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Organizations Are Fundraising

The Cunningham community of residents and businesses are known for their generous spirits in times of need. This week I have written about are two organizations in need of financial support from individuals and businesses. Please take time to read the stories I have labored over and give generously.



**PLEASE
DONATE**

Cunningham Community Center

Thirty-eight years ago, this next month, the Cunningham Community Center became a planned reality.

The first meeting of the board was held on June 13, 1982. Serving on the Community Center board were: Ken Kerschen (President), R.D. Baber (Vice-President), Helen Long (Secretary), Jack Meyers (Treasurer), Arlene Bradley, Don Hellar, and Jack Crick.

Those seven individuals represented the Lions' Club, the Women's Club, the American Legion, and the City of Cunningham.

Plans were made and acted upon. The building opened to the public on Santa Claus Day of the same year.

One of the low-budget additions to the building were the metal kitchen cabinets. They were not purchased new

for the building. Don Hellar attended the auction at the defunct Nashville School where he bid on and bought the cabinets from the school kitchen. Herman Rottering then built the countertops for the kitchen.

After 38 years in the Community Center and who-knows-how-many years in the Nashville School, it is time to replace the re-purposed cabinets.

The plan is for new cabinets and countertops, an island in the middle of the kitchen (currently the 'island' is made up of tables), new faucets and sinks.

Rose Construction will be doing the remodeling.

Funds are needed and donations for this endeavor can be left at the Ninescah Valley Bank.

Hands of Hope Food Bank

Hands of Hope is the name of our local food bank. It was started several years ago under the guidance of Kathy Webster and Methodist Pastor Bill Stapleton. It has been used by many, many folks in Cunningham and surrounding communities. FitzSimmons Insurance has been the caretaker of the goods for lo, these many years.

The name "Hands of Hope" comes from "Convoy of Hope" a non-profit organization located in Springfield, Missouri. The Convoy of Hope delivers semi-loads of goods from companies that have over-produced their goods. Cunningham is on the list of communities to have goods delivered when we need them.

Under the guidance of Marilyn Mavity, the Hands of Hope has become an official non-profit organization with

an active board, representative of our three churches. Those volunteers who make up the board are Marilyn Mavity, Mike McGovney, Bernie Albers, Kathy Albers, Leanne McNerny, Darlene Knudsen, Tayler Strickland, Tammy Beat, Clayton Mills, and Rose Mary Freund.

The board met Tuesday, May 19th, to elect officers and plan for future deliveries. The "store" location has been extended to include to the building at 310 East First Street.

In order to pay for the deliveries, rent and utilities, the Hands of Hope needs assistance from the public.

If you can help, please contact Fitzsimmons Insurance or any of the board members.

Refunds Waiting for Nearly 1400 Former Southern Pioneer Electric Customers

TOPEKA – Refunds for 1399 former Southern Pioneer Electric customers are waiting for them in the Kansas State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division. The refunds are due to former customers that received service between March 2012 and July 2018 and paid their bill with an e-check. An e-check is an electronic payment transacted via telephone or on-line using a checking account as opposed to a credit/debit card or automatic withdraw.

The company charged customers a \$3.95 e-check transaction fee, which

was not authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission. As a result, the Commission ordered Southern Pioneer to refund the money last year. Customers still receiving service were given a bill credit in April 2019 for refunds due. At that time, notices were published in area newspapers to make the 1653 remaining former customers aware of the refunds, but the majority have not made claims. The funds were sent to the State Treasurer's office earlier this month and can now be claimed there.

"It is important to the Commission that these former customers are aware of the refunds owed to them so they can claim their money," said KCC Chair Susan Duffy.

To check if you have a refund that you have not claimed, call the

Treasurer's office at **785-296-4165**, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The staff will do a search for your claim and walk you through the process of getting the money returned. You can also search online at www.kansascash.ks.gov.

"Give us a call to see if we have money that belongs to you, either from Southern Pioneer Electric Company, or other sources you may not have known about. The process is quick and easy, and we look forward to the opportunity to put some money back in your pocket," said Kansas State Treasurer Jake LaTurner.

