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City Council Met Monday

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 29, 2021 at City Hall, 119 N. Main in Cunningham.

Present were Mayor Aaron Murphy, Council Members Bart Ricke, Jason Ruckle, Karl Vierthaler, Craig Woodard, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Also attending were Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development; and Brian Schnittker.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting as

written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments – Brian Schnittker requested information regarding frozen water meters.

Leslie Schrag, Kingman Co. Economic Development – Leslie updated the Council on FAÇADE program applications, CDBG grants, and the Kingman County Dilapidated Structure Abatement Program.

Financing Service Truck – City Clerk informed Council that financing was complete.

Service Truck decals – After a short presentation by the City Clerk, the consensus of the Council was to keep the design simple.

Fire Department – Harold spoke with Council about fire runs including mutual aid requests that took place in March. Chief Stark reported that the new fire truck #326 is now in service.

New Water Meter Installations – City Superintendent, Mesa, reported that there were approximately 110 meters that needed to be replaced with

auto-read meters. Due to the cost of 110 meters it was the consensus of the Council not to change all meters at the same time.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke to purchase auto-read meters not to exceed \$7,500. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer – Jackie reported that two violations had been cited last month. She also informed the Council that she and Mesa would be picking up limbs curbside on April 7th. She is encouraging all residents to place their limbs at the curb to be picked up. Any volunteers to help load would be appreciated.

Maintenance – Mesa updated Council on water leaks. Leak near main line on North Douglas has been repaired. Mesa would like to speak to Kansas Rural Water Association about bringing out a leak detector to inspect Estella Street between Ohio and Elliot Streets.

Mesa recommended that the new service truck have a protective lining in

the bed to prevent rust where daily use can create scratches.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Vierthaler to approve the application of rhino lining to the service truck bed. Motion carried, 5/0.

Swimming Pool – Molly reported that applications for lifeguard are being accepted. Mesa reported that clean up has begun and the dirty water has been pumped out. Jackie offered to make herself available to assist in getting the swimming pool ready for the season.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – The Council reviewed the month's bills and financial report. Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the financial report and pay the bills/invoices as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion made by Ricke, second by Vierthaler to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

County Commission Meeting Minutes March 22nd, 2021

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commission Room of the County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 22nd, 2021. Those present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors Online: Trace Salzbrenner, Leader Courier; Caller 01; Carla Hibbs, Norwich School Counselor; Max Clark, USD 331 Superintendent; Viewer 02; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Larry Landwehr; Tammy Miller; Trace Salzbrenner; Susan Boen; Becky Hegler; Heather Kinsler;

Visitors: Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Henning asked for a moment of silence.

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

Becky Luntsford would like to be added to the agenda at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Foley would like to add an executive session about acquisition of real property.

Chairman Henning would like to add a walk through at the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; executive session for discussion of acquisition of real property and a walk through at the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments made.

Carla Hibbs, Norwich Counselor was on to request usage of the Expo Center for the School District to hold a conference to help students and families.

Commissioners agreed that they could use the Expo Center as it is to help the community.

Ms. Hibbs; Ms. Boen; Ms. Hegler and Mr. Clark left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Commissioners signed and approved the abatements.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$332,636.17.

Commissioners worked on the go to meeting as people attending online could not hear the meeting.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in for signatures to release monies for Desiree's Daycare and she let the Commissioners know that she was waiting on receipts from Jody Markwell before getting it approval for Jody's Salon.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in with a new contract from Klenda Austerman LLC for Tax Judicial Foreclosure services for Kingman County.

Ms. Luntsford requested an executive session later for non-elected personnel.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse let the Commissioners know that there is only one active case and it is under 25 years of age.

Officially Phases 3 & 4 are eligible now but will continue to prioritize.

Ms. Schwartz let them know that since December 22nd, 2020 they have done 2500 COVID shots.

Ms. Schwartz will be replacing the vaccine freezer and installing an 800 antenna.

Ms. Schwartz let them know that there is a bill that the Governor will most likely sign that will:

-This bill specifies that health

officers can't solely issue orders that specifically mandate face masks, limit gathering sizes, affects business operations, controls movement of the population or limit religious activity.

-Such an order, if necessary, must be approved by the board of county commissioners.

-Legal proceeding by (angry) citizens may be easier to do.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the minutes of the March 15th, 2021 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss the following:

-Zenda Road Damage and future traffic usage and repair.

-Future parking lot East of the Law Enforcement Center.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Evan #8 RCB project start date has moved back because of wet conditions.

Mr. Arensdorf updated the Commissioners on the following Bridge projects:

M.0-7.5 (Booster Station Bridge Repair) will be let summer 2021.

FAS 11 & 12 will be let September 2021.

