

Booster Club Buys Wall Mats

by Judy DeWeese, Booster Club President

The Booster Club would like to thank community members for their support of our project of purchasing new wall mats for the gym. The majority of the needed funds were raised through a soup supper held on the night of our first home basketball game. Many individuals donated desserts and soups and their time working the event. The West Kingman County Education Foundation also made a very generous \$500 donation towards the project. Special thanks to Sebastian Huelskamp and Bobby Reed for promptly hanging the new mats so we could enjoy them for our last two home basketball games.

Another fundraising event for the Booster Club was hosting the Hospitality Room during the 54 Classic Basketball tournament held during the latter part of January. A whopping 31 individuals contributed to the Hospitality Room by donating food or donating money towards ingredi-

ents and supplies. A special thanks to Kristin Wegerer, Robin Reed, and Lance McGuire for helping with setup and or clean-up shifts. In exchange for hosting the Hospitality Room, the school donates \$500 to our club.

Friday, February 15 is the last home basketball game and it is also Booster Club night. All Booster Club members will be admitted to the games for free. The fact that we have 122 Booster Club members is an amazing testament of community support for our school. The Booster Club endeavors to help

and promote our youth activities and events for all ages of school kids. We purchased field trip t-shirts for all preschool through 5th graders. We provide open house ice cream, treat sacks, pizza parties, band t-shirts, ice cream for tristate music contest, spirit wear, prom t-shirts, etc. Let's pack the gym on Friday for Booster Club Night.

editor's note: Molly Morgan snapped a photo of the mat on the south wall of the gym and it is shown above.

Farms and Ranches Can Provide Needed Sanctuary for Struggling Western Monarchs

Posted by Justin Fritscher, USDA in *FarmingConservation*

The monarch butterfly – the iconic black-and-orange butterfly known for its epic migrations – has seen significant population declines since the 1980s. But unfortunately, the butterfly's western population found west of the Rocky Mountains has hit an all-time low, an 85 percent dip between 2017 and 2018.

"With this abrupt one-year decline, the western monarch population is now less than one percent of what it was in the 1980s," said Mace Vaughan of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, the group who spearheads annual counts of monarchs wintering in coastal California.

"To give monarchs the best chance of recovery, we need to get nectar plants into the ground to sustain the remaining butterflies, and milkweeds to feed their caterpillars," he added.

Farmers for Monarchs

And who are some of the best people poised to help the monarch's western population? Farmers and ranchers, especially those in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Farmers and ranchers can use a variety of conservation practices on their land to help the species, and USDA can help plan conservation practices as well as cover part of the cost for adopting them. Additionally, while these practices benefit monarchs, they can also

improve agricultural operations.

Through a variety of conservation practices, NRCS helps producers improve management of healthy stands of milkweed and high-value nectar plants and protect these stands from exposure to pesticides. Learn more about available conservation practices.

Migration and Milkweed

While many factors have contrib-



uted to the species' decline, one is the decrease in native plants like milkweed, the sole source of food for monarch caterpillars. They also need high-nectar flowers to fuel their migrations. In the West, they make their annual pilgrimage to spend winters along the coasts of California and the Baja Peninsula.

Planting native milkweeds is critically important to rebuild the western monarch population, but scientists at the Xerces Society recommend that milkweed not be planted within five miles of overwintering sites near the coast. It did not typically occur here and may prevent returning monarchs from going into their winter clusters.

What Can You Do Now?

Visit with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service on how you can make your farm, ranch or forest friendlier to monarchs. Simple tweaks on how you manage your working lands - including which plants you integrate into your conservation practices - can yield big benefits for monarchs.

Right now, NRCS recommends California producers to start establishing high-value nectar plants that bloom in the fall, late winter and very early spring, which will provide fuel before and after the butterfly's migration to winter sites. Fall-blooming species include goldenrod and asters, and late winter species include coyote brush, manzanitas, and native California lilac.

And elsewhere in the West, especially Idaho, eastern Oregon, and eastern Washington, NRCS recommends a focus on common native milkweed species, such as showy and narrow-leaf milkweed, as well as summer and fallblooming nectar plants. Important fallblooming species include goldenrod, rabbitbrush, and goldentop. Summer species include yellow spiderflower, native sunflowers, and giant hyssop. More options to consider can be found here.

NRCS helps producers plan and implement through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and other Farm Bill-funded programs. NRCS accepts applications for conservation programs on a continuous basis. Producers interested in assistance are encouraged to contact their local USDA service center.

Farmers and ranchers can make simple tweaks on their working lands to provide quality habitat for monarchs.

Photo courtesy of the Xerces Society. **Additional Resources**

Jan. 28, 2019 News Release: Assistance Available for California Producers to Aid Declining Monarch Butterfly

Feb. 1, 2019 News Release: Assistance Available for Idaho Producers to Aid Declining Monarch Butterfly

Farming for Monarch Butterflies multimedia story

Working Lands for Monarch Butterflies fact sheet – Nationwide

Monarch Butterfly Nectar Plant Lists for Conservation Plantings (from Xerces)

Save Western Monarchs website (from Xerces)

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Community Supports German Exchange Program







Editor's note: I heard the brat and hotdog dinner this last Saturday evening was most excellent. I stayed all snug and warm in my home, as I didn't feel like braving the wild Kansas elements, but Molly attended and snapped a few photos of the community turning out to support our students in the German Exchange Program.





CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo Saturday, February 16, 2019 5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda Saturday, February 16, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale Sunday, February 17, 2019 10:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 a.m.

> Worship 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship 1:30 at Penalosa Community Center

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

CHRISTIAN Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

> Worship 10:45 a.m.

Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

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

Trinity Medicine Lodge

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

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

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Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann 620-298-2090

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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

Thursday, February 14th Valentine's Day

Friday, February 15th HS BB vs. Burrton at home

Saturday February 16th Forensics at Greensburg

February 16th State Piano Contest

Monday, February 18th NO SCHOOL

February 18th Forensics at Trinity Catholic February 18th and 21st HS Girl's BB Regional Tournament

Tuesday, February 19th & 22nd HS Men's BB Regional Tournament

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Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

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

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

Feb. 13, 1969-Larry Lubbers, son of Mrs. Mary Helen Lubbers, and Kathy Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hendricks, were crowned "Basketball King and Queen for 1969" at Cunningham High School annual homecoming basketball game last Friday night.

The queen's attendants were Donna Lubbers, Rogene Cooley, Kathy Sallee, and Bonnie Albers. Attendants to the king were John McCune, Tom Strohl, Eddie Panek, and Curtis Kitson.