Southern Pioneer serves residential customers in 10 southwest and south central Kansas counties.

Just Some Wildflowers to Take Up This Space

I just could not get this space to work for anything important. I thought about trying to identify these posies, but then decided I make enough mistakes in this newspaper, and since I know nothing about wildflowers, mistakes would be inevitable.



photos by Joyce Deppenbusch



Yard of the Week



Cunningham's first "Yard of the Week" for the summer of 2020 is the home of Cheryl and Tim Slupski. They live at 336 South Elliott Street. (Courier photo)

CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Saturdays
5:30 p.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays
8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Sundays
10:00 a.m.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST Penalosa

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CHRISTIAN Cunningham

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LUTHERAN St. John's Nashville

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

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Medicine Lodge
Morning Worship
8:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

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

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

Based on the revised Phase 2 both congregations are able to accommodate 30 individuals or family groups with 1/2 in the sanctuary and the other half in the fellowship area.

For those who are not yet comfortable with returning to worship, we are also live streaming the St. John 10:30 service on YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

You can also find the service on Facebook. Just go to St. John Lutheran Church, Nashville or Trinity Lutheran Church, Medicine Lodge. These are linked after the service, usually later on Sunday or the next day.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Community Bulletin Board

Monday, June 8th 6:30 p.m. BOE Meeting

Saturday, July 11th High School Prom

Friday, July 24th High School Graduation

Thursday, June 18th COVID Classic at Pretty Prairie



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<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>

Grab a group of 15 and book your PRIVATE movie experience today at YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre. (\$150.00 includes admission for 15 and either a 1 person combo or a small popcorn and medium drink)

Available May 23rd to May 28th:
The Goonies (PG)
Pitch Perfect (PG-13)

Available May 29th to June 7th:
I Still Believe(PG)
Trolls World Tour (PG)

Kingman Historic Theatre Showtime Appt:
Please note, during this time of reopening, we must change the way we offer movies and how we show movies to stay within the guidelines of not only the COVID phases and public health awareness, but the movie production company rules as well.

We understand change is hard, but we hope everyone supports the theatre during this time, as we are doing our best to get you back to the movies!

We will be showing movies by appointment only. Please call 620-491-0742 to schedule appts. Please leave a message and we will return your call! For general questions, you may send a FB private message.

Cost will be \$150.00 per showing for up to 15 people: (that's only \$10.00 per person to have the theatre all to yourself)

This includes admission cost and your choice of either a 1 person combo or a small popcorn and medium drink. (Yes, you may upsize and purchase extra concessions as well)

We will be offering 2 movies to choose from: The first set of movies will run from May 23rd to May 28th. The second set of movies will run from May 29th to June 7th.

You will need to arrive 20 min prior to your scheduled showtime. Your movie will start at the scheduled time... NO EXCEPTIONS!

Showtimes are in 2 hour blocks, with an hour in between for staff to clean and sanitize.

We will book showtimes as staff is available ALL days of the week. The first showtime will be at 10am and the last will be at midnight.

No outside items allowed. Please leave blankets, coats, bags in the car. You will be asked to wash your hands upon entering the theatre.

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YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

William E. Bradley, Editor

1970

May 28- The newly organized American Legion Post No. 114 in Cunningham, will conduct a veteran's memorial service at the Maud and Shelman Cemeteries on Memorial Day morning, Saturday, May 30. The service will be held at the Maud Cemetery at 10:00 o'clock, and at the Shelman Cemetery at 11:00 o'clock.

A pool tournament was enjoyed by the young people at the Cunningham Youth Center, "The Wildcat Den," according to sponsor Mrs. Steve Galliard.

In the high school mixed doubles, Curtis Kitson and Rogene Cooley won first place and a trophy, defeating David and Suzanne Steffen in the finals.

In the high school singles, Curtis won first, defeating Marvin Oller in the finals.

In the junior high mixed doubles, Kent Scripsick and Reta Ratcliff won the first place trophy, defeating Steve Long and Peggy Cain in the finals.

In the junior high school singles, John Steffen won first place, defeating Kent Scripsick in the finals.