FAS 13 will be let December 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Foley moved to go into executive session with John Caton, Counselor to discuss acquisition of real property at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to an exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for preliminary discussion regarding the acquisition of real property and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners returned to session at 10:35 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to

go into executive session with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Jamie Smith, Treasurer employee; Stan Goetz, HR and John Caton, Counselor at 10:38 a.m. for an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 10:55a.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Chairman Henning let the board know that an addition was received from the Law Company for painting of the basement of the Law Enforcement Center.

Chairman Henning would like to look at the floor before making a decision.

Chairman Henning would like to recess the board meeting at 11:00 to the Law Enforcement Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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6:00 a.m -2:30 p.m.
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Breakfast served all day**

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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Peter's,
Willowdale

Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart,
Cunningahm

Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. Johns's, Zenda

Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. Leo

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Fr. Roger Lumbre

620-243-5451
620-298-2601
620-246-5370

CHURCH
OF
CHRIST
Penalosa

Worship

11:00 a.m.

620-474-9131

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Contact
the
church
for
service
schedule.

Pastor Mike McGovney

620-298-3201

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Sunday School
& Bible Class

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Trinity
Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

620-656-7431

Sunday School
& Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

Pastor Dennis
Fangmeyer

620-246-5220

Cell: 620-886-0911

Our Worship service is found on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCren-CH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>. You can also find the service on Facebook by searching for either St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge.

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship

9:15 a.m.

Cunningham

Worship 10:45 a.m.

620-298-2090

Pastor Mathew
Ndambuki Musyoki

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Zenda

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9 a.m.

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Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

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Thursday, April 1st

All Fool's Day!

Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday: No School

Monday, April 5th

Trap Team Practice Day

Tuesday, April 6th

HS HOPL Forensics
at Pretty Prairie

Lions' Club meets

Friday, April 8th

11:00 a.m.

JH Track meet at
Pretty Prairie

3:30 p.m. HS Track
meet at Pretty Prairie

Monday, April 12th

NO school: Teacher
in-service

MS Scholars Bowl
at Skyline

7:00 p.m.

Board of Education
Meeting

Tuesday, April 13th

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Pre-K Screening

3:00 p.m. Hs Track
meet at South Barber

Wednesday, April 14th

Trap Team Recorded
Shoot Day

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Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774

West Kingman County Education Foundation

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

Hands of Hope (contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any
church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at
the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Donna Glenn)

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YEARS AGO IN

The
Cunningham Clipper

W.A. Bradley, Editor

1931

April 3- The severest blizzard since 1886, according to the oldtimers, visited this section of the state last Thursday and Friday. Heavy drifting of snow by driving winds paralyzed traffic throughout this area, and electric service was off in the city from Thursday night until Saturday afternoon. Dr. Ferd Burnett was lost during the storm on Friday while making a call near St. Leo. A large searching party located him that evening at the Homer Kelly farm home.

Rev. J. P. Groom began his 20th year in the Methodist ministry last Sunday. He has served the Cunningham-Cairo charge for four years.

Kansas Highway Department officials have recommended paving Highway 54 between Kingman and Pratt.

L. D. Davidson of Cheney, was in town last week getting gas leases from a goodly number of property owners. He expects to drill for gas within the townsite, using the gas to supply the citizens with heat, provided, however, he strikes gas on the test.

1936

April 3-The Senior Class presented the play, "Listen To Leon," last Friday night. Members of the cast included Wayne Lash, Helen Brannon, Jessie Lee Lakin, Warren Allen, Edwin Krug, Francis Wilson, Virginia Baker, and Harriet Baber.

The O'Neal Construction Company of Salina, has been busy in Cunningham during the past week, unloading pipe, fire hydrants, and machinery, preparatory to starting work on the city waterworks system.

1941

April 4- Two tickets will greet voters on the ballot at the City Election next Monday. The two aspirants for Mayor are Glenn Patton and Wallace Creamer; John Wymer is the only candidate for Police Judge, and candidates for Councilman include Carde Cannon, Frank McCool, Sherman Kincheloe, Frank Doty, Bedford Taylor, Ferd Burnett, Otis Vermillion, Clayton Watkins, and A. B. Jones.

1951

April 6- 63 votes were cast in the City Election, Tuesday, with incumbents being returned to office for another term. Mayor Dr. D. E. Thompson; Henry Gibbens is Police Judge, and Councilmen are Elmer Steffen, Philip Fee, Arch Lovern, Glenn Patton, and Floren Rose.

High school music students receiving I Ratings at the District

Seniors hope to have a large crowd in attendance at the performance next Friday evening, starting promptly at 8:00 o'clock.

The Music Department is participating in the District Music Festival at Pratt tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. Group numbers are being held on Friday, with the soloists appearing on Saturday.

1956

April 5-Ten Lions roared approval to the organization of a Cunningham Lions Club at a dinner and meeting in the Lodge Hall, Tuesday evening.