The crown bearer was Eric Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers, and the flower girl was Pam Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon.

Music for the coronation ceremony was provided by the Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charles Yingling.

High school students, alumni, and friends enjoyed dancing to "The Rain," a band from Hays in the school gym-auditorium following the game.

Cunningham defeated Sylvia, 73 to 44.

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Feb. 13, 1964 – Fiftythree of 92 high school students had perfect attendance records for the third six-week period of the 1963-1964 school term at Cunningham Rural High School, according to the office of Supt. of Schools Will Seacat.

Sherill Hutchinson, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Claude Hutchinson, a senior at Cunningham Rural High School, was crowned "Basketball Queen of 1963-1964" between the first and second team games with Preston here at Cunningham's annual Homecoming Game last Friday night.

Sherill was crowned by Team Captain Bernie Albers. Her attendants were Mary Bridges, Reta Hendricks, Linda Schittker, and Carol Strohl. Their escorts were co-captain Dale Ratcliff, Elmer Adelhardt, Gerald Schnittker, and Jim Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruckle of Pratt, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Nashville Hospital.

She weighed seven pounds, three ounces, and has been named Rhonda Sue.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hergert of Cunningham, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Riddle of Belle Plaine.

Cunningham IGA IGA Peas, 2 #303 cans, 39c Chicken of the Sea Tuna, 3 #1 flat cans, 89c IGA Flour, 5-lb. bag, 39c Good Value Creamy or Chunky Peanut Butter, 18-oz. jar, 39c

Hawaiian Punch, 3 46-oz. cans, \$1 Fleming's Coffee, 1 lb. can, 39c

Feb. 12, 1959 -Wrecking crews have torn down what for 24 years was a briskly active industrial plant near Cunningham.

Demolition and salvage gangs are doing away with the Skelly Oil Company's Gasoline Plant at Skellyville which processed natural gas from wells in the Cunningham Oil and Gas Field until it was closed down last May 1.

The Cunningham Oil Field, which predated gas processing operations by four years, is still going strong.

Fifty-two oil wells remain on the pump in the Kingman and Pratt County sections of the

Among these is the Cunningham field's "Discovery Well" which last month passed its 28th year of steady production.

The well is Skelly's No. 1 F. C. Miles, section 30-27-10w, which tapped the Cunningham oil field in the closing weeks of 1930 and went on the pump in the early days of 1931.

The remarkable discover on the Frank Miles farm is getting close to the quarter-of-a-million barrel mark in total output. As of this week the No. 1 Miles had pumped 236, 214 barrels of 41-gravity crude oil – and is still averaging about 8 barrel daily.

Cumulative field production in the 28 years since the first oil moved to market is just short of eight and one-half million barrels.

Richard Kerschen's goal tied the score at 33-33 and Bill Ridge's jump shot connected in the final seconds to enable Cunningham to win a squeaker from Hardtner here last Friday night by a 35-33 score.

Bill Ridge scored 12 points and Gary Raney made 10 to pace the Cunningham scoring attack.

The Cunningham seconds won an exciting preliminary game from the Hardtner second team. The core was 25 to 24. Marshall Swander paced the Cunningham scoring attack with 15 points.

who broke into the Fee Hardware Co. store, Monday evening, have a good start toward a small hardware store if a sample of the merchandise taken is used to that effect.

About 20 pocket knives, some cutlery, a wrist watch, several boxes of shells, and about 75 pennies comprised the loot.

Owner Charles Fee said entry was made through the south door of the firm with a crowbar or similar tool.

Feb. 11, 1954 – Joan Sallee, Senior class girl and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sallee of Penalosa, was crowned Basketball Queen of 1953-1954 between games. Her attendants were Bonnie Hazlett, Barbara Johnson, Karen Whitmore, Carol Ann Rose, and Lois Baker. Billy DeWeese, captain of the basketball team, performed the coronation rites, assisted by other members of the squad.

The Cunningham High School basketeers exactly doubled the score on the Haviland Academy quintet in the game played here last Friday evening. The final score was 80 to 40.

Billy DeWeese topped a three-pronged Cunningham scoring attack with 23 points. Ronnie Adelhardt scored 22 times, and Victor Becker scored 18 points.

The YWCA – Y-Teen Mother and Daughter Banquet was held in the Methodist Church undercroft Monday evening, with 87 mothers and daughters attending.

A group of Kay Club boys served the banquet, assisted by Messrs. Pat Benningfield, Lynn Spencer, Dan Cusenbary, and Harold Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, February 3, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and has been named Mary Evelyn.

Feb. 11, 1949 – The basketball queen for the local high school for the 1948-49 season is Norma Watkins, a freshman. She and her attendants, Pat and Wava Oswalt, will be presented at the half-time of the last home game with Isabel, Tuesday night, February 15th.

The Cunningham Wildcats defeated Spivey 39 to 23 on the Spivey court Saturday night.

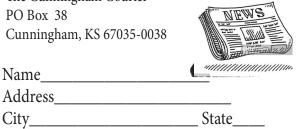
Urban with 10, Bayer with 9 and Zrubek with 8 points led the Wildcats scoring attack.

J. P. Wymer, 76, of Lyons, a former resident of Cunningham for forty

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Years ago

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years, passed away at his home in Lyons, Tuesday. Mr. Wymer was a retired rural mail carrier, carrying mail out of the Cunningham Post Office from April 1, 1908 until October 1, 1937.

The Ninnescah Valley 4-H Club met at the Lester Copeland home Monday evening for their regular meeting.

Notice – For Rent – Ellis Apartments have now been completed and there are several for rent. Parties interested may see F. F. Allbritten, Phone 1, Cunningham, Kansas.

For Sale - Sevel Refrigerator. L. P. Gas. Buntemeyer Electric.

Notice – Dog licenses may be purchased from the City Clerk at the Clipper Office for the year 1949. Every dog must be licensed. Fee is \$1.00 for males and \$2.00 for females. William E. Bradley, City Clerk, Cunningham, Kansas.

1944 - Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

Feb. 10, 1939 – A marriage of interest to our readers is that of Miss Emma Jane Baber of Wichita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Baber of Cunningham, to Judge John F. Kaster, Topeka, in a ceremony performed last Saturday afternoon in Wichita.

Cunningham ran overshod over Adams Tuesday night. Winning by the overwhelming margin of 40 to 7. Delbert Schwartz, Donald Huhman, and Paul DeWeese led the local basketeers with 15, 10, and 8 points respectively.

The old Norwich jinx caught up with the Cunningham basketball team again last Friday night. The Wildcatters were defeated on the rival's court by a 31 to 21 count.

