Talent for the Cunningham Lions Club Talent Show, Saturday evening, April 9. Please contact Dan Bayer or Jack Meyers.

Miss Cozette Taylor, seventh grade teacher, was honored at a benefit basketball game between the Cunningham and Sawyer Grade Schools at the high school gym last Friday evening.

Students in the upper grades planned the event, and Miss Taylor was presented with a corsage from the Cunningham team. Miss Taylor suffered a broken hip in a fall at school, January 15, but returned to her teaching position two weeks ago but is confined to a wheel chair.

John Kaster of Cunningham is the crew leader for the census takers in Kingman and Stafford counties.

1955

March 24 – The 1955 Chevrolet trucks will be unveiled at the Dafforn Motor Company tomorrow (Friday). E. C. and

Francis Dafforn cordially invited the public to come in and see the new model.

The Reno Telephone Association would like to have all persons wanting telephones on the new dial system in the Cunningham community, to make their applications without delay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreck and Mike have moved into a new house in the southeast part of town, recently completed by Ed Pelzl.

1950

March 24 – The entire faculty has been hired at Cunningham Rural High School for next year. Only new teacher is Roy Greenlee of Emporia, replacing Mrs. Pauline Smith. Other teachers rehired are Principal Harve Grinnell, Opal Grinnell, Dorothy Spencer, Claude Westbrooks, and E. R. Smizer.

A serious fire threatened the entire brick building housing the Ellis Apartments and three business places last Friday night. The blaze broke out in the Brunswick Smoker, and damage was confined to that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling of Hutchinson, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, March 18. Mrs. Kampling is the former Florine Stillwell.

1940

March 22, 1940 – The Union Star Hillbillies plan a busy week-end. They will appear at the Masonic Home in Wichita, Friday evening, and on programs over Radio Station KANS at the Uptown Theatre on Saturday. This musical group is composed of pupils in the Union Star School near Cunningham, and are directed by Teacher Harold McPeck.

1935

March 22 – One ticket of candidates made its appearance this week for the City Election to be held on Monday, April 1. Heading the ticket for the Peoples Party is Frank Doty for Mayor, and Perry Luce, Carlos Cannon, Glenn Patton, Roy Wetherall, and Wayne DeLair for Councilmen.

Dense clouds of dust, the worst ever seen here, enveloped the community, Wednesday. Visibility was pared to a few hundred feet, and highway traffic came almost to a standstill.

March 21, 1930 – Marvin Bahling reported this week that he had purchased the interests of Carl Poland in the Farmer’s Grain Company and Elevator, and is now the sole owner of the establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wilcox of Cairo announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, March 16.

County Commission

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Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the 2020 Hot Mix Program.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on equipment deliveries.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the Consultant selection for the FAS #12 Bridge design. The consultant's bids were received and will be reviewed and submitted next Monday.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that the Regional Solid Waste Plan Review Public Hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on March 30th during the Commission Meeting.

Stan Goetz was in with a recommendation from the Planning/Zoning Board to approve a change from Agricultural to Light Industrial.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2020-R6, Commissioner

Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Randy Hill discussed the vehicles that were purchased and they had been ordered by Ford as Hybrids so they were not correct so were re-ordered and the price of the vehicles will be cheaper than originally bid.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to talk about the COVID-19 and that we need to do something to limit the gatherings.

Ms. Schwartz would like to issue an Order to prohibit the crowds like

Sedgwick County has done on crowds of 50 or more.

Mr. Schott submitted documentation that other counties are doing.

Sheriff Hill discussed that we are doing this declaration to help flattening the curve.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion.

The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Max Clark asked what is the recommended time frame of the shut down.

Ms. Schwartz will be putting an order together that will require that there are no public gatherings of 50 or more.

The County Commissioners agreed that a Press Release for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to ask the County Commissioners if it is okay to not do passports until further notice.

The County Clerk discussed having county vehicles and equipment titled as "KINGMAN COUNTY KANSAS".

Chairman Steffen asked Mr. Caton what he had found out about the Public Building Commission's Bond.

Mr. Caton let them know that he talked with Kevin Cowan and he said it should be paid in Mid-May.

Chairman Steffen asked about the Expo

Center.

Commissioner Foley let the board know that he had talked with Mendy Frampton about the Expo Center South addition and the tin on the West side of the building.