Dean Dyche won the men's ping pong tournament, Sunday evening, defeating Don Becker in the finals.

1960

May 26- Kenneth Winters, Cunningham Rural High School junior, won the 180-yard low hurdles at the State Track Meet in Manhattan last Saturday. His time was 20.2 seconds.

Jerry Pelzl took fifth place in the broad jump with a leap of 20 feet 8 3/4 inches.

A double-header has been scheduled at the City Park next Friday evening, June 3, between the Cunningham and Kingman Pee Wee teams. The first game will start at 6:00 o'clock.

1950

May 26- Eighteen Eighth Graders graduated in Graduation Exercises at the High School Auditorium, Monday evening. Members of the class were Carolyn Baker, Elmer Becker, Doris Benson, Billy DeWeese, Isabel Epp, Bonnie Hazlett, Marilyn Hendricks, John Heronime, Gwedolyn Mefford, Kenneth Meyers, Johnny Pelzl, Robert Pelzl, Jean Rohling, Shirley Shafer, Norman Stanley, Gary Taylor, and Jimmy Wells.

1940

May 24- Eleven Eighth Graders graduated in Graduation Exercises in the High School Auditorium last Wednesday evening. Members of the class were Albert McGovney, John Sinclair, Mary Evelyn Walker, Elaine Cannon, Martha Ebenkamp, Jack Kincheloe, John Wilson, Joe Theis, Junior Petrie, Richard Panning, and Harold Hammond.

1955

May 26- Cunningham needs just 16 more residents to reach the 600 mark in population, according to the latest census figures from the office of County Clerk Sylvester Biggs, as compiled from the returns of the township assessors this spring.

Kingman County gained 251 in total population during the past year. Our total county population figure is now 10,786.

1965

May 27 - In the Miss KAKE-land Beauty Contest, shown on KAKE-TV, Sunday evening, May 2, Miss Joan Broadie, a niece of Glen Cooley of Cunningham, was crowned Miss KAKE-land, and will be a contestant at the Miss Kansas Pageant in Pratt, July 8-9-10.

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Members of the Methodist Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Horney and sons with a farewell supper in the church undercroft, Tuesday evening.

Rev. A. Theodore Duell of Scandia, is the new pastor assigned to the Cunningham-Cairo-Preston charge of the Methodist Church.

Rev. Melvin Krug, pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church in Riverside, Calif., is conducting revival meetings this week at the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Krug is a former Cunningham boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Krug, who now live in Pratt.

1935

May 24 - Eighteen Seniors graduated in Commencement

Ben German coasted to an easy 18-6 victory over Nashville last Sunday afternoon in a South Central Kansas Baseball League game, aided by the timely hitting of James Theis, Donald Huhman, Ray Shafer, and Francis Bretz.

Wind of tornadic velocity, and torrential rain lashed the Cunningham community about 8:00 o'clock, Wednesday evening, and caused considerable damage to several farm buildings in the locality. A barn was blown down on the W. B. Schmidt farm southeast of town, and a granary demolished on the Millsap farm directly north of the Schmidt place.

1935

May 24 - Eighteen Seniors graduated in Commencement

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Thanks for recycling The Courier on June 1st



Honor Roll

Cunningham Junior High School Honor Roll 4th Quarter

Eighth Grade
Joanna Hansen
Alex Jordan
Maranda Lohrke
Luke McGuire
Dakota Mertens
Jack Ruckle
Taylor Schultz

Seventh Grade
Ada Adams
Wylan Betzen
Ava Bock
Gage Elliott
Julia Hageman
Lucas Hageman
Emma Harden
Ellie McGuire
Dagim Reed
Trent Schnittker
Nathan Sternker
Will Wegerer

Junior High Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade
Brianna Dittmer
Kory Morgan
Gabriel Willson

Seventh Grade
Kaitlyn Hennessee
Elizabeth Paris

Cunningham Junior High School Honor Roll 2nd Semester

Eight Grade
Alex Jordan
Maranda Lohrke
Luke McGuire
Dakota Mertens
Taylor Schultz