36 men attended the meeting, following a dinner served by the Jones Café, and guests included Harold Morton of Salina, State Secretary of Lionism; Charles Medley of Caldwell, District Governor; John Sherrill of Sylvia, Lionism Zone Chairman; Harry Newton of Turon, President of the Turon Lions Club; several Turon Lions Club members, and a good turn-out of local men.

Election of officers was held for the local club. The new officers are Bill Bradley, President; Rev. Dwight Bonham, First Vice-President; Rufus Leiter, Second Vice-President; Evan Thornhill, Secretary-Treasurer; Lon Hoagland and Albert Ditto, Directors; Francis Dafforn, Lion Tamer, and Everett Hauser, Tail Twister.

The 19 charter members of the club were presented their Lions Club pins by Mr. Medley and Mr. Sherrill and plans were instigated to hold a Charter Night Banquet on May 22. The local club is the 300th Lions Club in Kansas, and local officers hope to have 150 Lions Club members and their wives here on that night.

The Cunningham Lions Club will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting to be held next Tuesday evening in the Jones Café at 6:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, and anyone interested in joining the local club is cordially invited to attend the dinner and meeting.

The cast has been chosen for the Senior Class play, "My Little Oscar," to be presented next Friday evening, April 13, in the new high school gym-auditorium. Members of the cast, five boys and seven girls, are Nancy Ewing, Allan Schnittker, Jeanne Seacat, Donald Hoagland, Virgil Sallee, Caren Fitzsimmons, Dick Logsdon, Beverly Kitson, Betty Willinger, Mary Helen Rohling, Eva Pearl Ridge, and Jack Vermillion.

Play practice will begin next Monday morning. As has been the custom during the past seven years, only one week is taken in which to learn the play. These 12 class members will be excused from their regular classes and practice on the play throughout every day next week.

"My Little Oscar is a three-act comedy everybody will enjoy, so the

Years Ago

ation period, after which Carolyn and Bobby Witt served refreshments to 19 members, seven leaders, and three guests, Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Dillinger, and Margene Millsap.

1966
April 7-The high school vocal and instrumental students participated in the State Class B Music Contest at Buhler last Friday and Saturday, and received fine ratings.

Mary Cusenbary received a I rating in girl's medium voice.

II ratings were received by the band, Charles Ridge (boy's medium voice), mixed quartet (Jean Brady, Carolyn Witt, Charles Ridge, Duane Schnittker), Joyce Brooks (baritone horn), Rex Dunn (boy's medium voice), Mary Cusenbary (flute), Charles Huslig (boy's low voice), and Susan Lindemann (girl's medium voice).

III ratings were received by the boy's ensemble (Eddie Crosley, Wayne Jarmer, Lloyd Gridley, Geronimo Kaster, Bill McGovney, Charles Ridge, Layne Harris, Monte Rose, Norman Patton, Don

Hellar, Rex Dunn), girl's glee club, Rhonda DeArmond (girl's medium voice), boy's quartet (Lloyd Gridley, Bill McGovney, Rex Dunn, Norman Patton), triple trio (Mary Cusenbary, Shirley Lubbers, Pat Baber, Teresa rose, Dee Ann Scripsick, Shirley Neises, Mary Thimesch, Ann Eck, Debby Sheldon), and the mixed chorus.

Norman Patton received a IV rating for his piano solo.

Completing his series of pre-Easter messages at the First Baptist Church, Rev. J. P. Cragar will speak on the topic, "He is Risen Indeed", at the Easter Sunday morning services, and his theme at the evening services will be "Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us As He Talked With Us Along the Road?"

In a business transaction last week, Vern Hendrixson, Mobil Service Station operator, leased the Ellis Derby Station from Roy and Sherman Ellis.

Mr. Hendrixson has moved the Mobil station to the Derby station location at the west edge of town, and is now open for business.

The Ellis families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Ellis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis and family, are preparing to begin their custom wheat harvesting operation.

The American Petrofina Company has purchased the site of the former Mobil station, according to Harold Stark, local Fina bulk agent and station operator.

1971
April 1- The bi-annual Cunningham City Election will be held next Tuesday, April 6.

A full slate of candidates, and then some, will face city voters this election instead of a blank ballot which has appeared in several previous elections.

Ivan Cain is the only candidate for Mayor, but seven candidates are vying for five Councilman seats—G. L. Hergert, K. C. Jones, Donna McCune, Larry Ruckle, George Urban, Gary Wegerer, and Kent Williamson.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Urban are incumbent Councilmen.

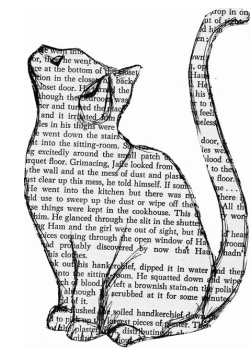
City voters living north of US-Highway 54 will vote at the City Hall; city voters living south of the highway will vote at

the Farmers Co-op. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cunningham area voters will cast ballots for candidates in the School Board General Election of USD No. 332 next Tuesday, April 6.