The game was very roughly played.

Huhman starred offensively for the locals, getting 8 points.

The Maud P.T.A. met at the school house Monday evening with 140 guests in attendance, one of the largest crowds present of any previous meeting.

It was voted to have a piece pie social on March

Mr. Jacquard of

Skellyville gave the main address of the evening, discussing "Oil, When and How It Originated," which was very much enjoyed by everyone present.

Readings by Bonnie Lou Amick and Mona Wilcox, and musical numbers by pupils of the Union Star school, of which Harold McPeek is the teacher, were very interesting highlights of the evening's entertainment. The latter group of children were dressed in Indian costume.

Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Albert Sterneker, as hostesses for the evening, served sandwiches, doughnuts, and coffee to the guests.

February 16, 1934 -The entire community was shocked and saddened Wednesday with the news of the death of Mrs. Glenn Cooley.

John G. Blasi, 39, prominent young Kingman county farmer, passed away suddenly Monday evening after a short illness of intestinal influenza with complications.

The F. C. Miles No 4, at the end of a 24-hour potential run Thursday morning, gauged 1169 barrels of crude oil. This well is the greatest of all wells here so far.

Our high school basket ball team played Spivey, in what was undoubtedly the cleanest, fastes, and most interesting game of the entire season, even though the score, 21-34 in favor of Spivey, might indicate the contrary.

For Cunningham, DeLair tallied 8 points, all from the field, while McClellan made seven.

Both teams played brilliant at all times, and every man did his best.

Tuesday evening Penalosa played here in the last home game of the season.

The score changed hands several times during the course of the game and was close much of the time, but Penalosa played the superior game. A last minute rally by Cunningham fell short, the score being 17-18, for Penalosa.

McClellan of C.H.S. and Tarrant of Penalosa tied for high honors with eight points each. Cozens was next with 7 points.

A. J. Gillen, welldriller extraordinary, put down a water well this week for the new Skelly

Oil company Super Service Station. Ollie got a good well. He was assisted by Carl Poland and Gene Anett.

Wetherall Bros. Cream Cheese, lb. 20c Salmon-Mackeral, can, Pink Salmon, No. 1 can, 15c Sweet Pickles, quart, 25c Sweet Spuds, No. 2½,

Feb. 15, 1929 - Quite a number from here went to Hutchinson, Monday night to see "Buck" Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weaver, in the boxing ring.

Cane-Maple Syrup, 20c

Power farming is becoming so popular that the Fee Hardware company, the McCormick-Deering dealers, are giving a Power Farming entertainment on February 25.

Mr. Fee has worked out a very interesting program for the day, which includes in addition to instructive talks on tractors, several reels of interesting and entertaining motion pictures. At noon a free lunch will be served; thus evident that the Fee Hardware company have done all in their power to make this day well worth spending with them.

Come prepared to ask questions and learn all you can.

The Senior class play, "The Red Lamp" will be given February 26th.

The Junior play entitled "And Home Came Ted" will be given on March 22nd.

The Cunningham town basketball team drove down to Spivey Monday night and won themselves a basketball game by the score of 21 to 23. The team is comprised of Bruce Askrens, Chester Ruth, Vernon Ratlief, Morris Dodson, and Loren Cooley. Charley Lakin drove down with the boys and acted as timekeeper.

The Lakin Implement company unloaded a carload of John Deere combines Monday afternoon. Evidently Charley thinks there is going to be some wheat in the country this

A load of baled hay was shipped in here the past week and several farmers took loads of it. It is the first load of baled hay or any other kind of hay that has been shipped in here for a long time.

continued support with additional funding from Kansas Department Legion Commander Dan Wiley and the Dodge City Chapter of the Retired Teachers Association. National American Legion Auxiliary Executive Committeewoman Jeanne Haas encouraged Sellens to apply for a grant from

Auxiliary Foundation. Sellens liked the suggestion and applied for a Veterans Project Grant to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. She was recently notified that her application was successful, and the project was being awarded a \$2,200 grant. Auxiliary

The American Legion

members organized a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ft. Dodge on February 3, 2019. The ceremony was well attended with over thirty Legion family members participating.

In addition to Haas, dignitaries present included National Auxiliary President Kathy Dungan, Kansas Auxiliary President Karen Hasting, American Legion Auxiliary Foundation President Doris Hammeke, and Ft. Dodge Superintendent Dave Smith. "I am very happy to have access to this great equipment," Sellens said. "It will be very useful in developing more interesting art lessons."

What about History?

Serving Cunningham and the Surrounding Community

by Alan Albers In one of Roberta's past Meanderings she mentioned that she would appreciate a guest contribution from time to time. On my next visit to her office, she expressed an interest in what I suggested writing about. History! My love of history goes back as long as I can recall. It was mostly surrounded by what I didn't know. I remember riding on a tractor, wondering who or what walked this same field hundreds or even thousands of years ago. That was only the start. Who was responsible for me being here? I found out some of these answers early by asking my older family members. Grandpa and Grandma Bill and Minny (Becker) Hageman were able to answer some of these questions, but there

were always more. I know that the articles from the old time Clippers with Bill Bradley fill a great deal of our history gap and I enjoy these. That is only an area history that partly affected my history, you see, I grew up near St. Leo, 9 miles to the south. Nine miles doesn't seem like anything now, although that was a long distance when old cars and PU's traveled these roads but even further when wagons and horses traversed them. This is part of what I want to write about, but not only this. I do archeological digs these days. I'm looking forward to next summer and a couple of digs which are fairly close to our area. The first is in Rice County to our north. A lady from Rice Co. told me years ago that more people lived in Rice County 500 years ago than do today, nearly 10,000 people. I hope to be involved in a dig to explore this further starting on the 1st of June. The next dig will be about 100 miles to our south and east. Ark City will be the site of maybe the most famous dig ever held in Kansas. The Native Village of Etznoah will be partially explored next summer. Etznoah has the possibility of being the largest Native Village ever discovered in the nation and I hope to be part of this discovery. They are now speculating that the village consisted of 20,000 people. Early records of it come from the first Spanish expedition to travel through Kansas. It was the Spaniard's own records that describe a

battle fought there. I was fortunate enough to get to teach Kansas History as well as World and American History to middle school students for a few years and it only taught me that we have much to learn from the past. I hope in the future to give the Courier readers a little insight into what I have learned about our great history and maybe a little about the Mammoth's also.