Seventh Grade
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Ava Bock
Gage Elliott
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Lucas Hageman
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Gabriel Willson

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Kaitlyn Hennessee
Elizabeth Paris
Sy Romine
Trent Schnittker

Honor Roll

Cunningham High School Honor Roll for 4th Quarter

Seniors
Holly DeWeese
Dylan Hensley
Macy Huhman
Rebekka McDonald
Hunter McGuire
Matthew Mercer

Juniors
Abigail Hansen
Henry Huelskamp
Nathan Lohrke
Alayna McGuire
Morgan Meyers
Kendra Morgan
Maddison Panek
Ethan Paris
Jonathan Ruckle
Max Wegerer
Michael Willson
Mackenzie Wright

Sophomores
Levi Adelhardt
Madison Dowsey
Annabelle Hansen
Misty Hennessee
Madison McGuire
Ashlynn Miracle
Erik Paris
Isaiah Reed

Freshmen
Trey DeWeese
Hannah Ellis
Leo Hageman
Lane Halderson
Alice Huelskamp
Reese McGuire
Zachary Strohl

Honorable Mention

Seniors
Austin Snow
Jessemy Stalcup
Amaya Washburn

Juniors
Skylar Hennessee
Evan Paris
Daylen Schnittker

Sophomores
Nathan Cannon

Freshmen
Cameron McClendon
Caleb Panek

Cunningham High School Honor Roll for 2nd Semester

Seniors
Holly DeWeese
Dylan Hensley
Macy Huhman
Rebekka McDonald
Hunter McGuire
Austin Snow

Juniors
Abigail Hansen
Henry Huelskamp
Nathan Lohrke
Alayna McGuire
Morgan Meyers
Maddison Panek
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Max Wegerer
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Meanderings

From November 16, 2017:

As a school librarian, it was often difficult to get kids hooked on a book. I'd recommend a book, they'd bring it back within minutes because it "wasn't interesting" or it "was boring" or it "was too hard" or it "was too easy" or they just "didn't want to read it."

I did happen upon a plan. I don't know where I heard this or read it, but it became Ms. Kobbe's rule before returning a library book: You must read the number of pages that is equal to your age. If you are 10 you must read 10 pages, 12-year-olds must read 12 pages, and just be glad you aren't my age.

At one time I wouldn't quit a book. I read everything I started. Then came the "Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield and "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans. I just couldn't finish them, and I realized there'd be other books I would and could quit. To better help me realize which books to quit, I adopted the page-per-age rule for myself—with a small twist. Once I reached 50, I decided I would go backward. At 51, I read 49 pages, 52, I read 48, etc. What happens when I get to be 100 years old? No pages? Nope. One sentence. If a book doesn't hook me in one sentence, I'm not going to read it. Period. But how can one sentence pull you completely into a story. It can be done. The following are opening sentences that would compel readers to discover the story behind the sentence.

From children's and young adult books, which I do still love to read:

"If Jennifer Murdley hadn't been forced to wear her brother's underpants to school, the whole thing might never have happened." — "Jennifer Murdley's Toad" by Bruce Coville

"I'd just come to accept that my life would be ordinary when extraordinary things began to happen." — "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransome Riggs.

"My life is over." — "The Running Dream" by Wendelin Van Draanen.

"If truth was a crayon and it was up to me to put a wrapper around it and name its color, I know just what I would call it - dinosaur skin." — "So B. It" by Sarah Weeks.

And the silliness of Lemony Snickett's "The Bad Beginnings": "If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book."

Avi, one of my favorite authors, started his book "True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle" with this zinger: "Not every thirteen-year-old is ac-

cused of murder, brought to trial, and found guilty.' Young adult author, Laurie Halse Anderson pulls readers into "Chains" with: 'The best time to talk to ghosts is just before the sun comes up.'

'It was the summer Rosemary Bliss turned ten that she saw her mother fold a lightning bolt into a bowl of batter and learned—beyond the shadow of a doubt—that her parents made magic in the Bliss bakery.' So begins "Bliss" by Kathryn Littlewood.