The candidates are D. J. Mantooth of Cunningham, Board Member District 1; Jack V. Crick of Cunningham, and Robert L. Stillwell Jr. of Penalosa, Board Member Position 2; John Albers and Allan Schnittker, both of St. Leo, Board Member District 3, and Leonard Liebl of Nashville, Board Member At Large.

Because this is a School Board General Election for USD No. 332, all eligible voters within the boundaries of the school district may cast ballots at their regular township voting places, with the exception of the parts of the district which are in Pratt County and Harper County. Maps outlining the voting area and places are posted at several business firms in Cunningham—also a legal publication on Page Four of this week's issue of the Clipper, defines the candidates, voting places and area served.



Meanderings

Here it is, April 1st. I wasn't expecting it to get here so quickly. Wasn't it just last week we were celebrating the ending of 2020 and the beginning of the new, improved year of 2021?

The grass is green. The wheat is green, the trees are trying to be green. My little redbud tree is budding red, and my other trees have colorful flowers budding on them. Except for the dead trees-- but they are cedars.

Tomorrow I go for my two-month checkup with the surgeon. I am hoping that will be my last visit, and I can begin living a somewhat normal life.... You know, normal as in getting to bend over so I can do chores and pick up a kitty and touch my toes.... This weekend if the weather is nice, I am going to wash the windows on the house. They are in desperate need.

Oh! It is 6:20 in the evening and a fox just ran up the road here in front of my house. I got up to check it out, and it stopped in the middle of the street and headed across the wheatfield that is right across the street.

And there he went back across my yard at 7:45. Wonder what his agenda is today. Maybe SHE is out hunting for supper for the kits.

I have determined I have a superpower. I think it is one that some folks would be envious of, and others would say, "No doubt that is her one and only power, and she is welcome to it." Just call me The Procrastinator. I can find all kinds of things to do to put off doing what I should be doing. And then find things to do to put off the things I shouldn't be doing because I should be doing something else. I am the queen of procrastination, and this week is a very good example of that skill.

I don't know if it's one of those days/weeks that I don't want to work (don't we all have those?) or if my creative side is on strike.

Whatever reason, I cannot seem to get this paper to come together.

I was working on the photos for the play, when the strangest thing happened. The pictures started scrolling across the screen. It was very interesting. I stopped them scrolling, moved them back to the far left, watched them scroll across the screen again. I did this several times, then thought I should maybe figure out WHY they were on some sort of parade.

I fiddled around with some of the commands on the side and top of the program. I couldn't get them to stay still. So I deleted them and started over; and then it

was all fixed, no marching photos.

And why is it that as I'm typing, every time I've typed the word 'that' the last 't' goes to the next line in capital letter format.

Technology is often times unexplainable. And annoying. And leads to procrastination.

I signed off last week's column stating that I was reading Nancy Grace's "Murders on the D-List." I didn't finish it. It was just too boring. I didn't like the characters; I didn't care about any of it. I thought the main character, Hailey, wasn't quite as interesting as she was in the first book. In this 'installment' she was annoying, just annoying. I dumped her. No more Nancy Grace for me. I guess I've dumped her as well.

I don't often quit a book. Probably in a year's time, I might quite 3? Four at the most. It is always a memorable experience to quit a book because it doesn't happen all that often.

I am riveted with this week's book club book. It is a page turning story. Jodi Picoult tells the story from three viewpoints: a black nurse, a white defense attorney, and a white supremacist. The beliefs and actions of Turk, the white supremacist, makes me uncomfortably angry. I can barely stand to read his parts of the book. I do wade through them, but they do make me mad.

After I finish this book, I will return to Phillip Pullman's series that I started just before the Picoult book. I do not believe I've read any Pullman books. If I have, I don't remember them. I am now reading his Sally Lockhart series. The setting is Victorian era, and Pullman incorporates all the dark things that make a good Victorian mystery; missing and hidden jewels, murders, orphans, wicked guardians, dark streets and dirty alleys, fog on the river, carriages and wagons creaking. Great late-night reading.

Always reading, and currently reading "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
Roberta

"There's a hunger for stories in all of us, adults too. We need stories so much that we're even willing to read bad books to get them, if the good books won't supply them."
— *Phillip Pullman*

THIS IS SO TRUE OF ME:

"You can't just turn on creativity like a faucet. You have to be in the right mood. What mood is that? Last-minute panic."
— *Bill Watterson*

"If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done."
— *Rita Mae Brown*

"A day can really slip by when you're deliberately avoiding what you're supposed to do."
— *Bill Watterson, There's Treasure Everywhere*

From Throne to Throne

By Walter R. Rosenbaum
(12/17/2020)
From the Throne of Heaven to a Manger in a Stable,
The Son of God,
From a Manger to a Criminal's Cross,
The Son of Man,
From a Criminal's Cross to a Rich Man's Tomb,
The Perfect Lamb of God,
From a Rich Man's Tomb to the Throne of David,
The Lion of Judah.