Meanderings

I am not a very competitive person. If someone wants to win a game, more power to them. I think at one time I might have had more of a drive to win, but at some point in my life I realized that the world goes on -win or lose. And in the whole scheme of life's events, winning a game or a race really isn't that important. In middle school our

physical education program was pretty much sports. Softball/baseball in the fall, basketball in the winter, track in the spring. Softball I was okay with. Basketball was a bewildering experience. I had never seen a basketball game played when I was first required to play in... 6th grade? All these girls and a couple of men running up down a wood floor passing a ball around and shooting it towards a basketball hoop and net. The crowd talking and yelling and cheering, the buzzers going off, the whistles blowing, the thumping of the ball on the floor.... The three second rule, the traveling rule... so many rules to remember and try and play around. Just too

confusing. I don't remember sitting down in front of a TV to watch sports, except occasionally a football game on a Sunday afternoon. Mom and Dad weren't sports fans. They didn't seem to hold a great deal of interest for my family. We worked hard and watched as much television as 3 channels allowed, but we didn't really pay attention to sports much... that I can recall.

I do remember a time when I loved to run. I loved the feel of the wind brushing past me as I ran for the pureness of expending energy. I loved the feeling of trying to go faster. I enjoyed the coordination of the synchronized motion of my arms and my legs pumping, keeping rhythm with my feet pounding the ground. And then... there was

the time in 8th grade. Track practice. I was selected to run a sprint or a dash or some such thing. Coach had us run. Then run again. And again. Then he started pushing me to run harder and faster; I needed to try harder. I was tired. He kept telling me I needed to push harder. I told him I couldn't run anymore. He said I had to. I had to run that race again. I was really tired, and I felt I was giving it everything I had, and I was also thinking about my paper route after school, and how after all this running, I was still going to have to walk the ½ mile or so home, and fold my papers, and lift that bag onto my shoulders and walk 2 to 3 miles deliv-

ering newspapers, and it

was a bit more than warm outside. So I just stopped running. I walked off the track and into the shower room, Coach and my friends yelling at me to come back. I changed my clothes and waited until I could leave. After school I walked home and took care of my paper route.

I don't remember the consequences of my just leaving class/practice like that. I don't think the coach ever pushed me that hard again. I know he lost some respect for me as an athlete, but I just didn't have that competitive edge in me that athletes must have to be winners. And I didn't worry about it.

What I can remember is my own consequences of that day: I'd lost the joy of running just to be running. If I couldn't run fast or slow for my own pleasure, there didn't seem to be much point in running at all. I didn't feel I had to win; just enjoy. I'd have made a crumby coach, for sure.

Winning, as defined by the Oxford English Dictionary is "gaining, resulting in, or relating to victory in a contest or competition." The emotions and feelings that come with winning are simple: elation, pride, happiness, joy. We love to win. We love to win by a couple of points and we love to win by 50 points.

Losing, as defined by Oxford English Dictionary is "Suffering, resulting in, or relating to defeat in a game or contest." Emotions and feelings that come with losing are complex: shame, suffering, disappointment, regret, humiliation. Those are the emotions we tend to scrutinize in ourselves and others. We can't just accept them, we have to turn them inside out and upside down inside our heads and hearts. We try to come to terms with their effect on us as a person. Losing, I guess, helps us better understand ourselves and

Of course, I am not advocating we be losers all the time. But I think we should embrace our losses. We need to teach our children that even if they lose, they are good players and good people, and they are learning the way of life. They should be taught to stand proud and smile and celebrate if they played their best for that time in their life.

Can we be expected to play our best every day? No. But if we play our best for that time and place, then we are living life right.

Enjoy life, accept your losses, and don't believe it is always about winning.

> Always reading, and currently reading, "Whiplash River" By Lou Berney Roberta

"Let the sun go down on you like King Harold at the battle of Hastings — fighting gloriously. Maybe a loser but what a loser! Greater in defeat than the conqueror. Certainly not a coward that rusted out lurking in his tent."

— Zora Neale Hurston, A Life in Letters

Art Therapy Project Receives Grant

When Paula Sellens was elected American Legion Auxiliary District Eight President in 2016, she was charged with developing a President's Project to benefit veterans. She launched an art therapy program for Fort Dodge Soldier's Home. She obtained funding from an art auction the first year, then received two grants from the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas to keep pace with the growing popularity of the project.

The initiative received

Lady Cats Smother T-birds With Defense

by Coach Eric Meyers

Defense travels. Defense wins games. On Tuesday night, the Lady Wildcats took their defense on the road and stifled the Skyline team with a first-quarter shutout and nearly a first half shutout. Cunningham started a bit slowly of offense, leading 6-0 after one quarter, but gave up just one basket to claim a 19-2 halftime lead. This was the third time we played Skyline this year, and the first two games were wins as well, but not necessarily in the "easy" category. That all changed with the third meeting. The lead would grow to 30-4 before we unbuckled our grip and let the game play out in undramatic fashion. The final score was 46-23.

We shot well, and achieved an even 1.00 points per possession mark, which is my goal

for our team. Our field goal shooting percentage was a lofty 49%, but far short of lofty, and well short of my expectations, was our free throw shooting percentage of just 43% on 9 of 21. This kind of performance will eventually prove costly in a game of consequence. Seven players notched points in this game, led by Holly DeWeese with 11. Both Morgan Meyers and Alayna McGuire dumped in 9 points, and further scoring contributions came from Maddison Panek (6), Madie McGuire (5), Mackenzie Wright (4), and Lauren Murphy (2).

Holly was our leading rebounder with 6, followed closely by Mackenzie Wright and Hunter McGuire with 5 rebounds apiece. Holly also led in steals (mostly via blocked shots), producing 5 while Morgan snared 3. It was Morgan leading us in assists with 7.





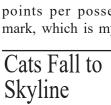
Above left: Morgan Meyers takes the ball to the basket.

Above: Hunter McGuire drives to the basket while Madi McGuire screens out a Lady T-Bird.

Right: Alayna McGuire completes a layup.

Left: Lauren Murphy taking the ball in for two points.

photos by Molly Morgan



by Coach Bob Stackhouse Cunningham traveled to Skyline to play the Thunderbirds for the third time this year on February 6, 2019. Skyline once again showed their depth and talent with a 77 to 19 victory over the Wildcats.

Nathan Lohrke made a three-point basket in the first quarter to lead the Cats. Skyline put in 18 points with nine of them coming from three three-point baskets. The first quarter ended with a score of 18 to 3 in favor of the Thunderbirds

Erik Paris made one out of two free throws and Taner Hansen added a basket in the second quarter for a three-point total. Skyline put in five

more three-point baskets on their way to a 22-point quarter. The half ended 6 to 40 in favor of the Thunderbirds.