The Commissioners discussed the tin on the West, North and South sides of the building needing replaced.

Commissioners discussed an RFP for the tin on the Expo Center Building and a separate RFP for the south addition of the Expo Center Building.

The Commissioners signed abatements.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the Heritage Trust Fund Agreement. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the March 9th, 2020 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners discussed the tax sale and decided on July 6th, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 4:18 p.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commission Special Meeting March 18th

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Kingman Expo Center North Room, Kingman, Kansas on March 18th, 2020. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader Courier; Zachary Bieghler, Kingman EMS Director; Greg Graffman, City Manager; Kallie Turner, Kingman Extension Agent;

Staff: Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; John Wimer, Noxious Weed Director; Tim Elliott, Deputy Treasurer; Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Misty Jacobs, Public Works Office Administrator; Matthew Ricke, County Attorney; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch Director; Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager; Sheriff Randy Hill; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Steffen called the Board of County Commissioners Special

Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Steffen let everyone in attendance know that this is a special meeting for COVID-19 measures.

Chairman Steffen asked Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse if she had any updated information.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that things are changing by the minute and there are no cases in Kingman County at this time.

Ms. Schwartz said that protection and prevention are the key.

Chairman Steffen asked the other Commissioners if the Expo Center should be closed.

The Commissioners discussed the Governor's Executive Order 20-04.

Richard Schott, Emergency Manager provided a notice to the County Commissioners that would be placed on the entrances if the Commissioners were to close the Courthouse to the public.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer let the Commissioners know that the State will be closing on March 23, 2020 for 14 days and this will include the Drivers License office and the tag office. Ms. Luntsford said if they are working on something having to do with the tag office and

it goes down they may not have IT to help fix any problems.

Chairman Steffen read the notice received from Mr. Schott to be placed on the door if closed to the public.

Sheriff Hill the doors will be locked to the public but employees will still be available to help. The reason for the locked door is to protect the employees so they will be available to help the public.

Mr. Schott told the County Commissioners that we do not have enough PPE(Personal Protective Equipment) to provide to people.

Sheriff Hill let the Board of Commissioners know that he has suspended visitation as of yesterday and that there will be circumstances where attorneys will need to meet with their clients but will be screened before entrance.

Chairman Steffen read a document off of his phone from Stan Goetz, Human Resources.

Chairman Steffen asked if the Commissioners would like to close the Courthouse to the public.

Commissioner Henning if we close the Courthouse we need to have employees to answer the phones and help people.

Chairman Steffen asked what we should do to help employees with

compromised immune systems.

Commissioners agreed that the Department Heads should make those decisions on the employees staying home.

Chairman Steffen said that this may come to a full shutdown we just don't know.

Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance asked about FEDEX and UPS dropping off packages.

Sheriff Hill suggested that the Commissioners leave the 60 day decree and just follow it.

The County Clerk let the Commissioners know that she had discussed this with the Attorney General's office and meetings can be held by conference call but the Commissioners cannot be in the same room during a conference call. They would have to call in also. Also, they could handle the meeting by Webex to allow the public to be in attendance that way.

Sheriff Hill said he is looking into Zoom for court first appearances.

Mr. Schott said he has Go To Meeting available for streaming the Commission Meeting. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to close the courthouse to the public as requested by the Department Heads at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner

Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to close the Expo Center until further notice. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners asked Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director about his office.

Mr. Arensdorf will have the office and building closed to the public. The employees will be instructed of the policy.

Make a commendation to all employees if they need time off before. MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to commendate all employees if they need time off before the temporary revision is put into effect. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners asked John Wimer,

Noxious Weed Director and Matthew Ricke, County Attorney about their offices and how they will be handled.

Mr. Wimer let them know his office will be available.

Mr. Ricke let them know his office will close his door and have people call or make appointments

John Caton, County Counselor asked Mary if her website will be updated with hotspots shown.

Ms. Schwartz said it will be updated on the website.

Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director asked if her scheduled event for this evening from 6 to 10 p.m. can still go on.

The Commissioners told Ms. Frampton as of 5 tonight the County buildings will be closed to the public and it should be cancelled.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the special board meeting at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Lions' Club Scholarship

The Lions' Club members would like to remind the Cunningham area college students they are still taking applications for their \$500.00 scholarship. Information can be found on the school counselor's webpage.