Love
By Walter R. Rosenbaum
04/28/2013
Love gives with no thought of return,
Love forgives when it is not sought, or deserved,
Love encourages and never tears down,
Love endures when all else is lost,
Love reflects the heart of GOD.

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."
— *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

"Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God."
— *Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat*

"When Good Friday comes, these are the moments in life when we feel there's no hope. But then, Easter comes."
— *Coretta Scott King*

Comfortably Dumb



"...and it's built with 50% recycled materials!"

Comfortably Dumb



"Looks like they're letting my lawn go straight to hell."

Libraries -- call to verify openings/restrictions			
Cunningham Public Library Monday - Wednesday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Closed Fridays, Saturdays, & Holidays 298-3163	Zenda Public Library Monday 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 620-243-5791	Kingman Carnegie Library 620-532-3061 Mon. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tues. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Pratt Public Library Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays (620) 672-3041

After Identifying Gaps in Previous Aid, USDA Announces ‘Pandemic Assistance for Producers’ to Distribute Resources More Equitably

USDA Reopens Program Sign-Up to a Larger Share of Producers with Plans to Expand Outreach and New Programming

Washington, D.C., – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions. The new initiative—**USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers**—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The Department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others. Existing programs like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will fall within the new initiative and, where statutory authority allows, will be refined to better address the needs of producers.

USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers was needed, said Vilsack, after a review of previous COVID-19 assistance programs targeting farmers identified a number of gaps and disparities in how assistance was distributed as well as inadequate outreach to underserved producers and smaller and medium operations.

“The pandemic affected all of agriculture, but many farmers did not benefit from previous rounds of pandemic-related assistance. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to help-

ing as many producers as possible, as equitably as possible,” said Vilsack. “Our new **USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers** initiative will help get financial assistance to a broader set of producers, including to socially disadvantaged communities, small and medium sized producers, and farmers and producers of less traditional crops.”

USDA will reopen sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has committed at least \$2.5 million to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will establish partnerships with organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

The payments announced today (under Part 3, below) will go out under the existing CFAP rules; however, future opportunities for **USDA Pandemic Assistance** will be reviewed for verified need and during the rulemaking process, USDA will look to make eligibility more consistent with the Farm Bill. Moving forward, **USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers** will utilize existing programs, such as the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, Farming Opportunities Training and Outreach, and Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and others to enhance educational and market opportunities for agricultural producers.

USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers – 4 Parts Announced Today

Part 1: Investing \$6 Billion to Expand Help & Assistance to More Producers

USDA will dedicate at least \$6 billion to develop a number of new programs or modify existing proposals using discretionary funding from the Consolidated Appropriations Act and other coronavirus funding that went unspent by the previous administration. Where rulemaking is required, it will commence this spring. These efforts will include assistance for:

Dairy farmers through

the Dairy Donation Program or other means: Euthanized livestock and poultry;

Biofuels; Specialty crops, beginning farmers, local, urban and organic farms;

Costs for organic certification or to continue or add conservation activities

Other possible expansion and corrections to CFAP that were not part of today’s announcement such as to support dairy or other livestock producers;

Timber harvesting and hauling;

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other protective measures for food and farm workers and specialty crop and seafood producers, processors and distributors;

Improving the resilience of the food supply chain, including assistance to meat and poultry operations to facilitate interstate shipment;

Developing infrastructure to support donation and distribution of perishable commodities, including food donation and distribution through farm-to-school, restaurants or other community organizations; and

Reducing food waste.

Part 2: Adding \$500 Million of New Funding to Existing Programs

USDA expects to begin investing approximately \$500 million in expedited assistance through several existing programs this spring, with most by April 30. This new assistance includes:

\$100 million in additional funding for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), which enhances the competitiveness of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops.

\$75 million in additional funding for the Farmers Opportunities Training and Outreach program, administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, which encourages and assists socially disadvantaged, veteran, and beginning farmers and ranchers in

the ownership and operation of farms and ranches.

\$100 million in additional funding for the Local Agricultural Marketing Program, administered by the AMS and Rural Development, which supports the development, coordination and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets and enterprises and value-added agricultural products.

\$75 million in additional funding for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, administered by the NIFA, which provides funding opportunities to conduct and evaluate projects providing incentives to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by low-income consumers

\$20 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to improve and maintain animal disease prevention and response capacity, including the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.