Hansen warmed up in the third quarter scoring seven points and Lohrke put in another three-point basket for a 10-point quarter. Skyline added 25 points to their total to lead 65 to 16 going into the fourth quarter.

Shawn Snow got on the score board in the fourth quarter with a twopoint basket and Daylen Schnittker made a free throw to end the scoring for the Cats. Skyline added 12 more points to finish the game with a final score of 77 to 19. Six Skyline players contributed to 12 three-point baskets for the game.



Above: Daylen Schnittker, Shawn Snow and Taner Hansen set up defense. Middle: Taner Hansen tries to block a

Right: Austin Snow looks for an assist.





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Cunningham Falls to Cougars

by Coach Bob Stackhouse Cunningham traveled to Hutchinson Central Christian to take on the Cougars on February 8, 2019. Central Christian defeated the Cats by a score of 63 to 20.

The Wildcats did not get on the scoreboard in the first quarter and the Cougar press created many scoring opportunities for Central as they tallied 27 points to lead 27 to 0 after one quarter.

Cunningham got on the score board in the second quarter as Taner Hansen was four for four from the free throw line and added a twopoint basket. Erik Paris made a three-point shot from the top of the key to round out a nine point second quarter. Central

Christian added 23 points to lead 50 to 9 at the half.

The Cougars cleared the bench in the third and fourth quarters which allowed the Cats to compete. Austin Snow made a basket in the third quarter and Hansen added another free throw. The Cougars scored seven points to take a 57 to 12 lead into the fourth quarter. Cunningham scored eight more points in the fourth quarter. Daylen Schnittker completed a traditional three-point play, Vitor Abreu added a basket, Isaiah Reed scored two points and Erik Paris made a free throw. Central Christian made two three-point baskets to finish the game at 63 to 20.

Schnittker led the team with five rebounds and Mikhail Donskoy pulled down four.

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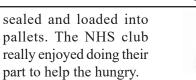
Misha Donskoy steals the

ball from the cougars.

NHS Volunteers at Food Bank

The Cunningham High School NHS club volunteered at the Kansas Food Bank on January 30th. The Kansas Food Bank is located on Wichita, Kansas. Their mission is to provide food-insecure families with essentials to help keep Kansas children, senior citizens, and the homeless healthy. The NHS club helped package "Bob's Boxes."

"Bob's Box" is a program for senior citizens. These boxes are to help elderly who often have to spend their monthly income on medical bills and utilities. The NHS members worked in an assembly line fashion. They started by taping flatten boxes. The boxes were then sent down the line. Along the assembly line different members added items like juice, canned fruit, and cereal. After the boxes were filled they were



Lady Cats Prevail in Clash of League Leaders

by Coach Eric Meyers

With 3 league games remaining, Central Christian had been perfect on the season and 16-1 overall while we were sporting a 5-1 league record and 15-2 overall. This had all the makings of one of the best 1A games in the state on this Friday night and it did not disappoint.

The game couldn't have started any better for the Lady Cats and we pushed all the right buttons and scored on precise execution of set plays. In fact, we ambushed them and were so in sync we caused them to use their second timeout while 3:40 still remaining in the first quarter when we had a 12-2 lead. Five different players scored our first six baskets. To the Cougars' credit, they held it together and settled in, probably feeling good about trailing just 14-9 after one quarter. Both teams scored 15 points and played at a high level in the second quarter to produce a 29-24 halftime score. We shot 63% from the field in the first half, and 5 of 8 from the 3-point line. Central Christian definitely took our best shot, were still standing. The third quarter was tamer in terms of scoring but we did manage to extend our lead by 3, capped with a late quarter 3-pointer from Mackenzie Wright that just felt really big at the time. Central Christian would twice shave our 8 point lead entering the final quarter to 3 points, but 10 of 13 free throw shooting by the Lady Cats in the final stanza (Morgan Meyers was 8 of 9) was enough to hold them at bay and in the end, the Lady Cats won 49-41. This win pulls us even with Central Christian atop the HOPL standings with two games remaining.

I don't know where to begin in terms of highlighting good play. We got solid contributions from every single player that logged minutes, and in fact every player scored. My starters were all atop their game, though Maddison Panek was in foul trouble for much of it. Off the bench, Hunter McGuire was big time with offensive rebounds and put backs. In fact, I have a growing level of confidence in my entire bench as by now they know what I'm expecting from them and they are proving their worth.

For the game, we shot 47% from the field, and 46% from long range (6 of 13). At the line, I'd still like better, but 11 of 19 (58%) was good enough on this night. Morgan Meyers led all scorers with 19. Hunter McGuire added 8 points while Holly DeWeese and Lauren Murphy scored 7 points apiece. Rounding out the scoring was Mackenzie Wright (3), Maddison Panek (2), Alayna McGuire (2), and Madie McGuire (1). That kind of balance wins games!

Hunter McGuire was our leading rebounder with 7 while Morgan and Holly each grabbed 4. In steals, it was Holly leading the way with 5 as Alayna stole 3. Morgan led the way in assists with 4 while Lauren added 3.

This was a team win, and a gratifying one. We still have work to do with 2 regular season games remaining, both at home. First it's versus an improving Norwich team on Tuesday followed by Burrton on Friday.









Clockwise from above right: Hunter McGuire drops in for two points. Lauren Murphy caught scoring three points. Madi McGuire looking for an assist. Alayna McGuire passes to Morgan Meyers.



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JH Cats Lose to Fairfield in Tourney

by Lance McGuire

After an exciting win over Central Christian on Saturday, we had high hopes for continued momentum in our semi-final game with Fairfield Monday night at the league tournament. However, a win and playing in the championship was not meant to be. The boys rebounded, got hustle possessions, did not turn the ball over much at all and still did not come away with the victory.

This battle was close from start to finish. We came out strong in the second half with seven quick points by Luke McGuire, and things got exciting (and loud!) when Caleb Panek took a charge. It felt like we were over the hump

and in control. Fairfield wasn't having it though, and kept firing back with shot after made shot. We had several chances late to take the lead or to tie the game and just could not finish. The basket eluded us.

The old saying about winning and losing close games with free throws may have come into play as we were just 6 for 16 from the line. The boys played well enough to win, but ran into a team that is on fire. Trey DeWeese led the team in rebounds with 7 and Lane Halderson got 6. Luke McGuire got 3 steals with Trey following with 2. The boys look to bounce back against the Norwich Eagles in the 3rd place game on Thursday, Feb 7th. I had both coaches and officials approach me after the game, sharing how they really enjoy the way our boys play

and conduct themselves on the court. In the end, when the scoreboard doesn't declare victory,

our athletes' character does, and I don't take that lightly.