From Holly Goldberg Sloan's "Just Call My Name" we have 'The most life-changing events happen on the most ordinary days.'

Now for my adult book readers:

'On the night that I was born, my paternal grandfather, Josef Tock, made ten predictions that shaped my life.' Begins "Life Expectancy" by suspense/thriller writer Dean Koontz.

Markus Zusak's international bestseller "The Book Thief" begins with this prologue: 'a mountain range of rubble in which our narrator introduces himself—the colors—and the book thief'

'Michael woke reaching for the gun he no longer kept by the bed.' From "Iron House" by John Hart.

'Paul Rogers was waiting for them to come and kill him.' "No Man's Land" by David Baldacci.

I believe no one can write an opening sentence like suspense/thriller/mystery writer Harlan Coben. Here are some of my favorites:

'There should have been a dark whisper in the wind.' Begins his novel "Tell No One".

'Daisy wore a clingy black dress with a neckline so deep it could tutor philosophy.' from "Don't Let Go".

'The boy who had been missing for ten years steps into the light.' From "Home".

'They buried Joe three days after his murder.' Is from "Fool Me Once".

'When the first bullet hit my chest, I thought of my daughter.' "No Second Chance".

Last one: Gary Paulsen, writer extraordinaire begins the book "Clabbered Dirt, Sweet Grass" with the following two sentences, (they are both so good).

"Sometimes books seem to happen in strange ways, come from strange places. This book happened sitting on the back of a dead horse in the woods of northern Minnesota with soft snow falling and ice and dogs and winter all around, in the quiet sigh of an old man's life." Pure poetic story.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Sourdough" by Robin Sloane, Roberta

"I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to."

— Bill Bryson, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* (first line)



Summer Weights

Coaches Eric Kerschen and Angie McGuire

Grades 6-12 Beginning on June 1st!! Mondays - Thursdays
Theme: Wildcat Mental Toughness Xtra Effort (WMTXE)

The first week June 1st-4th we will be splitting up the boys and girls.

Boys 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Girls 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Starting week 2 June 8th-11th we will return to normal times with all athletes 6:30-7:30 a.m.

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper

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Exercises at the High School Auditorium last Thursday evening. Members of the class were Jean Baber, Leo Bainum, George Crow, Henry Hart, Maud Hatch, Dora Hatch, Marvin Helmers, Delmer Huffman, Valeria Lash, Winton Lash, Bobby Maxedon, Lloyd McClellan, Victor Miles, Eunice Millhauser, Orville Renner, William Rogers, Martha Weber, and Ivan Willinger.

Twenty-eight Eighth Graders graduated in Graduation Exercises at the High School Auditorium last Friday evening. Members of the class were Bill Bradley, Bob Lash, Ulysses Naasz, Bob Sellon, Charles Lakin, Charles Crow, Richard Schafer, Josephine Haden, Mary Anne McNamee, Margie Stanley, Bernice Hardraker, Jean Fee, and Veronica Meyers, all

of Cunningham Grade School; Paul DeWeese and Margaret Morrison of Mead Creek School; Lucille Shrum and Jennie Park of Union Star School; Devere Lawson and Wayne Boswell of Sunny Slope School; and Vera Shelman, Pauline Wilson, Alferd Helmers, Dean Cooley, Charlene Helmers, Lavina Barnes, and Lola Shelman, all of Maud School.



1930

May 23— Twelve Seniors graduated in Commencement Exercises at the High School Auditorium last Thursday evening. Members of the class were Elsie Crow, Bernice Miles, Lovest Niethamer, Pauline Stanley, Joe Pelzl, Marion Stanton, Burris Miles, Carrie Poland, Alva Poland, Rozetta Kasterke, Clara Probst, and Dennis Kimbell.