\$20 million for the Agricultural Research Service to work collaboratively with Texas A&M on the critical intersection between responsive agriculture, food production, and human nutrition and health.

\$28 million for NIFA to provide grants to state departments of agriculture to expand or sustain existing farm stress assistance programs.

Approximately \$80 million in additional payments to domestic users of upland and extra-long staple cotton based on a formula set in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 that USDA plans to deliver through the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills program.

Part 3: Carrying Out Formula Payments under CFAP 1, CFAP 2, CFAPAA

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted December 2020 requires FSA to make certain payments to producers according to a mandated formula. USDA is now expediting these provisions because there is no discretion involved in interpreting such directives, they are self-enacting.

An increase in CFAP

1 payment rates for cattle. Cattle producers with approved CFAP 1 applications will automatically receive these payments beginning in April. Information on the additional payment rates for cattle can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Eligible producers do not need to submit new applications, since payments are based on previously approved CFAP 1 applications. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$1.1 billion to more than 410,000 producers, according to the mandated formula.

Additional CFAP assistance of \$20 per acre for producers of eligible crops identified as CFAP 2 flat-rate or price-trigger crops beginning in April. This includes alfalfa, corn, cotton, hemp, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat, among other crops. FSA will automatically issue payments to eligible price trigger and flat-rate crop producers based on the eligible acres included on their CFAP 2 applications. Eligible producers do not need to submit a new CFAP 2 application. For a list of all eligible row-crops, visit farmers.gov/cfap. USDA estimates additional payments of more than \$4.5 billion to more than 560,000 producers, according to the mandated formula.

USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed as part of the CFAP Additional Assistance program in the following categories:

Applications filed for pullets and turfgrass sod;

A formula correction for row-crop producer applications to allow producers with a non-Actual Production History (APH) insurance policy to use 100% of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield in the calculation;

Sales commodity applications revised to include insurance indemnities, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments, and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments, as required by statute; and

Additional payments for swine producers and contract growers under CFAP Additional Assistance remain on hold and are likely to require modifications to the regulation as part of the broader evaluation and future assistance; however, FSA will continue to accept applications from interested producers.

Part 4: Reopening CFAP 2 Sign-Up to Improve Access & Outreach to Underserved Producers

As noted above, USDA will re-open sign-up for of CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021.

FSA has committed at least \$2.5 million to establish partnerships and direct outreach efforts intended to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will cooperate with grassroots organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

Please stay tuned for additional information and announcements under the **USDA Pandemic Assistance to Producers** initiative, which will help to expand and more equitably distribute financial assistance to producers and farming operations during the COVID-19 national emergency. Please visit www.farmers.gov for more information on the details of today’s announcement.

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



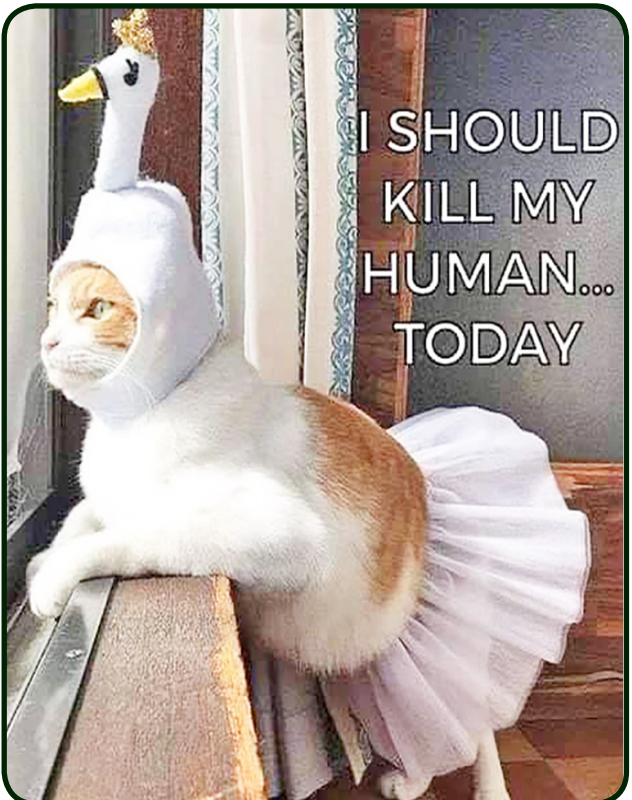
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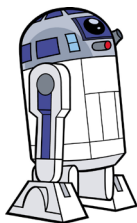


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Pratt County Commission Meeting March 22nd, 2021

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor in the courthouse. With the following members present: Thomas W. Jones, Rick N. Shriver and Dwight Adams. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reminded everyone the meeting is being streamed over zoom and to please state your name when speaking; Mark Graber, IT director, will watch for any comments or questions from the public.