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Far left: Dagim Reed shoots for two. Middle: Lane Halderson scores 2.

Above: Luke McGuire shoots.

Wildcats Defeated by Eagles

by Coach Lance McGuire It is not common to take care of the ball, shoot well, rebound well and play a smart game

and still lose but it can

happen, and it did happen to the Cunningham Wildcats on Saturday against the Norwich Eagles in the league tournament consolation game. Halftime declared a tie store in an intense game. The Wildcats gained momentum in

the 3rd quarter, fighting hard to go up 7. All of a sudden in the 4th quarter, before we could even blink or register what was happening, Norwich hit 3 quick three-point shots, highlighted by a banked in 3 pointer, which was that particular athlete's first 3 of the

The Eagles went 4 for 4 from three point range in the fourth, flipping the game. The Wildcats ran out of time and lost by 3. It was a very hard loss to

deal with. Our boys work hard and do things the right way. Officials, fans, coaches and anyone that sees them seems to compliment them on how they play the game. However, that does not always translate into wins. I would choose to coach our boys win or lose. They listen, they lead, and again they do it the right way.

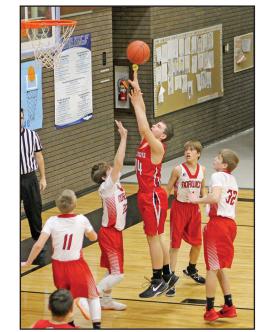
Our captains, Lane Halderson and Trey DeWeese showed great leadership this year. Caleb Panek saved his best game of the year for

> our final. He was on the floor constantly going for any basketball not tied down. Lane Halderson led us in rebounds again followed by Dagim Reed. Steals were shared with a bunch of Wildcats at 2 or 1.





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County Commission Meeting

February 4th, 2018 The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on February 4th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley,

Commissioner; Jerry

Henning, Commissioner;

Carol Noblit, County

Clerk; John Caton,

County Counselor Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Andrea Wood, Extension Agent; Chad Osborn, Fair Board Member; Scott Sparks.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Stan Goetz, HR/ Plann/Zoning Director and Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance.

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

The County Clerk would like to add the appointment of Lance Dixon to the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Commissioner Henning would like to add discussion of the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning would like to approve the agenda with the addition of the appointment of Lance Dixon to the Judicial Nominating Commission and discussion of the Expo Center. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the January 28th, 2019 Commission Meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the minutes of the January 28th, 2019 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Henning 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 who would like to discuss the issues that were brought up last week about North Main and the concrete that was laid.

Commissioners felt like it was forecasted for wind and it was not handled on the covering of it. Also, the concerns with the ride it is giving through the project.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Riggins if he thought Cornejo will be able to get the project done with the 25 days they have left.

Mr. Riggins said that March 15th the project will resume weather permitting and if they make this a priority project it should be able to be done in the remaining 25 days.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted his December 2018 budget report for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed channel & tree work that needs to be done at the intersection of SW 20 Street and SW 120 Avenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to open the public hearing for the Rural Water District #1. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Rural Water District #1 Petition.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the public hearing for the Rural Water District #1. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. MOTION: Commissioner

Foley moved to approve the Petition of Vinita Township into Rural Water District #1. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Hot Mix Overlay projects that they had discussed previously getting done.

The Commissioners asked when the Dale #20 bridge letting will be. Mr. Arensdorf said it has an August letting and then the County will have to have the matching funds then.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioner know that Mr. Bachenberg is working on a new CIP plan.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed equipment and what to do with the insurance money received from the stolen backhoe.

Mr. Arensdorf thought that a skid steer would be the way to go since they already have two backhoes.

Mr. Arensdorf would like to bid a 90 horse powered skid steer to companies. Commissioners approved going out for bid.

Mr. Goetz submitted the Road Agreement draft from Sempra for Flat Ridge 3 and Flat Ridge 4 to Mr. Arensdorf and the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz said there will be a conference call next week at 10:45 a.m. with Charles Arensdorf, Steve Bachenberg, Sempra and himself.

Mr. Arensdorf said the action plan that was used for the Kingman Wind Farm was an important document and would like to use a similar document

for Flat Ridge 3 and Flat Ridge 4.

Andrea Wood, Extension Agent was in and let the Commissioners know that she has four applications received so far for the open Extension Agent position.

Ms. Wood gave a quarterly report that let the Commissioners know all that she has been doing.

Ms. Wood received a Culture of Health Grant of \$5,000.00 and the funds will be used for the Kingman County Core Circles Program.

Ms. Wood let the Commissioners know upcoming events which are Dining with Diabetes, Kingman Youth rUn?; Kingman County 4-H Day; Walk Kansas and the Health Coalition planning for the Spring Fling Health & Craft Fair on April 6th.

Stan Goetz was in with a copy of a resume from an applicant that is coming next week for an interview.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Mr. Henning, Sheriff Hill and himself will be doing interviews on Wednesday for four applicants.

Mr. Goetz discussed the Planning/Zoning Commission meeting that was held last Monday. The minutes were reviewed and the board is recommending a rezone.

The Board of Zoning appeals was also held last Monday. The Board approved changing Flat Ridge 3 and Flat Ridge 4 resolutions.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve Resolution 2019-R2, A RESOLUTION FOR A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION OF OBTAINING PPA FOR COMMERCIAL WIND PROJECT PERMITTED BY CASE NO. BZA-SU-16-701, PER ARTICLE VII "S" OF THE KINGMAN

COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve Resolution 2019-R3, A RESOLUTION FOR A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR OBTAINING PPA FOR COMMERCIAL WIND PROJECT PERMITTED BY CASE NO. BZA-SU-16-704, PER ARTICLE VII "S" OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

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

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Rod & Carole Eggert for a shed addition in the NW4 of Section 35, Township 29, Range 05W (Allen).

Brian Rosenhagen for a shed in the NE4 of Section 13, Township 28, Range 05W(Vinita).

MOTION: Commissioner Hennning move to appoint Joe Harbert to the Public Building Commission. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to appoint Lance Dixon to the Judicial Nominating Commission.

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

Foley moved to approve sending a letter of support for Carla Pence for the KAC Board.