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West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due at the central office on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Applications may be obtained at <http://www.usd332edfoundation.webs.com>. There is also a link on the school website at <http://www.usd332.org>. Please contact Janet DeWeese at 620-298-2717 if you have any questions.

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Cancellations

Lions' Club Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled.

The community cantata, "Praise the Risen Lord," scheduled to be performed on Palm Sunday, has been postponed. The plan is to reschedule at a later date.

Help Wanted

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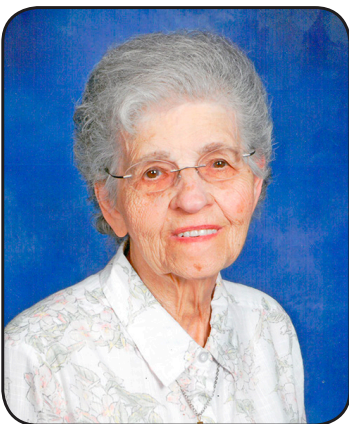
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Marie Cooley

Marie M. Cooley, 92, passed away March 16, 2020. Private Family Services were held. A Celebration of Life Reception to be held at a later date.

Marie was preceeded in death by parents, William and Rosa Becker; husband, Kenneth Cooley; daughter, Pamela Slusser; and granddaughter, Melinda Slusser.



Survivors include daughters, Terry Keeter, Verla (Bill) Pope, Kathy (Alan) Gates; sons, Kim (Sheryl) Cooley, Randy (Vickie) Cooley, Brian Cooley (Domingo Ramirez); son-in-law, Randy (Linda) Slusser; brothers; Eugene (Mae), William Jr., Victor (Lois), Walter, and Don (Lois) Becker; sisters, Irene Spade, Loretta Schwartz, Caroline Dyche, Gladys Randolph, and Pat Zrubek; 14 grandchildren; Doug (Rapidity), Melisandre, Clint, Chris (Kim), Jenny (Josh), Tara (Chad), Randy II, Melinda, Zach (Anne), Amber (Everett), Stephanie (Ryan), Haley, Curtis and Kyle (Gudbjorg). 23 great grandchildren; Hannah, Bella, Isaiah, Noah, Jordan, Emma, Zoe, Gracie, Abby, Isaac, Hunter, Abigail, Bo, Chloe, Sawyer, Ari, Braden, Lorelia, Kenneth, Alley, Sara, Harley, Eli; one great-great-grandchild; Caiden.

Marie was the 5th child of William and Rosa Becker lived on farm in St. Leo, Kansas. She grew up in a farming family with her 14 siblings. While attending school in Cunningham she met Kenneth Cooley. The two were married January 28th, 1950. They had seven children, Terry, Verla, Kathy, Kim, Randy, Pam and Brian. Marie was a proud and devoted wife. She was known for her homemade cookies and made sure to have some on hand when family and friends came to visit. She was a true angel on earth, always looking for the best in others and never saying a bad word about anyone. She will be dearly missed by all.

Memorials to: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Seth Pickett

Seth Allen Pickett, 59, died March 22, 2020 at his home outside Murdock.

He was born January 12, 1961, at Bartlesville, Oklahoma the son of Alfred Joseph and Iris Marilyn Heyer Pickett. A resident of Murdock, he was a Building Engineer.

Seth is survived by his mother Iris; sisters Marilyn Cole and husband Rick and Martha Benoit; sister-in-law Barbara Pickett; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and brother Joel Pickett.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Area Ministerial Alliance Food Bank in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

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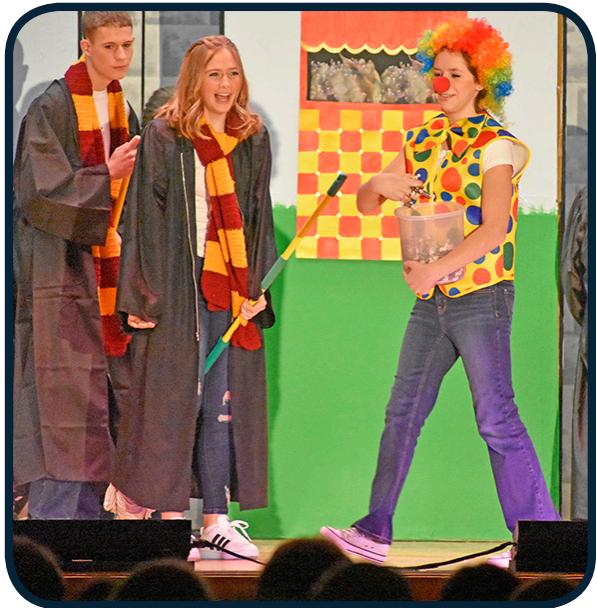
Wise Professor Albatross Underdrawers played by Luke McGuire and Ruebenon Ryebread played by Dylan Halderson discuss the Magic Rock



The Beatles (Julia Hageman, Nate Sterneker, Andrew Schultz and Brianna Dittmer) before they were stopped by the censor because they didn't have the rights to the song.