William Lawrence, Spyglass Group LLC, gave a presentation on services they provide. They audit internet and phone lines to find over-billings and charges for unused lines. There is no charge for the audit, if they find amounts to be reimbursed, they will receive 50% of the reimbursements. It takes

4-6 weeks for the initial audit results and 8-10 weeks for the total project. The commissioners will discuss and let William know.

Heather Morgan, economic development, reported SB13 property tax transparency bill is still on the governor’s desk. SB 286 business liability for counties is still being worked.

She reported on the American Rescue Plan, not sure yet how it can be spent. She filled out the recovery office survey for the county. She is sending the SPARK information to the auditor. She had been contacted by two businesses wanting to expand, she gave them Great Plains Development contact information.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, presented the information needed to complete the bid process for the UTV. John Deere Gator has a one-year warranty. The Arctic Cat has an 18-month warranty and the trade in value is \$4,650.00, which made their total bid \$14,900.00.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the bid from Gottschalk Equipment, Great Bend, in the amount of \$14,900.00 for the 2021 Artic Cat. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vandervyver,

health director, gave the COVID update. She reported Pratt County is in phase 3 and 4. She has 3 pods scheduled, after those she will do appointments at the Health Department. She reported the lab was finished.

Tracy Petz, RSVP assistant, presented checks for signatures. She asked about the current EMS building and if it could be used for the RSVP buses. It hasn’t been decided what will be done with the building at this time.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021, meeting as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment to Morris Laing Law offices for legal fees in the amount of \$2,691.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, presented the encroachment agreement with Oneok and Pratt County. Allows the county to run lines over their gas line. Commissioner Adams made a motion to accept the encroachment agreement with oneok as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Tyson Eisenhauer,

county counselor, recommended the bond payment to the state treasurer be sent by certified mail.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment vouchers for March 22, 2021. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, reported the notice for the tax foreclosure sale will be in the Pratt tribune this week.

Commissioner Adams asked Mark Graber, IT director, on the status of the phones, Mark reported they would have to wait until Spyglass Group LLC finished their audit if approved.

Kelly McMurphy, landmark architect, Greg Harman, Harman Huffman Construction Group, Doug Reh PBC board member, Chase Galle, Gary Condict, Linda Hoemenot and Colleen Trimpe were present for the 4:00 agenda item.

Kelly McMurphy, landmark architect, went over the HVAC changes to the PSB, that included drawings, pricing and schedule. He reported the exhaust system had been simplified. There is now one boiler instead of two. There is still radiant heat in the bays.

These changes affect-

ed piping and electrical. These changes resulted in a credit of \$346,599. Greg Harman, Harman Huffman, asked for a 90-day extension because of these changes that were made. He reported when it dries up they will start pouring footings, the building should arrive May 10, 2021. There are outside pads poured. Commissioner Shriver asked about the signage in the contract not being included in the bid. Kelly McMurphy stated it is included in the bid. Commissioner Adams questioned the reason for the higher priced HVAC system in the initial bid and Kelly didn’t make changes at that time. Kelly stated it was approved as bid, but he should have questioned it.

Commissioner Adams questioned why they stated everything was ordered in January 2021 and it’s still not ordered. Kelly stated it is ordered they are just waiting on the change orders. Commissioner Jones stated they were supposed to get biweekly progress reports and there had not been any communication. Kelly said he would make sure There are progress reports sent out from now on. Chase Galle, stated there was a lack of communication and no information at the site progress meetings. Commissioner Shriver

asked about the drainage ditch surrounding the building site. Kelly stated they tried not to use so much fill dirt, they built the ditch to divert water away from the building. He reported there is no sewer access to the available lots on the south end of the property. They would have to be run south and will not be connected to the PSB.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the change order from Harman Huffman Construction resulting in a credit of \$346,599. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kelly McMurphy, landmark architect, stated there would be progress meetings every two weeks with updates. He will email reports to county commissioners, county counselor, county clerk and the PBC board. Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, asked if there are any potential large change orders. Kelly and Greg Harman both stated no.

Chase Galle questioned the soil treatment for paving. He was told it was a new process.

Greg Harman, will check and get answers.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

FEMA to Help Pay Funeral Costs for COVID-19-Related Deaths

In early April, FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. The policy was finalized today, and FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, the policy states:

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19.

If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.

An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.

The COVID-19-

related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

§ This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

In the coming weeks, a dedicated 800 number will be established to help individuals who apply. In the meantime, potential applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

An official death cer-

tificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the U. S. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.

Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant’s name, the deceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses were incurred.

Proof of funds re-

ceived from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

More information regarding this assistance can be found at COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov

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If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Office of External Affairs:

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“Call-a-Lawyer” repeats the second Thursday (unless specifically noted) of each month and is designed

to help persons in need of legal advice and information or answer questions.