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

Commissioners. Mark Schnittker, Courthouse Maintenance and Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed with the County Commissioners about the window project. The Commissioners reminded them that the trim and the jamb liner should be black.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve December 2018 transfers & corrections in the amount of \$1,114,803.26. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners signed addition and abatements:

The Commissioners discussed that the City was wanting a date for a City/County joint meeting. Commissioners picked either February 25th or March 4th at 6:00 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the Expo Center and the management of it when someone is not able to take care of it.

Commissioner Steffen wanted to clarify that Mendy will be the one running the Expo Center and possibly have a contact from the City for each area.

Chairman Steffen opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Landwehr said the Commissioners should give a proposal to the City of Kingman on the Expo Center.

Chairman Steffen said he has talked with Mark Arensdorf and Plan A didn't work and there is not a Plan B to have common management of the Expo Center at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Morgan highlights K-State Cattlemen's Day on March 1

Early registration now open for 106th annual event

Brad Morgan, the senior director of protein for the Performance Food Group, highlights the program for Kansas State University's 106th annual Cattlemen's Day, scheduled for Friday, March 1.

Early registration for this year's event is \$20 if paid by Feb. 25, or \$30 afterwards. There is no charge for students. Online registration is available at www.KSUBeef.org, or interested persons may register by contacting Lois Schreiner at 785-532-1267 or lschrein@ ksu.edu.

Morgan kicks off this year's Cattlemen's Day with a talk about the potential for plantsourced and laboratorysourced 'meat' to take market share from the meat industry.

K-State professor and beef cattle extension specialist Dale Blasi said the annual Cattlemen's Day is a celebration of beef and the cattle industry.

"Our annual program strives to address key issues and to provide current information that keeps our industry efficient and relevant," he

The day starts at 8 a.m. with refreshments, educational exhibits and a commercial trade show. Blasi said organizers expect more than 72 participants in the trade show, which provides "a forum for the attendees to observe what's new in the beef industry and network with key industry leaders."

Following Morgan's presentation at 10 a.m., K-State agricultural econ-

omist Glynn Tonsor will discuss the importance of international trade as the U.S. beef herd expands.

Participant's registration includes lunch featuring smoked brisket, sponsored by U.S. Premium Beef and commercial exhibitors.

The afternoon sessions will feature K-State faculty and industry presentations in Weber Hall and at the Beef Stocker Unit discussing an array of topics, including:

Beef Quality Grading: Recent Revisions and Relevance to Valuation of Beef -- Terry Houser, K-State meat scientist, will discuss the economic significance of quality grades, the major variables in deriving a quality grade, and recent changes to the USDA Quality Grading Standards.

Antibiotic Stewardship in Animal Agriculture -- Nora Schrag, College of Veterinary Medicine/ Clinical Sciences, will discuss the recent history of antibiotic use in agriculture along with future trends.

Alternative Methods for Pregnancy Diagnosis -- Sandy Johnson, extension livestock production specialist, will discuss the latest in technologies designed to assist producers with early detection of pregnancy.

CattleTrace: An Industry Initiative for Disease Traceability --Brandon Depenbusch, Innovative Livestock Services, will discuss and explain the objectives of the CattleTrace project.

Factors Influencing Value of Calves Sold Through Superior Livestock Video Auction -- Esther McCabe, K-State doctoral student in animal sciences, will share results from the analysis of 24 years of data representing more than 90,000 lots of calves marketed through the Superior Livestock video auction.

them are sold each year.

Genetic Control of Cattle Feet and Leg Structure — Jenny Bormann, K-State beef breeding/genetics specialist, will talk abound unsoundness as a potential welfare issue and a major reason for culling of both bulls and cows.

Beef Stocker Unit Open House — See the latest additions to the Beef Stocker Unit, a facility devoted to management research with receiving, backgrounding and grazing cattle.

Necropsy Demonstration — A.J. Tarpoff, extension beef veterinarian, will provide a real-time demonstration of major organ systems.

The 42nd annual Legacy Bull and Female Sale will begin at 4 p.m. at the Stanley Stout Center (2200 Denison Avenue). Visit www.asi.ksu.edu/ legacysale to learn more about this year's offerings and to request a sale catalog.

Also, on February 28, Jerry Bohn will be honored as the Stockman of the Year at the 49th annual Stockmen's Dinner, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan. Registration and more information on that event is online at www.ksufoundation.org/rsvp/asi or by calling 785-775-2040.

A Bit of Valentine Trivia

Each year, kids in classrooms across America hand out Valentine's Day cards to their classmates. According to History. com, the oldest record of a valentine was a poem Charles Duke of Orleans

wrote to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.

In 1847, Boston pharmacist Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the lozenge production process, resulting in the first candy-making machine, according to The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America. After identifying an opportunity to revolutionize the candy business, Chase shifted his focus to candy production with Necco wafers.

It wasn't until 15 years after the creation of Necco wafers that Daniel Chase's brother, Oliver Chase, developed a way to press words onto the candy lozenges with a felt roller pad and vegetable food coloring. According to The Huffington Post, the conversation candies officially became heart-shaped in 1902, and today Necco says about 100,000 of



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9 New Year's Special

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The Cunningham City Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet in February.

The next scheduled meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at City Hall, 119 North Main.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier on January 31, 2019 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Plaintiff,

VS.

Thad David Rosenhagen, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 15CV26

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Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S_SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certair cause in said Court Numbered 15CV26, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 02/28/2019, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse, the following described

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Earlene Vermillion

Earlene Faye Vermillion, 79, passed away Friday, February 8, 2019, at Asbury Park in Newton, KS. Born September 28, 1939 in Russell Springs, KS, she was the daughter of Earl and Elizabeth (Deaver) David.

Earlene was a resident of Newton, KS, previously living in Coldwater, KS for 28

years, Mullinville, KS for 25 years, Cunningham, KS, Sawyer, KS, and Pratt, KS. She graduated from Pratt High School in 1957 and received an associate degree from Pratt Community College. She was a member of the Mullinville United Methodist Church in Mullinville, KS and Job's Daughters International. Earlene worked as a secretary for Mullinville Schools and Coldwater Schools for many years.

On December 28, 1958, she married Jack Vermillion at Pratt, KS. He survives.

She is survived by her husband: Jack Vermillion of Newton, KS; three sons: Greg Vermillion (Curtis Yates) of Overland Park, KS, Curtis Vermillion (Brenda) of Halstead, KS, and Steve Vermillion (Sharon) of Walton, KS; four grandchildren: Matthew Vermillion (Mallory) of Canton, KS, Alex Vermillion (Staci) of Newton, KS, Marissa Galyon (Dustin) of Hesston, KS, and Austin Vermillion (Mary) of Newton, KS; one great-grandson: Jackson Galyon; and numerous other relatives.