Libraries -- call to verify openings

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620-243-5791

Kingman Carnegie Library
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Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Satu. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays

Spotlight on Cunningham 8th Graders



Alexander Jordan

Son of Tera Fox and Markus Jordan

Awards: Perfect Attendance



Carlos Hurtado

Son of Maria Morales and Ben Oak

Awards: Football



Brianna Carol Dittmer

Daughter of Bruce and Marianne Dittmer

Awards: Basketball, Volleyball, Perfect Attendance

CJH Wildcats



Dakota Joseph Mertens

Son of Angie and Randy Mertens



Gabriel D. Willson

Son of Christine and Vance Willson



Maranda May Lohrke

Daughter of Angie and Martin Lohrke

Awards: Basketball, Volleyball, Spirit Leader, Prompt Attendance



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- Jody & Bill Thome

- Kerri & Dave Steffen
- Ruth & Todd Shelman
- Judy & Scott DeWeese
- Donna & Sean Crowley
- Karla & Lee Stillwell
- Gwen & Mark Betzen
- Molly Morgan & Family
- Jane & Jack Meyers

- Eileen & Jack Crick
- Robin & Robert Reed
- Shawna & Tom Sterneker
- Jeanette & Bob Kerschen
- Whitney & Sam Rohlman Family
- Amy & Lance McGuire
- Lois & Don Becker

Remember to support the merchants who support our school and community. To learn more about these businesses and what they offer, see their ads at: <https://www.cunninghamcourier.news/school-spotlight-page>

Spotlight on Cunningham 8th Graders



Steven Scott Wyatt Jr.

Son of Jamie and Tyler Thimesch and Steven Wyatt

Awards: Football, Prompt Attendance



Taylor Linae Schultz

Daughter of Barbara and Tim Schultz

Awards: Basketball, Volleyball, Spirit Leader, Citizenship Award



Jack Ruckle

Son of Renee and Ryan Ruckle

Awards: Basketball, Football



Joanna Nichole Hansen

Daughter of Brent and Megan Hansen

Awards: Basketball, Volleyball, Prompt Attendance



Kory Morgan

Son of Molly Morgan and Scott Morgan

Awards Basketball, Football, Prompt Attendance



Luke McGuire

Son of Lance and Amy McGuire

Awards Basketball, Football, Citizenship Award, Prompt Attendance



CJH Wildcats



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Farmers and Ranchers in Kansas Can Now Apply for Financial Assistance through USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Online Tools and Toll-Free Number Available to Assist Producers

Manhattan, KS, May 26, 2020 – Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. The application and a payment calculator are now available online, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff members are available via phone, fax

and online tools to help producers complete applications. The agency set up a call center in order to simplify how they serve new customers across the nation.

"We know Kansas producers are facing a tough time now, and we are making every effort to provide much needed support as quickly as possible," said David Schemm, State Executive Director for FSA in Kansas. "FSA is available over the phone and virtually to walk you through the application process, whether it's the first time you've worked with FSA, or if you know us quite well."

Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion for vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and

face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

"We also want to remind producers that the program is structured to ensure the availability of funding for all eligible producers who apply," SED Schemm said.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap. Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate po-

tential payments.

Additionally, producers in search of one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a good first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Applying for Assistance

Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print off a pre-filled CFAP application, sign, and submit to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred method. Find contact information for your local office at farmers.gov/cfap.

Documentation to support the producer's

application and certification may be requested after the application is filed. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.

Additional Commodities

USDA is also establishing a process for the public to identify additional commodities for potential inclusion in CFAP. Specifically, USDA is looking for data on agricultural commodities, that are not currently eligible for CFAP, that the public believes to have either:

1. suffered a five percent-or-greater price decline between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,
2. shipped but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channel, or
3. not left the farm

or remained unharvested as mature crops.

More information about this process is available on farmers.gov/cfap.

More Information
To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

The COVID Classic

A really exciting and neat opportunity coming up in Pretty Prairie in the next few weeks. I hope you can take some time to read this information and think about participating whether as a spectator or participating athlete. See the google form URL link to participate on the Cunningham team!: <https://forms.gle/sL2iJFxdVgrzAiyW9> If you have any questions contact Eric Kerschen via email: eric.kerschen@usd332.com

Pretty Prairie Unofficial League Track Meet June 18, 2020

Steven Stucky and Leon McDaniel in Pretty Prairie, have obtained approval to lease the school's track and field and organize an unofficial league track meet for the communities of the Heart of the Plains League "The COVID classic" We would like to invite the nine communities of the league to Pretty Prairie on June 18.