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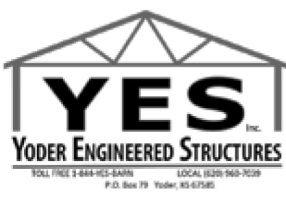
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TOALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham and the County Election Officer of Kingman County, Kansas, that there will be a special question election in the City of Cunningham on the 27th of April, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of levying a city retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.0%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Cunningham in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto. If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax will take effect on the 1st day of October, 2021, and end on the 30th day of September, 2031. Said tax shall be collected by the state department of revenue therefrom returned to the City of Cunningham.

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.0%) be levied in the City of Cunningham, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for general fund purposes and aiding the mill levy tax burden on property owners within the City of Cunningham, to take effect on October 1, 2021, and expire on September 30, 2031.

☐ YES

☐ NO

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Celebrations of Life

Lenora Zoeller

Lenora Josephine Zoeller, 95 died March 27, 2021 in Kingman.

She was born Dec. 18, 1925, at Duquoin, Kansas the daughter of Fred and Eleanor Werner Zoeller. A longtime Kingman resident she was a former grade school teacher, social worker and retired Postmaster in Stark, Kansas.

She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar Society, all of Kingman.

Lenora is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the St. Patrick Catholic Church with a parish rosary preceding at 9:30 a.m. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, April 5, 2021 with the family receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick Grade School or the St. Patrick Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home.



Charlie Thimesch

Uncle Charlie passed away on March 29, 2021 in Wichita, Ks.

I had no obituary notice when the paper went to press, but I thought folks would want to know of his death.

A full obituary will be in next week's paper.

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Upcoming Auctions:

Sat. April 3rd - 10:00 a.m. consignment auction— Hamm Auction Center in Pratt
Sat. April 10th Coin Auction Hamm Auction Center
Sat. April 17th Estate Sale in Sawyer, KS
Sat. April 24th consignment auction at Hamm Auction Center



Mon. April 26th Farm Machinery at Wilmore, KS
For a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com
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Easter Week Services for Local Churches

United Methodist

April 1st Maundy Thursday Service- 7:00 p.m. at Penalosa UMC

Good Friday - Walk of the Cross - 5:00 Starting at the Cunningham Methodist Church, we walk/ride golf carts the 14 stations of the Cross with Bible reading and prayer at each station, finishing up in front of the Christian Church. A supper will be served after the walk at the Christian Church, take and go or stay and eat.

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service - 6:45 a.m. at Oak's Pond. Meet at the UMC about 6:25 if you would like to carpool and caravan over.

Easter Sunday Service - UMC at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome to the services.

First Christian Church

April 1st Maundy Thursday-service at 7:30 p.m.

April 2nd Good Friday Cross Walk starts outside the UMC at 5:00 p.m.

April 4th Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m. east of the old building. Breakfast to follow.

Regular worship at 10:45. No Sunday evening service or youth group.

Catholic Churches

April 1st Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. TRIDUUM – Mass of the Last Supper/Vigil of the Holy Eucharist till 10:00 p.m. at St. John

April 2nd Good Friday 2:30pm - St. Peter, Willowdale – Stations of the Cross/Veneration of the Cross Liturgy

5:30pm -St. Leo– Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross

April 3rd Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8:30 p.m. – Sacred Heart, Cunningham

April 4th Easter Sunday 8:00 am –St. Leo 9:30am-St. Peter; 11:00 a.m.- St. John

Bread Ministry

The United Methodist Bread Ministry is continuing on Tuesdays. There is a new time. We will open from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. There will be different faces each week as volunteers will rotate. The bread come from the Dillons' stores and we always have good supply of artisan breads and sweets. Once in a while we get some meats and cheeses from the deli. We hope our new hours will accommodate more folks.



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Morgan Meyers Named Player of the Year



Sports in Kansas named Morgan Meyers their 1A--II Girls Basketball Play of the Year this past weekend.Morgan won out against several other star players in the 1A-II division.

And her dad, Eric? He's is one proud father and coach.

Scholarship Applications Due April 15th

West Kingman County Education Foundation scholarship applications are due at the school office on Thursday, April 15, 2021. 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.

Vaccine Update from Health Department

Kingman County is scheduling COVID-19 appointments for anyone aged 18 and over wanting to be vaccinated. The vaccines we have been using are indicated for people aged 18 and over, so we are not able to vaccinate people younger than 18 at this time. If you are a Kingman County resident, please call us at 620-532-2221 to get on the COVID-19 vaccination list.

“I was brought up to respect my elders, so now I don't have to respect anybody.”
— George Burns

“Never place a period in your life where God only meant to place a comma.”
— Gracie Allen

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District 18

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Day1: Tuesday 7:00 PM
Day2: Thursday 8:00 PM
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