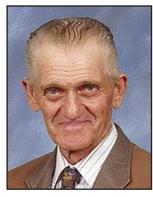
She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister: Ila Rae Jones; and two nephews: David Jones and Larry Jones.

Funeral service was Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at First Christian Church in Cunningham, KS, with Pastor Mike McGovney and Pastor Chip Bungard presiding.

Burial was at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Good Shepherd Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in care of Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, P.O. Box 417, Coldwater, KS 67029.

James Dyche

James Robert Dyche, 90, passed away Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Pratt Health and Rehabilitation. He was born May 23, 1928 in Alene, Oklahoma to James Everett and Flora (Scott) Dyche. He married Mary Alice (Short) Dyche on June 4, 1949 in Pratt.



James was a member of Reach Church. He worked as a feed bunk reader at Pratt Feeders for 35 years. He enjoyed farming and working and never wanted to have any spare time.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, James R. (Deborah) Dyche Jr. of Plainfield, Indiana and David L. Dyche of Pratt; grandchildren, Krisha (Lee) Gigout of Mont Belvieu, Texas, J.R. Dyche III of Portland, Oregon, Shauna (Mark) Brown of Wichita and David James Dyche of Wichita; great grandchildren, Blake, Mikayla, Nathan and Ashlyn Gigout, Rowan and Ena Dyche and Braden Brown; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

James is preceded in death by his parents; son, William Edward Dyche; and sister, Joanna Kauffman.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Larrison Mortuary with Pastor Billy Simar presiding. Burial will follow at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to Reach Church or Pratt Health and Rehab in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary. com.



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Helen Cannon

Helen M. Cannon, 99, died Feb. 8, 2019.

Survivors include 4 daughters; 1 sister; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with military honors will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Maud Cemetery, Cunningham, KS.

Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Brian Smith

Brian David Smith, 63, passed away on Feb. 7, 2019, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He was the son of W.D. and Blandine Smith, Girard, Kansas.

A Kingman resident since 1992, previously of Horton, Topeka and Girard, Kansas. He was a retired Medical Technologist and Laboratory Manager. Brian received two bachelor degrees from Pittsburg State University, 1978 and 1980 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 1989.

His hobbies include Boy Scouting having been a Kingman Scout Master for several years, lampwork glass bead making, Kansas history, road trips to historic Kansas sites, computer gaming and cooking.

On June 3, 1983, he married Cindy Chrisman at Topeka. Cindy is currently the Kingman County Health Officer. Survivors include son Maxwell, his fiancé Jana Troyer and her son Riley; two sisters Beth Briggs and Judy Collins; brother-in-law Joseph Briggs; niece Katie Briggs; nephew William Briggs and wife Abby, nephew Dr. Kelly Gillespie and wife Jen, nephew Sean Gillespie; niece Amanda Maurath, and nephews Nicholas Halverson, Josh Johnson and Alex Johnson.

Memorial services were Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Family committal services and burial will be 2:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at the Girard Cemetery, Girard, Kansas.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Health Department in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

"George"Landenburger

Justin "George" Ladenburger, 89, of Oakley, died Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Colby Health and Rehab. He was born April 18, 1929, in Angelus, Ks, to Peter and Carrie (Wehner) Ladenburger. George met Dorothy Albers and they were married on October 23, 1950 in Angelus. They were married 67 years.

Our Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa enjoyed farming and harvesting his crops; raising cattle, horses, pigs, chickens, geese, and even rabbits. George and his father-in-law Ben, built the home and farm buildings in which they lived with Dorothy for 67 years. He was a Eucharistic minister and a member of the St. Joseph's Church in Oakley; a member of the 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus, also serving as a past Grand Knight.

As a young man he played baseball on Grinnell's traveling team, then later hit many baseballs in his yard to his kids and grandkids. He and his family spent time riding his horses, Shetland ponies, motorcycles and four wheelers. George played many card games with his family, friends, and Knights of Columbus members. He enjoyed his bowling team, playing horseshoes, fishing and being ornery and joking with anyone he ever met! He never knew a stranger and never missed many farm sales! (aka farm meetings) He liked collecting baseball caps, tractors, and key chains.

George traveled many miles to watch his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in all sorts of events and activities. Dancing was his love, first with his wife, then daughters and granddaughters. George would never let us leave without his hug and "I love you" even if he didn't win at cards.

George was preceded in death by his parents; Peter and Carrrie (Wehner) Ladenburger; his wife Dorothy (Albers) Ladenburger; his two sisters, Loreena and Bernadette; his four brothers, Richard, Willus, Kenneth, and Maurice and his grandchildren Chad and Scot Ladenburger.

Survivors are his children, Dan (Susan) Ladenburger, Randall (Tomaye Hipp) Ladenburger, Kenton (Diane) Ladenburger, Kellie (Bob) Day, Brad (Sharon Reyes) Ladenburger and Melissa (Scott) Stephens; 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Visitation is 5-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2019, at Baalmann Mortuary, Oakley, with a Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass is 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 16, 2019, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Oakley, with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic School, in care of Baalmann Mortuary, PO Box 204,

Oakley, KS 67701. For condolences or information visit www.baalmannmortaury.com

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Health Information -Heart Disease

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Heart disease is the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States, causing 1 in every 4 deaths, or killing one person every 40 seconds. High blood pressure, high "LDL cholesterol", and smoking are significant risk factors for heart disease, and according to the CDC, at least 49% of Americans have at least one risk factor.

The term "heart disease" refers to multiple types of heart conditions including coronary artery disease, problems with the heart valves, and disturbance in the function or pumping mechanism of the heart causing heart failure. Certain medical conditions and lifestyle choices can place you at a higher risk of heart disease, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, being overweight or obese, smoking, inactivity, excessive alcohol intake, and family history.

Family history of heart disease is a primary risk factor of de-



veloping heart disease yourself. If one of your parents experienced cardiovascular disease at a young age (before 55 to 65 years of age), the risk of you developing heart disease is 60-75 percent higher than it would be otherwise. According to the same study, having a sibling with heart disease raises your risk by 40%.

Oftentimes the signs and symptoms of heart disease are silent, which is why prevention and routine medical screenings are so important. Screenings including blood pressure checks, laboratory screenings, and chest x-rays may indicate a need for treatment or further testing to ensure heart health.

Prevention of heart disease if the first step you can take in reducing your risk factors. Certain lifestyle modifications include avoiding or stopping smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet with reduced saturated fats and high fruit and vegetable intake, exercising regularly, and controlling chronic medical conditions including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

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