These are certainly strange and unprecedented times right now, and many things have been taken away from all of us. We are working hard and making a concerted effort to return and recover, as much as possible, one very positive aspect of students' as well as adult life. The so-called extracurricular activities of high school life provide ways for students to grow and stretch themselves in ways that are not possible in the classroom. Every single one of these activities was cancelled in March, as you all too well know. We are providing an opportunity that few would have thought possible only days ago. Considering the timing of the governor's phases (and her further changes only yesterday) and utilizing the cooperation and good wishes of our school's administration, we have quickly begun to put together and will

do all within resources to professionally run an excellent meet with unique participation to help restore friendships and relationships within and between our ten communities that have been so challenged and even removed from us. We have worked with Mr. Lentz and the parameters of KSHSAA to assure continued eligibility from our standpoint in this event.

June 18 is not that far away, but with AD and coach coordination and school facility availability, all within KSHSAA parameters, there is adequate time for your student athletes to prepare for this event which is after the removal of most of the "shut down/stay at home" edicts and before summer activities really get going.

We have already received the eager acceptance of Don Steffens, the legendary voice of the Kansas state track meet, to announce and emcee our event. We ask you to recognize our efforts in this very aspect to provide not just a run of the mill, "hope you show up" occasion. Heartland Timing will provide professional and smooth timing. We have arranged a professional service "food truck". Please look through the attachment to note our efforts of certified track management personnel as well as community involvement in inserting a couple of elementary school and open division events!

~1st-4th graders will run the 100 and 200. (added events to be determined)

~Open entries 1200 meter run and a 4 x 100 relay. (added events to be determined)

~5th-6th graders will have three events and 6th graders may compete in 7th-8th grade events if your community chooses.

~Community involvement is obviously encouraged in these offerings but the entries also provide additional recovery time between events for the MS and HS kids who will not have achieved optimum shape.

~A 2 x 800 relay will be run with up to two teams from each community, also recognizing the less than optimum preparation time.

We will have many volunteers to help pull off this high quality event for our kids and communities. Please recognize our efforts and seize this opportunity and its unique qualities in this different time. There are no entry fees and no admission will be charged. The only admission charge will be a signature on a waiver recognizing the risk and conditions of our current times. We do ask you to consider a donation where possible to help pay for the professional timing service and other "essential" services such as rest "rooms" and trash service. The attachment gives more details of the mentioned items above and details of the event and the meet schedule. We are tremendously excited as well as honored to offer and provide this for our ten communities and we sincerely ask for your support and efforts in promoting and advancing this in your community for our collective benefit.

Leon McDaniel

THE COVID Classic! "Meet information" for coaches and athletes Coordinated unOfficial Running Of the New Age non-league 10 community track and field meet, or THE COVID Classic!

June 18, 2020 Pretty Prairie HS track and field facilities

~Non-school event, facilities are leased from USD 311, privately organized and coordinated with volunteer assistance (in compliance with KSHSAA guidelines)

~For communities of Heart of the Plains league schools – Attica, Burrton, Central Christian, Cunningham, Fairfield, Norwich, Pretty Prairie, Skyline, South Barber, Stafford

~Reviewed and "cleared" by KSHSAA per review and conditions of the meet. Please

coordinate your community's resident preparation, eligibility and arrangements per your own implementation of applicable KSHSAA rules and guidelines

~Don Steffens, the voice of the Kansas State track meet, eagerly agreed to announce the meet!

~2019-2020 school year classification

~MS division – 7-8th graders (6th graders may compete "up", but not in both (7-8th and 5-6th) divisions)

~HS division – 9th-12th graders

~Other "divisions" – 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, Open

~See separate Meet Schedule. Field events begin at 9:30am. Running events following completion of field events.

~Rough draft entries by Friday, June 5. Method and format to be communicated as soon as practical.

~Deadline entries: Final entries with names per event and division by Friday, June 12

~We need numbers as close as possible to help planning with several things, i.e., food truck/service, timer set-up, lane and other assignments for heats (with best 2019 times, if available), event scheduling/timing, infrastructure, etc.