The three friends under the Invisibility, Inaudibility, Intangibility, Unsmellibility Cape. To the audience: "Yes, I know you guys can see us, but all the other characters can't, okay?"



Emma Harden played the candy-throwing clown that disrupted the game of Quizzicalish.



Sally, Dave, and Harmonica re-search the Magic Rock in the library of the Academy. Ed Molar looks on.

by Roberta Kobbe

Take a small high school's stage, add a dedicated English/Language Arts teacher, toss in a score or so of middle school thespians, a few middle school and high school crew members, and a pinch of high school staff. Mix them well. Sit back and watch with amusement and delight for one hour.

Fellow reading addict, Ellie McGuire played the protagonist, in the parody "Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone" written by Dean O'Caroll. After being told by her mother it's about lights out time, she yawns, falls asleep, and is transported to Frogbull Academy of Sorcery

and/or Sorcerousness... or Sorcerocity... or Secretary Skills... or Shiatsu ... or Sashimi.

Upon her arrival,She learns she is actually a sorceress who has been raised by "mon-keyunkles" after the death of her real parents.

FrogbullAcademy was comprised of four dormitories: Slymythings, Goodydrops, Huggermugs, and Raymenburrs. (As a Perry Mason fan, I loved that last name immensely).

After the ceremony of the Tea Cozy of Assignments, Sally and her two co-horts, Dave (Gage Elliott) and Harmonica (Taylor Schultz) join the Goodydrops dormitory and they begin a quest for the Ancient Stone of the Elders a.k.a the Magic Rock.

The censor, played by Logan Kinsler, keeps the audience apprised of the 1st Amendment legalities of the play and the stolen lines and songs and plots and characters. But is he really just a censor?

As a bit of action, the cast grabbed their brooms and hool-a-hoops and played a game of Quizzicalish. And, as Sally points out in the

middle of it all: It made no sense. "I don't understand the scoring, and why is there a clown throwing candy at the audience?"

The answer comes from Dave: "Because we're playing a zone defense instead of man on man."

The three friends are drawn to theAntechamber of Antecedents where they find the Magic Rock, learn the mystery of Ed Molar (played wickedly by Skyler Thimesch) who is really Lord Murderdeath (Lucas Hageman) and who is defeated by a book.

What was really enjoyable to watch was the crew and cast changing out the scenery. They moved furniture and panels quietly and professionally. They were like little dancers on a cuckoo clock weaving in and out on a platform; never bumping into each other.

Oh, and then there was Sally's nemesis -- sneaky, nasty, obnoxious, unlikely Ursa Malaise played by Joanna Hansen. She did a fine job of playing the brat.

Not to be outdone in the nasty department, Elizabeth Paris played Professon Shiftia Shape

who ruled her classroom with a bit of spite and prejudice. Not a favorite teacher of the three sorcerer/dectectives.

Other students attending the Academy: Andrew Schultz, Julia Hageman, Emma Harden, Brianna Dittmer, Emily Ogg, Maranda Lohrke, Grace Hageman, Nate Sterneker, Scott Wyatt, and Kendall Rogers.

Ava Bock was Stage Manager; Kory Morgan and was the stage hand and helped with the lighting and sister, Kyra was on the soundboard.

High School students who were on hand to assist: Henry Huelskamp, Alice Huelskamp, Hannah Ellis, and Kendra Morgan.

Staff helping with set design and construction: Mr. Huelskamp, Mrs. Prim, Ms. Emily Huelskamp.

Oh, and that dedicated English/Language Arts teacher? Mrs. Rebecca Huelskamp.

Thank you, ma'am for directing another fine performance by our Cunningham students.

Very nice, very fun. I am sure we all look forward to next year's plays.

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