~No entry fees. No admission fees. Admission requirement - Waiver recognizing COVID existence and personal assumption of associated risk and injury risk and liability must be signed at parking/gate entrance on June 18. Entrance from west per event day directions.

~Donations graciously accepted for the timer service, Heartland Timing, from Hays and to defray "essential" services. A donation may be made at the gate.

~Points by division will not be officially recorded. No medals.

~Podium recognition and name announcements of all results will be made.

~No pole vault event. Please see Meet Schedule

for other event modifications and offerings.

~Info sheet with schedule, instructions, suppliers info, etc. to be distributed at entrance upon applicable completion/signature of recognition waiver.

~We anticipate coverage of workers/assistants through local volunteers. We would appreciate other volunteers on the day of the meet if numbers and/or other conditions exhaust resources.

~Each student/athlete will officially compete "unattached" no school affiliation, no colors or school logos, white and black or neutral colors.

~Social distancing will be followed as applicable on the day of the event.

~A trainer (and "tent") is anticipated for assistance as applicable and within capabilities available.

~School implements (shot put, discus, javelin) are encouraged if school approved. If unavailable or unapproved by school, USD 311 implements noted above will be available IF scheduled in advance. Each community and community participants need to supply all other needed equipment.

~Practice days at USD 311 track and field events sites will be open on Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday June 17 from 9 a.m. – noon. Show up with "space" first come, first served", then "shared".

~Please bring tents as available as well as lawn chairs as desired. Spaces will be available and designated.

~We are going to follow the new rules regarding relay exchange zones and field event approaches. We didn't get the opportunity to practice these new rules in a regular season, but we will follow the current rule book. No other deviations from "usual" "rules" will occur other than order of events and event offerings.

~Food supplied by Kali's Kitchen – offerings and prices will be distributed prior to June 18. Local "convenience"

store has pizza (whole, no individual pieces) and other "stuff" available.

Meet/Event Schedule – subject to change. Will be updated after preliminary entries are turned in on June 5. Will be finalized (with hopefully only minor necessary revisions) by June 15.

3200 M: 9:00am HS girls and HS boys together

Field events: 9:30am. No pole vault.

~Order and sequence to be determined after final entries are received.

General order:

1st-2nd grade, 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade (as applicable) girls and boys together

MS girls, then MS boys

HS girls, then HS boys

Running events to begin following completion of field events. (Heats organized to facilitate timer and timing of schedule)

2 x 800 relay

HS girls, HS boys (NOT A TYPO, 2 legs on this relay) NOTE- two teams per community allowed

75 H MS girls, MS boys

100 H HS girls

110 H HS boys

100 1-2nd grade,

3-4th, 5-6th (no blocks for 1-6th), MS girls, MS boys, HS girls, HS boys

1600 MS girls, MS boys, HS girls, HS boys

4 x 100 relay

Open "division", 5-6th grade, MS girls, MS boys (communities may combine 5th-8th if needed, boys and girls separate), HS girls, HS boys

400 5-6th grade, MS girls, MS boys, HS girls, HS boys

200 H MS girls, MS boys

300 H HS girls, HS boys

800 MS girls, MS boys, HS girls, HS boys

200 1-2nd grade,

3-4th grade, 5-6th grade, MS girls, MS boys, HS girls, HS boys

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of COVID-19, many businesses may be finding that they need to increase their web and social media presence. Adding to our staff will allow us to better serve this need.” stated Jenny Russell, JenRus Freelance Founder.

JenRus Freelance is a marketing company located in Courtland, KS. Their 314 Graphic Design & Media division specializes in marketing, website development, graphic design, video creation and social media marketing. Caroline joins the already existing staff of Jenny Russell, Luke Mahin, Josey Hammer, and Jaid Runft.

(photo and story submitted by Jenny Russell)

314 Graphic Design & Media and JenRus Freelance are excited to announce the addition of Caroline (Reed) Tipton to their staff as Web Development Director. Having grown up in Cunningham, Caroline

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